

# Genetically Modified Organisms Declarations

## *Dean/Director*

As the Head responsible for the operational functions and implementations of the biorisk management system within the Academic Unit, Institute or Centre,

I declare that:

- I have been informed of the nature and risks involved with this gene technology dealing.
- I will ensure the GMO dealing outlined in this application is in accordance with the relevant Office of the Gene Technology Regulator guidelines and regulations (including, but not limited to all disposal, transport and storage), the Australian/New Zealand Standard 2243.3 (Safety in laboratories – Microbiological safety and containment), the Biosecurity Act and the Defence Trade Controls Act.
- I will ensure the provision of appropriate and adequate workers, facilities, training and other resources deemed necessary for the safe and secure operation of biorisk mitigation strategies and biocontainment facilities.
- I will ensure the establishment, implementation, maintenance, promotion and improvement of the biorisk management system within my Academic Unit, Institute or Centre.
- I will ensure the review, audit, improvement and reporting measures required to provide assurance that the requirements of biorisk management system are being implemented and maintained effectively.
- I am aware that breaches of the legislation are serious matters and that penalties could include:
  - loss of OGTR Accreditation status for the University,
  - reputational damage to myself and the University which may affect our ability to attract research funding, research projects and PhD students,
  - personal imprisonment and/or substantial fines.
  - reporting of breaches to grant funding bodies which may affect current and future grants of research staff, and
  - Reporting to the Deputy Vice Chancellor: Research and Enterprise which may affect my academic progression.
- If I become aware of any unidentified or unmanaged biorisk, incident, breach, or development of an unauthorised dual use dangerous goods, or misconduct, I will notify the Institutional Biosafety Committee.