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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

Invitation to comment on a trial of genetically modified microalgae

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from The University of Queensland to conduct a trial of microalgae genetically modified for increased production of fatty acids. The trial is proposed for one pilot plant in the Brisbane City local government area. The microalgae would be grown in several short batches, until the end of 2022. The GM microalgae grown in this 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 169 and be received by **5 December 2019**.

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