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**Please email this questionnaire back – completed  
 By COB Thursday, 2 May, 2019.**

**☐ ☐ FEDERAL ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE 2019 ☐ ☐**

**Party policies on genetically modified (GM) animals, plants & microbes**

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**QUESTIONS** (please clearly X your responses) **Y N Unsure**

1. Does your party have a policy on GM crops and foods?  
 (If so, please send a copy)

**Will your party and its elected representatives advocate and vote to ensure:**

**Regulation**

2. regulators continue to assess, regulate and license all new  
 processes of Genetic Modification (CRISPR; RNAi; ZFN;  
 TALENS etc.)?

3. the rigorous and precautionary assessment and labelling of all  
 foods and other products made using the new GM techniques  
 (CRISPR; RNAi; ZFN; TALEN; etc.)?

4. Food Standard 1.5.2 is amended to require the labelling of all  
 foods made using existing and emerging GM methods,  
 including refined oils, starches & sugars that are now exempt?

5. all proposed general releases of GM organisms – animals, plants  
 or microbes - are the trigger for a federal Environment  
 Protection & Biodiversity Conservation (EPBC) Act review?<sup>1</sup>

6. the Agricultural Chemical Re-Approval and Re-registration  
 Scheme, cancelled in 2014, is reinstated?

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/>

7. state and territory powers conferred under Section 21 of the Gene Tech Act 2000 (Cth) to declare GM and GM-free Zones for marketing reasons are maintained?

### Research & Development

8. increased R&D funding into regenerative, eco-agricultural and organic systems, to reduce farmers' oil and phosphate dependency, and improve food security & sustainability?
9. funding independent research into the various environmental and public health impacts of all GM organisms and foods – crop plants, animals, insects, microorganisms, etc.?
10. to assess the economic, agronomic and social costs of public expenditures on GM R&D and commercialisation over the past 20 years?

Is there anything else you would like to say about your party's GM and pesticide free food, farm, environment and public health policies? Any other matters you want to raise?

Our policy on GMOs can be found here: [https://www.scienceparty.org.au/environment\\_policy#GMOs](https://www.scienceparty.org.au/environment_policy#GMOs)

We support the current function of the OGTR.

Re Q3 and Q4: we support rigorous testing of GM crops for release. If these are not found to be harmful, we have no position on labelling them as GM.

Re Q4, Q5 and Q6: we are not familiar enough with these pieces of legislation to take a position at this point in time.

Re Q9 and Q10: we have a policy of doubling research funding, with agriculture as a priority area. This will allow many more worthy projects to be funded through existing schemes.

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