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Dear Mr Phelps,

Thank you for providing the opportunity to outline the views of the Coalition on the important issues facing your members. On behalf of the Coalition Members of Parliament and candidates I am pleased to respond to your survey.

The Coalition has no plans to change laws or regulations related to genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

The world's population is set to exceed nine billion by 2050, according to the United Nations. So it is vital that we embrace sound technologies to feed and clothe the world's people. GMOs will play a vital role both now and in the future. We are, however, aware of community concerns about GMOs. In government we will keep abreast of these concerns and apprised of the latest scientific research.

We cannot make new spending commitments for research and development because of the Labor government's reckless management of the public finances. Once we have reduced Labor's debt and deficit we will be open to new commitments to increase research into GMOs and their impact.

More generally, the Coalition believes Labor has made the future of all Australians more uncertain.

On top of their billion-dollar waste on school buildings, their mismanaged home insulation fiasco and their soft border protection policies, Labor is growing Australia's debt by \$100 million per day.

They even removed an elected Prime Minister to suit their own political interest.

The Coalition is taking a stand in the best interest of Australia's future.

We will end the waste, repay the debt, stop the taxes, stop the boats and ease the pressure on Australian families.

Throughout the election campaign we will be progressively announcing policies outlining our commitments for Australia's future. These policies will cover a number of issues canvassed in your survey.



Once announced, our policies will be available at [www.liberal.org.au](http://www.liberal.org.au) and [www.nationals.org.au](http://www.nationals.org.au).

Thank you for helping us to communicate the Coalition's commitments to your members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Loughnane', is written over the typed name and title.

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Federal Campaign Director