

New Zealand Biomedical Community Stakeholder Survey:

The Ministry for the Environment would like to engage with the New Zealand biomedical community to understand it's experience of working with the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 (HSNO Act). In particular, we'd like to hear how the requirements of the HSNO Act effect the work of those researchers conducting biomedical and contained fundamental research using genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

If you're a researcher conducting this kind of research we'd like to invite you to complete the survey below. If you'd like to talk to us to share your experiences working with the regulatory requirements of the HSNO Act please feel free to schedule a time to speak to us through the following link: calendly.com/biomedical-mfe.

Completed surveys can be sent to biomedicalreview@mfe.govt.nz.

Section 1 - General information:

If you'd like to complete this survey anonymously, please feel free to leave the first two questions blank.

Name:

Organisation:

What research do you conduct?

What genetically modified organisms, including human cells, do you commonly use for your research?

Section 2 - Regulations of technologies, techniques or organisms:

Are there any technologies, techniques or organisms that in your opinion are regulated to an unnecessary degree by the genetic modification provisions of the HSNO Act?

Section 3 - Approvals:

What HSNO approvals do you commonly require, or have previously required, for your research?
For example, importing into containment, development in containment, containment, release of a qualifying organism

Section 4 - Application process:

How do you find the application process for those approvals? Are there any aspects of the application process that you find particularly frustrating or unnecessary?



Do you find the application documents clear and the information requirements easy to understand? How do you find the level of information required for approval?

Section 5 - Administrative and financial resources required:

Do the regulatory requirements of the HSNO Act increase the administrative or financial resources that you require for your research, compared to what you might consider appropriate to manage risk? And if so, how much would you estimate this increase to be?

Section 6 – Additional comments

Please add any additional comments here.