

# Introduction to Appendix 3

This volume is one of the appendix volumes to the report of the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification to the New Zealand Government on its investigations into the strategic options and desirable changes to regulatory mechanisms to enable New Zealand to address genetic modification, genetically modified organisms, and products.

There are three appendix volumes covering the New Zealand context, the Commission's consultative processes and the outcomes of that consultation:

- Appendix 1 outlines the New Zealand context for the inquiry and records the major aspects of the processes of the Commission.
- Appendix 2 summarises and analyses submissions from Interested Persons.
- Appendix 3 summarises and analyses submissions from the Public.

This appendix volume (Appendix 3) covers written and oral public submissions arising from the Commission's consultation process. These submissions were received through Scoping Meetings, Public Meetings, Public Submissions, the Maori Consultation programme, a Youth Forum and a Public Opinion Survey. This appendix also includes glossaries (technical terms, Maori terms and abbreviations) and an index.

## Quotations, abbreviations and macrons

This volume includes direct quotations from submissions. Many quotations are sentence fragments. Minor changes have been made to direct quotations for the sake of readability and consistency. Thus:

- *realize, e.g., 1990's, GMO's* have been changed to *realise, eg, 1990s, GMOs* respectively, in line with the report style
- abbreviation of *NZ* in quoted material has been replaced by *New Zealand* and *biotech* by *biotechnology*, but other abbreviations (such as *GE, GMO, IP*) have been retained
- punctuation has sometimes been altered so that an initial capital is replaced by a lower-case letter when the direct quotation functions as a sentence fragment in the text, rather than a complete sentence
- ellipses (...), normally indicating the omission of words or sentences within the quotation, are used at the opening or closing of the quotation only if it is relevant to signal a continuing argument or theme.

No changes to quotations affect the meaning intended by the submitter.

The format for quotations depends on their extent or context in the report structure. Two formats have been used:

- Short quotations, including sentence fragments, are incorporated in normal paragraphs and are indicated by quotation marks.
- Longer quotations, usually passages of several sentences or paragraphs, are presented as an indented paragraph or paragraphs below a colon. They are in a smaller type size and indented on the left. These quotations do not use quotation marks.

The choice of format is determined by the context and does not indicate that one quotation is considered more important than any other.

In referring to organisations and Interested Persons, this volume uses the title in full at first mention in each subsection of the report and thereafter uses any designated abbreviated form or acronym. This procedure is repeated for each subsection. For example, in any subsection, *Malaghan Institute of Medical Research* will subsequently be referred to as *Malaghan Institute*, and *Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA)* will be followed by *ERMA*. The choices for abbreviated forms of Interested Persons are listed in Appendix 2, Table 1. Other abbreviations and acronyms are recorded in the Glossaries section of this volume.

The printed version of the report of the Commission adopts the common modern usage of macrons over long vowels in Maori terms. A glossary of Maori terms is included in this volume.