

Proposed Regional Plan for Northland

MINUTE AND DIRECTIONS OF THE COUNCIL

Minute 10

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 26 February 2019 Council reconvened the hearing to ask the expert planners questions of their proposed agreed provisions. The hearing was then adjourned for Council to go into public excluded deliberations (on the same day). Following deliberations, Council requests two pieces of further information and direct Council staff to facilitate them:
 - i. A legal opinion to answer the question - would the inclusion of provisions in the Regional Plan to regulate GMOs increase Council's legal liability to clean-up or otherwise address the illegal use or introduction of a GMO in the coastal marine area?
 - ii. Advice from Aquaculture New Zealand on any actual or anticipated use by the aquaculture industry of genetically modified veterinary vaccines
- [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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