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Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee Meeting of 24 June 2022 Communiqué

This Communiqué covers matters considered at the 16th meeting of the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee (24 June 2022)

Background

The Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee (GTECCC) is a statutory advisory committee established under the *Gene Technology Act 2000* to provide advice on the request of the Gene Technology Regulator (Regulator) or the Gene Technology Ministers' Meeting, on issues of ethical or community concern relating to gene technology.

The purpose of this Communiqué is to provide a brief overview of the key matters considered by GTECCC at its 16th meeting, held by videoconference on 24 June 2022.

National Gene Technology Scheme website

The Committee was given an overview of the new National Gene Technology Scheme [website](#), which was launched on 28 March 2022. The website is an inter-governmental resource that provides a central place for all information relating to Australia's National Gene Technology Scheme.

Guiding principles for communication on gene technology

The GTECCC working group established to undertake a literature review to inform development of guiding principles for communication on gene technology provided an interim report to the committee. GTECCC thanked the working group for their extensive efforts and thoughtful consideration of the task.

The Committee and the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) discussed the goal of the guiding principles project and the value of having a document articulating what OGTR strives for in its own communications, and encourages others to follow. GTECCC and OGTR provided guidance to the working group members on aspects of the guiding principles to assist them with finalising the literature review, including who the guiding principles would be aimed at.

Reports

GTECCC received reports from the Regulator and the cross-member with the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee (GTTAC) on recent activities of the OGTR and GTTAC, respectively, since the last meeting.

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