

**DECISION ON ISSUING A LICENCE FOR APPLICATION DIR 020/2002  
FOR COMMERCIAL RELEASE OF GM HERBICIDE TOLERANT CANOLA  
(ROUNDUP READY<sup>®</sup> CANOLA)**

The Gene Technology Regulator (the Regulator) has made a decision to issue a licence in respect of application DIR 020/2002 from Monsanto Australia Limited. The licence approves the commercial release in Australia of genetically modified (GM) herbicide tolerant (Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup>) canola.

The decision to issue the licence was made after extensive consultation on the risk assessment and risk management plan with the public, State and Territory governments, Commonwealth agencies, the Federal Environment Minister, the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee and local councils, as required by the *Gene Technology Act 2000*.

Issues relating to the health and safety of people and the protection of the environment raised during the consultation process on this application were considered in finalising the risk assessment and risk management plan and in making a decision on whether to issue a licence.

Extensive consultation with the Australian Pesticide and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) has also been undertaken in relation to its decision to approve the use of Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup> herbicide on Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup> canola (see [www.apvma.gov.au](http://www.apvma.gov.au)).

Complete and summary versions of the finalised risk assessment and risk management plan and the licence conditions can be obtained from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator on-line or at the address below. Information on the registration of Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup> herbicide (which will be used in conjunction with Roundup Ready<sup>®</sup> canola), is available from the APVMA.

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