

Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Advisory Council Appointment 2025 (No 2)

Disallowable instrument DI2025–250

made under the

Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Act 2004, section 11 (Advisory Council)

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The ACT Gene Technology Advisory Council (the Council) is established under section 11 of the *Gene Technology (GM Crop Moratorium) Act 2004* (the Act). Under subsection 11 (2) of the Act, the Council consists of eight (8) members, appointed by the Minister for Health.

The purpose of the Act is to designate the ACT as an area in which certain genetically modified (GM) food plants may not be cultivated, in order to preserve the identify of GM and/or non-GM crops for marketing purposes.

The instrument appointments Dr Kai Xun Chan to be a member of the ACT Gene Technology Advisory Council until 31 July 2028.

The Minister for Health must try to ensure that people under the categories set out in subsection 11 (3) of the Act are appointed as members. Dr Kai Xun Chan was nominated by a university based in the ACT who has professional skills or experience in research in a field relevant to gene technology and is not an ACT public servant. Dr Kai Xun Chan is being appointed under the category of subsection 11 (3)(c).