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Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee Meeting of 10 May 2023 Communiqué

This Communiqué covers matters considered at the 18th meeting of the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee (10 May 2023)

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 Committee resolutions and a brief overview of the key matters considered by GTECCC at its 18th meeting, held by videoconference on 10 May 2023.

GTECCC Work Plan

Guiding principles for communication on gene technology

GTECCC continued discussing the Committee's project to develop guiding principles for communication on gene technology. Members considered the purpose, intended tone and potential value of the guiding principles to researchers, policy makers, community scientists and industry.

GTECCC discussed how to progress the project and proposed that targeted engagement with communications experts should be undertaken as the next stage of the project. Members provided advice on the possible format of the engagement activity.

Reports

GTECCC received reports from:

- the Regulator on recent activities of the OGTR
- the cross-member with the Gene Technology Technical Advisory Committee (GTTAC) on recent GTTAC activities
- The cross-member with the Australian Health Ethics Committee (AHEC) on recent AHEC activities.

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