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Emerging Gene Technology - Update

Further to my recent update on the Gene Technology discussion I have been advised after meeting with Minister McKenzie and Minister Birmingham's office yesterday that the amendments to the Gene Technology Legislation that were tabled for discussion on 17 September in fact were not discussed and have been postponed until November 13, 2019.

Both the Agriculture and Trade Offices now have a degree of clarity on the Market Access impacts our industry will face should the deregulation pass and are aligned in supporting a positive outcome for the certified organic industry. We have also gained commitment from Minister McKenzie on having domestic organic regulation tabled at the next AGMIN meeting scheduled for October 2019. Minister McKenzie was very encouraged by the growth opportunities both domestically and internationally certified organic production could offer Australian agriculture.

Regards,

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