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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION

Receipt of licence application from Pioneer Hi-Bred Australia Pty Ltd for commercial release of genetically modified canola

The Office of the Gene Technology Regulator (OGTR) has received a licence application (DIR 226) from Pioneer Hi-Bred Australia Pty Ltd (Pioneer). The application is for commercial release of genetically modified (GM) canola for herbicide tolerance.

Pioneer is seeking approval to commercially grow the GM canola Australia-wide, subject to restrictions in some Australian States and Territories for marketing reasons. The GM canola and its products would enter general commerce, including use in human food and animal feed.

The OGTR is preparing a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan for the application. The RARMP will be prepared taking into account advice received from a broad range of experts, agencies and authorities, and relevant local councils, as specified in the *Gene Technology Act 2000*. This is expected to be released for public comment and advice from experts, agencies and authorities in **December 2026**. There will be about 2 months for submission of comments.

A summary of the application and a Questions and Answers document are posted on our [website](#) (search for **DIR 226**). If you have any further questions or would like to receive a copy of the application, please contact the OGTR and quote the reference number DIR 226.

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