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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Receipt of licence application from The University of Queensland for a trial of genetically modified vaccines against Ross River virus infection in horses

The Gene Technology Regulator (the Regulator) has received a licence application (DIR 167) from The University of Queensland (UQ) to conduct a trial of two genetically modified vaccines against Ross River virus infection in horses. A summary of the application is posted on the website below under '[What's New](#)'.

The trial is proposed to take place on the UQ Gatton campus in Queensland, over a four year period, and will involve a maximum of 40 horses. The applicant proposes a number of control measures to restrict the spread and persistence of the GM vaccines.

Supply of veterinary products also requires approval by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA). UQ will need to apply to the APVMA for a permit to allow the supply and limited use of the GM vaccines for the purpose of conducting research.

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) is preparing a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan for the application. This is expected to be released for public comment and advice from experts, agencies and authorities in **mid-May 2019**. There will be at least 30 days for submission of comments.

If you have any questions or would like to receive a copy of the full application or the summary, please contact the OGTR and quote the reference number DIR 167.

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