

Back Gene Ethics for GM-free food, farms and futures

Thanks for your loyal and generous support for Gene Ethics through the years since I founded our network in 1988. It is still a vital and exciting journey.

Growing up, I saw people, animals and plants as delicate branches and buds on the tree of life. But industry and science treat all living things as genetic material to be cut, pasted, and patented for profit. To nurture GM-free we must work together, to counter the use of ever more hazardous new GM tools. **That's why I'm appealing for your support now.**

The tireless work of our committed team keeps Genetically Manipulated processes and products in the public eye and on the political agenda. We will lobby the new government to ensure GM is assessed, monitored and regulated, to minimise health, social, market, and environmental impacts.

Please donate and join us again this year as your fearless voice for GM-free. Go online or fill out and send the enclosed forms to keep our messages loud and clear. We can't do it without you!

The Gene Scene school kits are our exciting new initiative. This creative collection of videos, animations, podcasts, games and stories will be delivered online in multi-media modules. Our fabulous team of storytellers, teachers, curriculum experts, web builders and students are ready to go.



The education kits will inspire students to critically explore the ethics of creating DNA modified humans, animals, plants and microbes. We will help the next generation of young decision-makers to learn how to assess the uses and abuses of GM techniques.



Please generously support a GM-free future

Donate by June 30, 2019 to receive your tax deduction for this financial year

New CRISPR 'gene-editing' tools have off-target impacts and scant history of safe use. Yet planned products include super-muscled pigs, biofortified foods, animal de-extinction, enhanced humans, and mutations that aim to wipe out whole species.

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Gene Ethics has a proven track record. Recent successes include:

- Over 95% of Australian farmers remain GM-free;
- GM canola has declined to less than 15% of the crop;
- Four states and territories (SA; Tas; ACT; NT) remain GM-free;
- Over forty councils are replacing Roundup for weed control;
- More GM-free labels are appearing on food products;
- Over 50 letters to editors published so GM-free debate is alive.

New challenges this year:

- Create the Gene Scene school ethics kit for students and teachers;
- Insist all GM CRISPR processes and products continue to be regulated;
- Fend off industry challenges to SA's and Tasmania's GM-free status;
- Campaign for less chemical use and more Roundup-free councils.

Our program

- Educate young people and the general public on GM hazards and impacts;
- Require regulators to mandate precautionary regulation of all new GM techniques (e.g. CRISPR, RNAi, gene drives etc) and their products;
- Reinstate the Chemical Re-Approval and Re-Registration Scheme revoked in 2014, to protect human and animal health, safety and environments by regularly reviewing thousands of old, toxic agrochemicals;
- Ban release of gene drive organisms intended to make species extinct as they pose serious hazards to Nature. Stop US military funding of Australian gene drive research;
- Allocate more Research & Development funds to GM-free and low input agriculture for better food security and sustainability;
- Advocate for regenerative food, fibre and fuel production systems that adapt better to climate change, soil loss and drought;
- Join the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety to the Biodiversity Convention that seeks precaution on the international transfer, handling and use of GM commodities.

Your support will help us promote sustainable GM-free paths to the future.

Peace, joy, and many thanks for backing GM-free,



Bob Phelps
Executive Director



Beatrice Ludwig
Chair of the Board



PS: Please Give and Join Gene Ethics again this year, for a GM-free future.

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