

Bring CSIRO to account
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Many news outlets reported CSIRO saying that the experimental crop did not introduce any new genes to the plants [see below]. CSIRO should be brought to account for this statement.

Assuming CSIRO is referring to GM wheat plants from application (DIR 93) these plants contained

- A full genetic construct for antibiotic resistance and
- A full genetic construct for an novel dsRNAi producing product.

These genes were introduced by Agrobacterium mediated transformation.

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- This crop has not been through any regulatory or testing process that could conclude that it is safe for humans.
- If CSIRO has any evidence base to support this statement they should provide it.

Information on the genetic constructs is available in the Gene Technology Regulator's assessment document [http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/dir093-3/\\$FILE/dir093ramp.pdf](http://www.ogtr.gov.au/internet/ogtr/publishing.nsf/Content/dir093-3/$FILE/dir093ramp.pdf)

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702 ABC Sydney: The CSIRO maintains the experiment, which did not introduce any new genes to the plants, was safe. <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2011-07-21/greenpeace-offices-raided/2804820/?site=sydney>

The Age: "The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Australia's national science agency, says the experimental crop did not introduce any new genes to the plants and was safe for humans."

<http://news.theage.com.au/breaking-news-technology/aussie-police-shut-greenpeace-hq-seize-evidence-20110721-1hqm7.html>

Yahoo: "The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Australia's national science agency, says the experimental crop did not introduce any new genes to the plants and was safe for humans http://news.yahoo.com/aussie-police-shut-greenpeace-hq-seize-evidence-081852648.html?utm_medium=twitter&utm_source=twitterfeed

CBS News: The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization, Australia's national science agency, says the experimental crop did not introduce any new genes to the plants and was safe for humans <http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2011/07/21/501364/main20081362.shtml>

The Associated Press: The [Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization](#), Australia's national science agency, says the experimental crop did not introduce any new genes to the plants and was safe for humans. <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/2011/jul/21/aussie-police-shut-greenpeace-hq-seize-evidence/>