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Subject: NBT Consultation Paper – FSANZ is seeking input from the community on whether food derived using new breeding techniques (NBTs) should be captured for pre-market approval under the Code, and whether the definitions for ‘food produced using gene technol...

FSANZ invites written submissions on the following consultation paper **by 6pm (Canberra time) 12 April 2018**

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I, Evelyn Collin am asking for all new techniques used to produce food to be regulated.

There is insufficient knowledge of the risks of these techniques and all of them should be regulated, [according to Austrian government agencies](#). The Norwegian Environment and Development Agencies concluded [further biosafety research needs to be done](#) before these techniques are commercialised. New Zealand has ruled they are Genetic Modification and therefore need regulation. They cannot be used in organic food says the [International Organic Federation IFOAM](#).

Under Australian law, these techniques are clearly gene technology and therefore should be regulated.

I want the following regulated: gene editing, CRISPR, GM rootstock grafting, cisgenesis, intragenesis RNA interference and null segregants. Why? Because the research simply hasn't been done to show there are no unintended consequences and that these foods or techniques are safe for commercial use. They are required to be regulated under the Gene Technology Act 2000. This defines gene technology as "[any technique for the modification of genes or other genetic material](#)". It clearly includes all new GM techniques including RNA interference.

All consumers/growers have a right to know what we are eating and growing. If these techniques are safe and valuable then pre-market testing, full labelling and follow up monitoring will confirm this.

Thank you for hearing my concerns and acting on my behalf,

Evelyn Collin