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Notification of issue of licence DIR 163 to Nuseed Pty Ltd for the limited and controlled release of GM canola

The Regulator has issued licence DIR 163 to Nuseed Pty Ltd, authorising the limited and controlled release (field trial) of canola genetically modified (GM) for altered oil content and herbicide tolerance. More detail on the field trial is available in the risk assessment and risk management plan (RARMP), the summary and Questions and Answers documents. An interactive map showing locations of field trial sites can also be found on the [OGTR website](#).

The RARMP and the licence were finalised taking into account input received during consultation with the public, State and Territory governments, Australian Government agencies, the Minister for the Environment, the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee and local councils. The Regulator thanks submitters for their contributions.

Submissions are summarised in Appendix A and Appendix B of the RARMP, together with information about how the issues raised relating to risks to human health and safety or the environment were considered in preparing and finalising the document.

The finalised RARMP concludes that this field trial poses negligible risks to the health and safety of people and the environment, thus it does not require specific risk treatment measures. However, licence conditions have been imposed to restrict spread and persistence of the GMOs and their genetic material in the environment and to limit the size, location and duration of the release, as these were important considerations for risk assessment.

The finalised RARMP, a summary of the RARMP, the Licence and Questions and Answers about this decision, can be obtained online from the [DIR 163](#) page of the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator's website or requested via the contacts detailed below.

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