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FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 18

GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS.

From: James Valley, Submitter

Statement for hearing 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Presenting with my submission, 50 page science report from institute: Science in Society, Titled "Ban GMO's NOW".

The report identifies "Transgenics," containing introduced foreign genetic material including virus, bacterial toxin and antibiotic resistant genes as responsible for irreversible harm to the environment, food production, and consumers.

The name GMO or GE refer to transgenic, but the government act used by councils identifies GMO's as anything created invitro in the lab! This can easily be confused with the classic selection genetics that created for example, the Gold Kiwifruit and can create high yielding disease, resistant feed crops and grasses, with no foreign genetic material added. It is clearly important to draw the distinction between the two and not allow the wording of the Act, make it look like banning GMO's would be impossible as it would ban harmless beneficial things as well!

The report highlights specific dangers in the referenced science papers and studies listed. Including animals dying from eating GMO feed, irreversible contamination of land and antibiotic resistance genes causing antibiotic resistance to consumers while the WHO identify antibiotic resistance as the greatest threat to life today!

Please use this peer reviewed science knowledge to make the Far North GMO FREE!

James Valley, Submitter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J Valley".

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