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Department of Health and Aged Care

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

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Invitation to comment on a field trial of genetically modified canola (DIR 212)

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from The University of Adelaide to conduct a field trial of canola genetically modified for increased photosynthesis and photorespiration. The trial is proposed to take place between April 2025 and January 2030, on one site with a maximum area of 2 hectares per year. The trial site is located in Light Regional Council in South Australia. The plants grown in this field trial would not be used for human food or animal feed.

The Regulator has prepared a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) for this application and welcomes written submissions relating to the protection of human health and safety and the environment prior to making a decision on whether to issue the licence. The consultation RARMP and related information can be obtained via the consultation hub at <https://consultations.health.gov.au/> (search for DIR 212), or from the contacts below. Submissions should reference DIR 212 and be submitted via the hub or email by **17 April 2025**.

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