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Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing to advise you of a one day Workshop FSANZ is organising on New Plant Breeding Techniques (draft programme attached). The workshop is being held on Friday 11 May at the Brassey.

The purpose of the workshop is to convene a panel of experts to discuss the technical aspects of several of these new plant breeding techniques and to provide advice to FSANZ on whether the foods derived using these techniques ought to be regulated as GM foods. Whether they are currently captured under the definition of 'food produced using gene technology' in the Food Standards Code is a matter of debate within FSANZ and is also not clear to many developers, who have been approaching us for advice. I understand OGTR has had similar approaches and we of course have had informal discussions with OGTR staff on this very issue.

We would therefore like to invite OGTR to participate in this workshop as an observer. We are trying to keep the number of observers to a minimum so at this stage we can offer two observer spots. There will be opportunities during the discussions for observers to ask questions of the panel.

If you, or interested staff, could get back to me to confirm attendance before the Easter break, that would be great.

Thanks & regards
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