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Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

Office of the Gene Technology Regulator

**Invitation to comment on the commercial supply
of a genetically modified multivalent vaccine for chickens (DIR 224)**

The Gene Technology Regulator is assessing an application from Intervet Australia Pty Ltd for the commercial supply of a genetically modified (GM) multivalent vaccine to protect chickens against Marek's disease, Newcastle disease and infectious laryngotracheitis.

The vaccine must also be registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) before it is approved for use in Australia.

The Regulator has prepared a Risk Assessment and Risk Management Plan (RARMP) for this application and welcomes written submissions relating to the protection of human health and safety and the environment prior to making a decision on whether to issue the licence. The consultation RARMP and related information can be obtained via the consultation hub at

<https://consultations.health.gov.au/ogtr/dir-224-consultation>, or from the contacts below.

Submissions should reference DIR 224 and be received by **25 September 2026**.

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