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**FORMAL ADVICE ON DECISION REGULATORY IMPACT STATEMENT:
COMPLIANT**

Repeal of the Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003

Thank you for providing the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement on the above proposal.

The Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit notes that this proposal seeks to repeal the *Genetically Modified Crops Free Areas Act 2003*. The repeal is expected to enable farmers to plant genetically modified crops that have been approved by the Office of the Gene Technology Regulator without requiring an exemption as is currently required.

The Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit advises that the *Regulatory Impact Assessment Guidelines for Western Australia* have been followed. Specifically, the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement outlines the issues and the likely impacts of retaining the legislation. It is noted, however, that there is a lack of quantification of some of the benefits and risks. Nevertheless, given the uncertainty over the extent of the growth and use of GM crops across the State, and the inclusion of frequent review commitments, the Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit has concluded that the Regulatory Impact Assessment process has been satisfied.

The proposal may now proceed to the decision maker, accompanied by the final Decision Regulatory Impact Statement, and this Compliance Assessment Notice. When the regulatory decision is made public by the Government in its final form, please ensure both these documents are made publicly available on your website. You should inform the Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit when this has been completed.

Please note that the Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit should be consulted prior to any changes being made to the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement, as these changes may affect whether the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement is compliant. It should also be noted that the Regulatory Gatekeeping Unit does not support any particular regulatory option or outcome and does not verify the underlying data or methodology used in a Regulatory Impact Statement.

The reference **RG1405** should be quoted in all future correspondence and compliance reporting on this proposal. [REDACTED]

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