

Constitution and Operating Rules

No Harm To Food and Environment Limited

1. Name and Nature

No Harm To Food and Environment Limited is a New Zealand limited company and an independent, citizen-led initiative, trading as **No Harm To Food**.

No Harm To Food is not affiliated with any organisation or political party. Graphic design, social media management, technical support and other services have been voluntarily sponsored by supporters and are not charged to No Harm To Food.

2. Objectives

The objectives of No Harm To Food are to:

- 1 Raise public awareness concerning unsafe food practices and issues affecting the safety and integrity of the food supply.
- 2 Support and promote organic and natural food in New Zealand.
- 3 Promote and support keeping New Zealand free from genetically engineered (GE) food and crops.
- 4 Stand for a GE-free environment.
- 5 Protect and promote the environment in relation to food production and sustainable food practices.
- 6 Provide information and public education on food safety, sustainable food practices and related issues.
- 7 Engage, where appropriate, with individuals and organisations internationally on matters relevant to these objectives, while ensuring that funds raised through the New Zealand initiative will be used for purposes benefiting New Zealand.

3. Fundraising and Use of Funds

Funds may be raised from members of the public, including through fundraising platforms such as Givealittle.

Funds may be used only for activities and expenses that directly further the objectives of No Harm To Food, including:

- T-shirts and other campaign clothing or promotional materials
- Costumes used for campaign and public awareness activities
- Banners, signs and display materials
- Flyers, brochures, posters and other printed materials
- Advertising and promotional campaigns
- Printing and distribution
- Event registration and venue costs
- Reasonable costs associated with organising or participating in public campaigns, meetings, demonstrations and other awareness activities
- Ongoing website hosting
- Other reasonable expenses directly related to the objectives of No Harm To Food

Graphic design, website development, social media management and technical support provided by supporters will not be charged to the company. These services are contributed voluntarily.

Local travel is sponsored by supporters and is not charged to No Harm To Food.

No funds or assets will be distributed for the private financial benefit of the Founder, Director, shareholders, campaign supporters or other individuals.

An online shop may be established in the future to sell campaign-related merchandise and materials, with proceeds used for the objectives of No Harm To Food.

4. Decisions About Funds and Financial Management

Decisions regarding the use of funds will be made by the Director, provided that such decisions are consistent with the objectives set out in this constitution.

Campaign-specific fundraising and proposed use of funds may be discussed with campaign supporters in advance to provide transparency and to establish public understanding of what a particular fundraising drive is intended to support. Such consultation does not give campaign supporters decision-making authority over the company.

As a general principle, travel undertaken by volunteers and supporters is not funded by No Harm To Food. Where there is a reasonable justification for No Harm To Food to fund non-local travel for a particular initiative, this will be considered on a case-by-case basis and communicated to campaign supporters online in advance.

No Harm To Food will maintain a bank account in the name No Harm To Food.

The account will have one authorised account holder, who will be responsible for operating the account and maintaining appropriate records of income and expenditure.

5. Transparency

No Harm To Food is committed to transparency regarding funds raised and spent.

Records of expenditure and funds will be made publicly available including through screenshots or other appropriate records, while protecting private personal and banking information.

Approximately monthly, as time allows, a Justice of the Peace (JP) will view the expenses and verify that they have viewed the expense receipts. This information will be made publicly available.

6. Volunteers and Supporters

No Harm To Food may operate with the assistance of volunteers and campaign supporters.

Voluntary services, including graphic design, website development, social media management and technical support, may be provided without payment.

7. International Engagement and Fundraising

No Harm To Food may communicate or collaborate with individuals and organisations internationally where this supports its objectives.

Funds raised through the New Zealand initiative will be used for purposes benefiting New Zealand and consistent with the objectives of No Harm To Food.

If No Harm To Food later wishes to expand its activities and support other countries, this will be specifically notified to the public on the relevant campaign fundraiser, including what that particular funding round is for and how and where the funds will be used.

8. Changes to the Constitution

Changes to this constitution may be made in accordance with the Companies Act 1993 and any applicable requirements governing the company.

Any amendment must remain consistent with the citizen-led nature and objectives of No Harm To Food.

9. Ending the Company

If No Harm To Food and Environment Limited ceases operating, any remaining funds or assets will not be distributed to the Founder, Director, shareholder, campaign supporters or other individuals.

After all outstanding legitimate expenses and liabilities have been paid, remaining funds and assets, including any surplus campaign props, signs, clothing or other materials, will be transferred or donated to an appropriate New Zealand organic and heritage seed organisation or a New Zealand GE-free not-for-profit organisation whose purposes are consistent with the objectives of No Harm To Food.

10. Declaration

This constitution records the purpose, structure, financial arrangements and operating principles of No Harm To Food and Environment Limited and is adopted as the governing document of the company.