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ETHICAL ISSUES IN SCIENCE

Molecular biology has generated a range of new and powerful techniques that allow scientists to genetically modify living organisms, including food crops. The powerful and fundamental nature of biotechnology raises a range of ethical and social questions:

- ◆ What are the risks associated with genetically modified (GM)crops?
 - to the environment?
 - to consumers?
 - for farmers?
- ◆ How should these risks be managed?
- ◆ What benefits will GM crops bring?
 - to farmers?
 - to consumers?
 - to companies?
- ◆ How can biotechnology contribute to sustainability in agriculture?
- ◆ How can Australia make the best use of its expertise and innovative research in this area?

These are some of the questions raised by Wendy and the BELSA (Biotechnology - Ethical, Legal and Social Aspects) research group, a transdisciplinary group spanning Science, Arts and Law.

BIOTECHNOLOGY POLICY

