

Genetically Modified Organisms Reviewer/Approver Declarations and Approvals

Project Leader Declaration

I declare that:

- I have read, considered and understood my responsibilities under the University Biological Hazards and Gene Technology Policy, the Gene Technology Act 2000, and the International Standard for Biorisk Management ISO 35001.
- I agree to undertake the GMO dealing outlined in this application in accordance with the relevant Office of the Gene Technology Regulator guidelines and regulations (including, but not limited to all disposal, transport and storage), and the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2243.3 (Safety in laboratories – Microbiological safety and containment), the Biosecurity Act and the Defence Trade Controls Act.
- I am aware of my responsibilities in relation to ensuring that any personnel conducting this work are appropriately trained and are aware of and follow the relevant guidelines and regulations.
- I have identified and declared within this document all the genetically modified organisms and biorisks involved in this process.
- I have considered the potential risks that the conduct of this dealing could pose to people and/or the environment and will implement appropriate actions and precautions to minimise these risks.
- All staff and students not directly under my supervision but exposed to potential hazards from this activity, will be warned of the potential exposure hazards.
- Where a GMO is received from sources outside the institution responsible for the project, I will take steps to confirm its identity.
- If I become aware of an unintentional release of GMOs, unintended effects of the dealing, or inadvertent dealing or development of an unauthorised dual use dangerous goods, I will take measures to retrieve, contain, inactivate or decontaminate the GMO. In addition, I will inform the IBC as soon as practicable of any incidents, accidents or unintentional releases involving GMOs.
- I am aware that breaches of the legislation are serious matters and that penalties could include loss of OGTR Accreditation status for the organisation, reputational damage to myself and the University which may affect my ability to attract PhD students, research misconduct investigation, and personal imprisonment and/or substantial fines.
- I am aware that breaches may be reported to grant funding bodies which may affect my research funding, and the Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research and Enterprise which may affect my academic progression.
- If I become aware of any incident, breach, or misconduct, I will notify my line manager (if not conflicted) and the Institutional Biosafety Committee.