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Department of Health and Aged Care
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Receipt of licence application from CSIRO for a field trial of genetically modified canola

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has received a licence application (DIR 205) from CSIRO to conduct a field trial of genetically modified (GM) canola with increased abiotic stress tolerance. A summary of the application is posted on our [website](#) (search for [DIR 205](#)).

The trial is proposed to take place between May 2025 and December 2030, on up to 3 sites per year with a maximum area of 1.5 hectares (ha) for each site in the first year and 2 ha for each site in the subsequent years. The trial sites are located in New South Wales and South Australia. The trial would be subject to control measures that restrict the spread and persistence of the GM plants and their introduced genetic material. The GM canola would not be used for human food or animal feed.

The 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 July 2024**. 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 application or the summary, please contact the OGTR and quote the reference number DIR 205.

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