

Federal Election 2010 Report Card

Genetically Manipulated Organisms (GMOs) and their products

Actions required by government	ALP	Coalition	Greens	Socialist Alliance
Precautionary policies on genetic manipulation	X	X	✓	✓
Label all foods made using genetic manipulation	X	X	✓	✓
Sign and ratify the International Biosafety Protocol	X	X	✓	✓
Require the Environment Minister to review all commercial GMOs before release, to protect biodiversity	?	X	✓	✓
Prohibit patents on living organisms and their parts	X	X	✓	✓
Increase spending on sustainable agriculture research and reduce spending on GMO research	?	X	✓	✓
Make GM laws and regulations more precautionary	X	X	✓	✓

Gene Ethics does not endorse any political party or candidate. The scores on this card reflect Gene Ethics' analysis of the parties' responses to our questionnaire and their published policies.

Only four parties replied (including the Liberal/National Coalition) and their responses are summarised here. See their full replies and policies at: <http://www.geneethics.org/resource>

Gene Ethics sent our election questionnaire to all registered political parties and independent sitting MPs that we could contact: The ALP; Christian Democratic Party (Fred Nile Group); Family First; Citizens Electoral Council; The Greens; Shooters and Fishers Party; The Liberals; The Nationals; Carers Alliance; Australian Democrats; Sex Party; One Nation; Socialist Alliance.