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Invitation to comment on a field trial of genetically modified cotton (DIR 203)

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from Monsanto Australia Pty Ltd to conduct a field trial of cotton genetically modified for herbicide tolerance and insect resistance. The trial is proposed to take place at up to 25 sites with a combined total area of 10 ha in 2024, 50 ha per year in 2025-2027 and 100 ha per year in 2028-2029. Sites are proposed in VIC, NSW, QLD, WA and NT. The cotton 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 relating to the protection of human health and safety and the environment prior to making a decision on whether to issue the licence. The consultation RARMP and related information can be obtained via our website (search for [DIR 203](#)), or from the contacts below. Submissions should reference DIR 203 and be received by **10 April 2024**.

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