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Dear Ms Sales,

Thank you for your email inviting Labor's response to Friends of the Earth's election survey.

Labor's National Platform broadly outlines our approach to GM technology and states that:

"Innovations of agricultural biotechnologies, such as GM crops, are important in making Australian farming more productive, competitive, environmentally sustainable and improving financial returns at the farm gate. It is essential Australia maintains an independent, scientific and evidence-based regulatory system for GM crops to ensure the safety and the access by farmers of such innovations whilst respecting any GMO moratorium of a State or Territory."

Labor will continue to be guided by these principles in relation to regulation of gene technology and use the latest scientific evidence to inform decisions.

Labor will also rely on the expert advice from the Gene Technology Regulator which is the independent statutory office holder responsible for administering the Gene Technology Act 2000 and corresponding state and territory laws.

Yours sincerely,

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