



Preventive Health – implementation of recommendations of the Third Review of the National Gene Technology Scheme

The Government will strengthen Australia's National Gene Technology Scheme to better protect the health and safety of people and the environment. The Government has accepted all 27 recommendations of a review aimed at future proofing the scheme and is meeting 50 per cent of the cost of implementing them, with remaining costs met by the states and territories under an all Australian governments agreement.

Why is this important?

Gene technology is important to the future of health care. It can give us new testing, diagnosis and treatments for diseases such as cancer and help produce new vaccines and drugs.

The National Gene Technology Scheme protects our health and safety. The Government is committed to ensuring that the Scheme remains able to do this important job in a rapidly changing world. This initiative will ensure that it is agile and able to deal with rapidly developing technologies, advancements in medical therapies, agriculture, environmental protections, and new methods of manufacturing, which are all important issues when it comes to protecting the health and safety of Australians.

Advances in gene technology move quickly and stronger regulations will help to make sure we keep up.

Who will benefit?

Consumers and the wider community, as well as all Australian governments, regulators, research bodies, universities and industry, will benefit from implementing the Review's recommendations to protect people and the environment from any risks associated with gene technology.

How much will this cost?

This will cost \$4.4 million from 2019–20 to 2022–23.