

Leader of Australia's Green party in conflict with colleagues on GMO policy

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Richard di Natale is the parliamentary leader of the Greens, and he is also a trained scientist.

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Di Natale is more hard-headed: evidence is evidence, science is science, and it must be pursued whether convenient or not. And it is that uncompromising rationalism that has [brought him into conflict](#) with many of his followers.

Too often the Greens accept science only when it suits them. There is no doubting the science of climate change, for instance: the world is warming, the seas are rising, the glaciers are melting, the weather is getting more extreme. . . .

But the Greens are far more divided about science when it comes to fluoridation, or, far worse, vaccination; and a large majority are firmly against all forms of genetic engineering, which is di Natale's current problem.

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But food safety has been rigorously and exhaustively tested and has been given the all clear by an overwhelming consensus of research. The science, as they say, is in; which means di Natale is in with it.

He is unwilling to push the issue too hard – he cannot afford an open break. But he is too honest to be comfortably silent – and so, too honest for his party, and perhaps, for the current political system.

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