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Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

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## Invitation to comment on a field trial of genetically modified safflower (DIR 211)

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from Miruku Australia Pty Ltd to conduct a field trial of safflower genetically modified for dairy protein production and altered fat composition. The trial is proposed to take place at up to 1 hectare of planting in 2025 and increasing to a maximum of 20 sites of up to 35 hectares each in 2029. Maximum total planting area proposed is 981 hectares over the 5 years of the trial. Sites will be in NSW, Vic, WA and SA. 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 211](#)), or from the contacts below. Submissions should reference DIR 211 and be received by **1 May 2025**.

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