

Proposed Regional Plan for Northland

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Minute 11

Note: This minute applies to the hearing for the submissions seeking the addition of provisions for genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and genetic engineering (GE) to the Proposed Regional Plan.

Additional information

- [1] On Tuesday 9 April 2019 Council continued their public excluded deliberations. Following deliberations, Council requests the following further information and direct Council staff to facilitate them:
- i) If the Regional Plan included rules regulating GMOs in the coastal marine area:
 - a) What would council's responsibility be to monitor and enforce the rules?
 - b) Would it increase Council's legal liability to clean-up or otherwise address the accidental release of a GMO resulting from an 'act of god' on an otherwise authorised use of GMOs (for example, a tsunami destroying a contained GMO field trial undertaken on a wharf)?
 - ii) What have other councils (that have GMO provisions in their respective plans) budgeted for the potential clean-up of the accidental or illegal release of GMOs and the costs (including staff time) of monitoring and enforcement of GMO use?
- [2] Council staff shall ensure the responses are placed on the Council's website, and submitters who submitted on the inclusion of GMO provisions and wished to be heard, are notified of the responses.
- [3] These requests are made in accordance with Section 41C of the Resource Management Act 1991.



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