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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

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Invitation to comment on a field trial of genetically modified canola (DIR 205)

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from CSIRO to conduct a field trial of canola genetically modified for increased abiotic stress tolerance. The trial is proposed to take place at up to 3 sites with a total area of up to 6 ha per year over 6 years. Sites will be in New South Wales and South Australia. The plants 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 205](#)), or from the contacts below. Submissions should reference DIR 205 and be received by **23 August 2024**.

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