

# ABCA Communique #4 – 25 November 2015

The Agricultural Biotechnology Council of Australia (ABCA) met for the fourth time at Parliament House in Canberra.

The Council meeting was addressed by Senator the Hon. Fiona Nash, Minister for Rural Health where she expressed her support of the Council's commitment to providing quality, factual, science-based information about gene technology in agriculture.

ABCA noted the introduction of the *GM Crops Free Areas Act 2003 (WA)* repeal bill in the Western Australian parliament on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2015.

The introduction of the repeal bill in Western Australia is encouraging as it reaffirms the importance of making regulatory and public policy decisions based on science and evidence.

Council members also discussed the following issues:

- International developments in agricultural biotechnology
- Community attitudes to Gene Technology
- APEC high level policy dialogue on agricultural biotechnology

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