

## Viewpoint: New Zealand's 'archaic' GMO laws hold back research that could boost sustainable farming

New Zealand's archaic GMO laws heavily regulate the research and release of genetically engineered organisms. Those wanting to test on and release their creations must jump through a series of hoops and fulfill requirements in order to do so. Sure, these laws are argued to protect New Zealand's valuable biodiversity, but they could be doing more harm than good in the long term. We need to be taking ambitious steps forward if we want to preserve any of our unique environment and are serious about reducing our carbon emissions.

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[The country's] prime minister has claimed that she wants to "demonstrate how [food producing] can be done sustainably" to the rest of the world. If this is a serious claim, we need to see action in the form of allowing crops with forward-thinking genetic engineering ....

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