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NOTIFICATION OF DECISION

ISSUE OF LICENCE DIR 100 TO CSIRO FOR A LIMITED AND CONTROLLED RELEASE OF GM WHEAT

The Gene Technology Regulator has made a decision to issue a licence in respect of application DIR 100 from CSIRO. The applicant has received approval for the limited and controlled release of up to 150 lines of wheat that have been genetically modified for enhanced carbon assimilation in drought and heat prone environments.

The release is to take place at the local government area of Redland (Queensland), on a maximum area of 0.1 ha per growing season, between June 2010 and December 2013. None of the GM wheat will be permitted to be used as human food or animal feed or in the production of therapeutic goods.

The decision to issue the licence was made after extensive consultation on the Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) with the public, State and Territory governments, Australian Government agencies, the Minister for the Environment, the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee and relevant local councils, as required by the *Gene Technology Act 2000* and corresponding State and Territory laws.

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 RARMP and in making the decision to issue the licence.

The Executive Summary, Technical Summary and complete finalised RARMP, together with a set of Questions and Answers on this decision and a copy of the licence, can be obtained on-line from the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator's website or requested via the contacts detailed below.

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