

GM-free scorecard

Party policies* on Genetic Manipulation (GM) techniques and their products	Greens	Socialist Alliance	Lib/Nat Coalition	ALP
1. Does your party have a policy on GM and GM products? (please send)	✓	✓	✓	?
Will your party's MPs, in opposition or government, advocate and vote to:				
2. Require all food made using GM techniques to be fully labelled?	✓	✓	?	?
3. Reintroduce a ban on growing commercial GM canola?	✓	✓	X	X
4. Ban the commercial release of all other GM organisms?	✓	✓	X	?
5. Make GM seed owners clean up feral GM canola and GM weeds?	✓	✓	?	?
6. Require GM seed owners to notify all farmers within 5km of commercial GM crops?	✓	✓	?	?
7. Set up a public online register of all GM crop sites, crop types & growers?	✓	✓	X	?
8. Enact Farmer Protection laws, to make GM patent owners and their agents responsible to compensate anyone adversely affected by GM contamination?	✓	✓	X	?
9. Require all GM animal feed - hay, silage, grain, etc. - to be labeled as such?	✓	✓	X	?
10. Have all commercial GM release proposals reviewed by the Environment Minister under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act (Cwth)?	✓	✓	X	?
11. Put GM biosafety into Victoria's Biodiversity Strategy, to meet CBD treaty obligations?	✓	✓	X	?
12. Help fund independent research to test the safety of GM foods?	✓	✓	?	?
13. Increase government funding to develop sustainable farming systems - e.g. organic; GM-free; reduced oil & phosphate-dependent management systems?	✓	✓	✓	✓
14. End the Premier's membership of Washington-based Biotech Industry Organisation?	✓	✓	?	?

* All registered political parties received the questionnaire. The ALP wrote a short email but did not answer the questions. The Australian Sex Party has no policies on GM but said YES to Question 2, and they oppose Life Patents. The Country Alliance has no policies on any of these questions. Other parties did not respond.

✓ = YES X = NO ? = No policy/No response