

Introduction to Appendix 1

This volume is one of the appendix volumes to the report of the Royal Commission on Genetic Modification to the New Zealand Government on its investigations into the strategic options and desirable changes to regulatory mechanisms to enable New Zealand to address genetic modification, genetically modified organisms, and products.

There are three appendix volumes covering the New Zealand context, the Commission's consultative processes and the outcomes of that consultation:

- Appendix 1 outlines the New Zealand context for the inquiry and records the major aspects of the processes of the Commission.
- Appendix 2 summarises and analyses submissions from Interested Persons.
- Appendix 3 summarises and analyses submissions from the Public.

This volume (Appendix 1) on context and process also includes glossaries (technical terms, Maori terms and abbreviations) and an index.

Abbreviations and macrons

In referring to organisations and Interested Persons, this volume uses the title in full at first mention in each subsection of the report and thereafter uses any designated abbreviated form or acronym. This procedure is repeated for each subsection. For example, in any subsection, *Malaghan Institute of Medical Research* will subsequently be referred to as *Malaghan Institute*, and *Environmental Risk Management Authority (ERMA)* will be followed by *ERMA*. The choices for abbreviated forms of Interested Persons are listed in Appendix 2, Table 1. Other abbreviations and acronyms are recorded in the Glossaries section of this volume.

The printed version of the report of the Commission adopts the common modern usage of macrons over long vowels in Maori terms. (A glossary of Maori terms is included in this volume.)