

Consultation - General view from the following:

Iwi

- Want more involvement in the decision-making process and an incorporation of a Māori world view, in both this change process and the day to day running of the system
- Want to ensure that there are safeguards for taonga species and areas
- Want to ensure that there are safeguards for humans – as they are also taonga
- While the submissions are generally against the changes, they are mostly based on the lack of involvement - more nuanced views may become visible with more engagement

Researcher

- Generally supportive of proposals
- Supportive of rules and compliance when they see the purpose
- Want the flexibility to do things their way – suggest their way is the best way
- Take a dim view of paperwork that doesn't appear to add value
- Want to make it as easy as possible to do research
- Provided technical reasons as to why some proposals will not work and how they should change
- There is a range of views within researchers – some think the changes don't go far enough while others think they are too far
- Strong view to include plant material in risk tiering approach

Industry

- Generally supportive of relaxation of regulations
- Want alignment – both with international regulators and other regulatory regimes in NZ
- Want the opportunity to grow their industry, which is usually allowing the option to pursue GMOs
- Want to ensure that the relaxing of the rules won't have an adverse effect on their business. Suggestion that the relaxing of GMO regulations may affect international trade – but that may also be unlikely

Activist

- Against GMO
- Concede that GMO occurs in research laboratories but want to ensure that it never leaves those laboratories
- Supportive of more stringent rules
- Suggests that there may not be the social licence to loosen the rules

Particularly nuanced points of view – worth looking at

- EDS Centre
- Centre for Integrated Research in Biosafety
- Fed Farmers - provides details of polling of NZ public on GMOs

Final good point that I missed before

- Bioterrorism is an emerging threat, and this legislation may be a place to provide some safeguards