

Australian Academy of Science 'slams' anti-GMO myths as nation contemplates relaxed biotech crop rules

The nation's leading scientists have started a publicity campaign to dispel what they say are unfounded fears over genetically modified foods.

The Australian Academy of Science in Canberra is to lobby politicians of all parties as parliament considers easing the law to allow more genetic modification. The scientists believe the changes opposed by the Greens are "small in scope, cautious and conservative".

And the Academy has produced a booklet for the general public answering common questions.

It comes as new research indicates widespread ignorance of GM (which is the altering of the genetic make-up of a plant or animal – canola which is used for vegetable oil can be modified, for example, so it can grow better in droughts.)

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