



GE Free New Zealand

In Food And Environment Inc.

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Kia ora Ms. Farrant,

We note the Professor Dearden has been reported as receiving money to conduct gene drive research on wasps. The EPA has given permission to conduct contained laboratory research on gene drives regardless of the lack of global consensus or protocols being decided.

Please can you provide -

1. All the species of wasps and Latin names, that the EPA/ERMA has approved to conduct gene drive research?
2. Please may we have the EPA/ERMA application numbers of all the novel gene drive wasp approvals?
3. What year was the first approval for gene drives made by the EPA/ERMA?
4. What are the application numbers?
5. Why was approval for gene drives given before global consensus protocols have been decided on?
6. May we have the expert external and internal correspondence that was sought on the gene drive approvals?
7. Were Māori consulted?
8. May we have the documents on the consideration of effects on native wasps?
9. What other insects have EPA/ERMA approval for gene drive experiments?
10. All documents relating to gene drive approvals and application numbers on all insects?
11. The six monthly MPI compliance and monitoring reports and University of Otago internal inspection reports required under the controls set.
12. Any reported breaches of containment?

We request this information under the OIA.

Nga mihi,
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