

**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE
ON PRIMARY INDUSTRIES AND
REGIONAL SERVICES**

**INQUIRY INTO PRIMARY PRODUCER ACCESS
TO GENE TECHNOLOGY**

**NSW GOVERNMENT SUBMISSION
August 1999**

CONTENTS

	page
1. INTRODUCTION	1
1.1 The Inquiry	1
1.2 Content of the Submission	1
2. THE BENEFITS OF GENE TECHNOLOGY TO AGRICULTURE	2
2.1 Benefits to Plant Breeding	2
2.2 The World Scene	3
3. RISK ASSESSMENT AND CATEGORISING GMOs AND GMO PRODUCTS	6
4. IMPEDIMENTS TO PRIMARY PRODUCERS ACCESSING GENE TECHNOLOGY	8
4.1 Establishing an Appropriate Regulatory Pathway	8
4.2 Intellectual Property Rights	9
4.3 Commercial Issues	10
4.4 Cost Issues	12
5. INTERNATIONAL TREATIES	13
6. POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO ACCESS ISSUES	13