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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

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Invitation to comment on a field trial of genetically modified sorghum (DIR 209)

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from the University of Queensland to conduct a field trial of sorghum genetically modified for altered reproduction. The trial is proposed to take place at one site with an area of up to 1 ha per year over 3 years. The site is in Lockyer Valley Region in QLD. 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 209](#)), or from the contacts below. Submissions should reference DIR 209 and be received by **31 January 2025**.

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