CITIZEN CONCERNS - KEEP NZ GE-FREE

No Harm To Food & Environment

The Gene Technology Bill
Can't be made safe, under the bill:
- GE and pesticide resistant crops would be released in NZ.
- Non-notifiable approvals allowed.
- Reduced public notification and transparency in decisions.
- It is non democrati.c
- The organic industry is being forced to try and work around future harm if all bills get passed.
- What about people that have been eating organic food all their life that rely on it for health?

The HSNO Amendment Bill
It is anti democratic, under the bill:
- Applications are only publicly notified if the Authority wants to.
- Chemicals & GMOs can be released without full approval.

ACVM Bill
Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Amendment Bill
- This should not have been passed to a third reading, NZ needs it to be repealed.

FACTS AT A GLANCE



GE and Investment
- 75% Want to Avoid Investing in GE.
  A 2024 NZ survey found that 75% of respondents.
  want their investments to avoid companies involved in genetic.
  engineering (GMOs) and toxic agri-chemicals.

New Zealanders have made their preference clear
- About 97% of submissions opposed the Gene Technology bill.
- Keep GE out of our investments, our food and our environment.

Sustainable construction
- NZ$5 billion/year, projected NZ$142 billion by 2050, dependent on healthy biodiversity and uncontaminated natural resources.
- The projected NZ$142 billion is a future estimate contingent on sustained efforts and healthy ecosystems.

Responsible investment
- NZ$153.5 billion in ESG-aligned funds, with NZ$4.74 billion in impact investments.
- Many exclude high chemical/GMO exposure; these changes could trigger divestment.

INSPIRATION

Munich - Organic Farming and Water
- **It remains strictly GE free outside the lab.**
  This clever city calculated that paying local farmers to transition.
  to organic farming was roughly 45 times cheaper than installing a water filtration system.
- **Munich's public water utility faced a long-term rise in nitrates and pesticides.**
- **Over 185 farms successfully converted to certified organic agriculture.**
- **Nitrate levels plummeted by over 50%, and pesticide levels collapsed to near-undetectable minimums.**
- **Pure spring water continues to flow straight to Munich residents' taps without the need for complex mechanical filtration.**

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