



Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and Minister for Science and Youth Affairs

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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Section 21 of the *Gene Technology (Queensland) Act 2016* (the Act) requires, amongst other things, that the responsible Minister table a copy of an amendment to the Commonwealth *Gene Technology Regulations 2001* in the Queensland Legislative Assembly within 10 sitting days from the day on which the amendment commences.

On 21 November 2019 and 28 September 2020, the former Minister responsible for Gene Technology, the Honourable Leeanne Enoch MP, wrote to you requesting tabling in the Queensland Legislative Assembly of the first and second (respectively) of three Schedules of the Commonwealth *Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019* that amend the Commonwealth *Gene Technology Regulations 2001*.

Schedule 3 commenced on 8 October 2020 initiating the same tabling requirements under section 21 of the Act as for Schedules 1 and 2. The tenth sitting day of the Queensland Legislative Assembly after the commencement of Schedule 3 is 25 February 2021.

In accordance with section 21 of the Act and Standing Order 31, it would be appreciated if you could arrange for Schedule 3 to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly today. In support of this tabling, I request that this tabling letter be tabled with Schedule 3.

Six hard copies of Schedule 3 are attached. An electronic copy of Schedule 3 and this tabling letter have also been provided to the Table Office.

Schedule 3 is the last of the three schedules outlined in the Commonwealth *Gene Technology Amendment (2019 Measures No. 1) Regulations 2019*.

If you require any further information, please contact Dr Julia Playford, Executive Director, Science Strategy and Partnerships, Department of Environment and Science, on telephone 0427 014 859 or by email at julia.playford@des.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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