

Introduction to Appendix 2

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 2) covers the analysis of the written submissions of those granted Interested Person status for the purposes of the Commission's consultation. It also includes glossaries (technical terms, Maori terms and abbreviations) and an index.

Quotations, abbreviations and macrons

This volume includes numerous direct quotations from submissions in the 'IP report', which analyses submissions from Interested Persons. 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- abbreviation of *NZ* in quoted material has been replaced by *New Zealand* and *biotech* by *biotechnology*, but other abbreviations (such as *GE, GMO, IP*) have been retained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. Three 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.
- Short quotations, indicated by quotation marks, occasionally form part of a bulleted list of examples. In these instances, the source of the quotation is provided in parentheses at the end of the paragraph.

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 the submissions by Interested Persons, this volume uses the title of the Interested Person 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. Thus, under section 3 “Analysis of written submissions by Interested Persons: Liability issues”, *Green Party of Aotearoa/New Zealand* will be subsequently referred to as *Green Party*, and *Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA)* will be followed in that subsection by *ERMA*.

Table 1 provides a list, in alphabetical order, of those granted Interested Person status, together with their submission number and the abbreviated forms used throughout the text where appropriate.

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.