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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 August 2014 8:19 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FW: Meeting at FSANZ - New Plant Breeding Techniques [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi [REDACTED]

Just wondering if you've had a chance to consider the below?

If you could get back to me by the end of this week that would be great.

Thanks  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 July 2014 9:46 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Meeting at FSANZ - New Plant Breeding Techniques [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] have approached us regarding a meeting to discuss new plant breeding techniques – the commercialisation of food products derived using such techniques, the process they need to go through to get a decision about whether such products are captured by the Code, and who can appeal those decisions. They have asked if someone from the food policy area could also attend so I said I would raise it with you guys.

Just by way of background – these new plant breeding techniques are in a bit of a regulatory grey area and its not obvious if they are captured by the definition for food produced using gene technology in Standard 1.5.2. We've done quite a bit of technical work in this area, including holding two workshops to discuss these techniques but ultimately it's a legal decision as to whether they are captured. We have considered the legal aspects also and have reached a view about which of the new techniques would be captured and therefore require an application. However, the difficulty for FSANZ is that under our Act we are unable to provide this advice to companies as that would require us to interpret the Code. It appears we are only able to do that in the context of an application, which means a company has to submit an application to find out if an application is required. Putting together an application of this type can take years in terms of data gathering. The alternative is for companies to seek their own legal advice about whether an application is required but there is a degree of business risk associated with this. All of this is in contrast to the OGTR who are able to issue determinations, at the request of companies, on whether certain techniques are captured by the Gene Technology Act.

The meeting is scheduled for 11am-1.00pm on Friday 15 August.

If you'd like to discuss further just give me a call [REDACTED]

Regards  
[REDACTED]