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Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee Meeting of 30 October 2023 Communiqué

This Communiqué covers matters considered at the 19th meeting of the Gene Technology Ethics and Community Consultative Committee (30 October 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 19th meeting, held on 30 October 2023.

GTECCC Work Plan

Guiding Principles for communication on gene technology

GTECCC engaged via a workshop with academics/experts in the communications field to inform the Guiding Principles for communication on gene technology (guiding principles) being developed by the committee. The workshop considered the potential value of the guiding principles to different stakeholders who may use them, including the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR), researchers, industry, and communicators in research institutes.

GTECCC discussed the outcomes of the workshop and next steps to further develop the guiding principles. Members formed a new working group to develop a question-led approach based on themes identified in a literature report prepared by a previous GTECCC working group.

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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