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**Department of Health**

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

**Invitation to comment on a field trial  
of genetically modified chickpea**

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from Queensland University of Technology to conduct a field trial of chickpea genetically modified for drought and other abiotic stress tolerance. The trial is proposed to take place at one site with a total area of 3 ha per year over a maximum of 6 seasons. The site is in the Tablelands Regional Council in Queensland. The GM chickpea grown in this field trial would not be used for human food or animal feed.

The Regulator has prepared a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) for this application and welcomes written submissions on issues relating to the protection of human health and safety and the environment prior to making a decision on whether or not to issue the licence. The consultation RARMP and related information can be obtained via the contacts below. Submissions should reference DIR 166 and be received by **29 April 2019**.

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