



THE GENE TECHNOLOGY REGULATOR, THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND THE THREE ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The *Gene Technology Act 2000* creates the position of the Gene Technology Regulator, a statutory office holder with a high degree of independence and extensive enforcement powers. The Regulator administers the regulation of all dealings with GMOs in Australia, in accordance with the *Gene Technology Act 2000* and ensures compliance with the conditions of any approvals. The Regulator consults extensively with the community, research institutions and private enterprise.

A Ministerial Council comprising representatives of Commonwealth, State and Territory governments oversees the implementation of the regulatory system.

The Gene Technology Act 2000 also establishes three committees to advise the Regulator and the Ministerial Council:

- The Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee (GTTAC) – a group of highly qualified experts who provide scientific and technical advice on applications;
 - The Gene Technology Ethics Committee (GTEC) – a group of expert ethicists, which provides ethical advice, particularly in the areas of law, religious practices, animal welfare and population health; and
 - The Gene Technology Community Consultative Committee (GTCCC) – a group of people representing the broad interests within the Australian community, including consumers, researchers, and environmentalists. This group looks beyond the science of gene technology to matters of general concern to the community in relation to GMOs.
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