

*If elected, will your party and its MPs advocate and vote to:*

<b>Question</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>None</b>
Does your party have a policy on GM crops and foods?	X		
Oppose trade agreements, including the TPP, that would allow the Low Level Presence of unapproved GM contaminants in food shipments?	X		
Legislate that the OGTR assess and license all new GM techniques and products classed as 'gene editing', applying the Precautionary Principle?	X		
Amend Food Standard 1.5.2 to require full labeling of all foods made using GM techniques, including refined oils, starches & sugars that are now exempt?	X		
Require all animal feed to be tested and labelled as either GM or GM-free, so farmers can make decisions that satisfy their customer preferences?	X		
Adopt the EU's more precautionary food assessment & regulatory system, including labelling all foods made using GM techniques?	X		
Retain the labels on irradiated foods now required by Food Standard 1.5.3 which the Food Forum is reviewing and intends to repeal?	X		
Amend Food Standard 1.5 to require FSANZ to assess, register & label all foods made with or containing nanomaterials, as Labelling Logic proposed?	X		
Freeze FSANZ's operation, pending public reviews of: a. FSANZ's reliance on the applicants' chemical analyses as the basis of GM food safety assessments & approvals? b. all past GM food approvals, in the light of new scientific evidence?			X
Establish an independent Commonwealth Food Ombudsperson as a One Stop Shop for all citizens to engage with food regulators?			X
Defend state & territory powers under Section 21 of the Gene Tech Act 2001 (Cth), to declare GM and GM-free Zones for marketing reasons?	X		
Pass Farmer Protection Laws that place a levy on all GM seed sales to fund automatic compensation for losses due to GM contamination or harm?	X		

Defend zero tolerance for GM contamination in the Organic Standard?	X		
Make proposed general releases of GM organisms a trigger for Environment Minister review under the Environment Protection (EPBC) Act? See: <a href="http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/">http://www.environment.gov.au/epbc/</a>			X
Create a public register of all commercial GM crops, crop sites & growers so GM-free farmers can take evasive action to avoid GM contamination?			X
Have Australia sign & ratify the UN Cartagena Biosafety Protocol? See: <a href="http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/">http://bch.cbd.int/protocol/</a>	X		
Require Australia to support a Terminator (sterile seed) ban?	X		
Fund independent research into the impacts of GM foods & crops?	X		
Fund sustainable eco-agricultural systems, to reduce farmers' oil & phosphate dependency, & improve food security & sustainability?	X		
Review returns from public expenditures on GM R&D over the past 30 years?	X		

### **Additional comments**

The Greens believe that GMO assessments must be broad, independent and scientifically robust. Everyone has a right to know if foods contain any ingredients made using GM techniques, through the comprehensive labelling of those products.

- The Greens have a number of concerns in relation to the TPP, including the inclusion of investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) clauses within trade deals because they inhibit the capacity of governments to legislate in their nation's interest. The inclusion of ISDS in recent trade agreements, such as the TPP, creates a 'race to the bottom' that will hinder Australia's ability to maintain our comparative advantage of clean, high quality agricultural product.
- The Greens support a review of FSANZ's operations, and the protection it offers for Australian consumers. The Greens would consider options including suspending FSANZ's operation, while ensuring that the best protection continues to be available to Australians.
- The Greens would seek to develop an appropriate mechanism to fund contamination clean up, and compensating farmers. This would involve consultation with stakeholders across the sector, to make sure the policy is practical and implementable.
- The Greens believe that farmers deserve information from a register of GM crop use, and would consider the benefits and implications of making information publicly available.
- The Greens have announced significant funding for investment in research and development and landcare, to improve the sustainability of the agriculture sector - <http://greens.org.au/innovative-ag>