

Legislative and Governance Forum on Gene Technology

The 2017 Review of the Gene Technology Scheme

Terms of Reference

The Review will investigate the National Gene Technology Scheme (the Scheme), including gene technology legislation, the Gene Technology Agreement and its interface with other regulatory schemes. The Review aims to improve and strengthen the Scheme's effectiveness, whilst ensuring it is appropriately agile and supports innovation. The Review will include, but not be limited to, assessing and making recommendations in relation to:

- 1) current developments and techniques, as well as extensions and advancements in gene technology to ensure the Scheme can accommodate continued technological development.
- 2) existing and potential mechanisms to facilitate an agile and effective Scheme, which will ensure continued protection of health and safety of people and the environment.
- 3) the appropriate legislative arrangements to meet the needs of the Scheme, now and into the future, including the Gene Technology Agreement.
- 4) funding arrangements to ensure sustainable funding levels and mechanisms are aligned with the level and depth of activity to support the Scheme.