3 GE-RELATED BILLS WOULD CHANGE NZ'S FOOD SYSTEM

These bills are currently before Parliament:



GENE TECHNOLOGY BILL

Would significantly change New Zealand's regulation of genetic engineering & would allow gene-edited & genetically engineered crops to be grown outdoors in NZ. Wind spreads seeds causing contamination.

HSNO AMENDMENT BILL

Would change how hazardous substances & new organisms, including GMOs, are assessed & approved, with greater use of rapid pathways.

ACVM AMENDMENT BILL

Would change agricultural & veterinary medicine regulation & allow greater use of overseas regulatory assessments. This could make it easier for gene-edited or genetically engineered agricultural products to enter New Zealand. This fast tracked bill was moved to a third reading.

SOME FACTS



- NZ currently does not allow GMOs or gene-edited crops to be grown in the open environment.
- The proposed Gene Technology Bill would allow pesticide & herbicide-resistant crops.
- Under the HSNO Amendment Bill, there would be No public submissions or notifications about approvals for things like GMOs in food unless 'The Authority' deems there is sufficient public interest. But stats show there already is majority interest & this is being ignored.
- New Zealand has already approved a glyphosate residue limit of 6 mg/kg for dry field peas - 60 times the previous 0.1 mg/kg limit.
- Around 97% of submissions opposed the Gene Technology Bill.

WHY IT MATTERS

These changes would affect our food, health, democracy, farming, environment, biodiversity, organic growers & consumer choice.

No Harm To Food & Environment

Read the research summary showing alarming cancer & Parkinson's disease studies & other health issues linked to GE chemically-dependent food systems.

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