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Green Party of Aotearoa/New Zealand
Amendment to evidence presented to the Royal Commission of Inquiry into Genetic
Modification

Due to new facts coming to light since the presentation of our evidence on 01 February 2001, the Green Party wishes to amend its evidence as follows:

1. The Green Party incorrectly cited a paper that it has since discovered in a literature search does not exist. The paper was cited as Holmes M and E R Ingham (1999) Ecological effects of genetically engineered *Klebsiella planticola* released into agricultural soil with varying clay content, *Applied Soil Ecology* 3:394-399. The Green Party accepts that this reference is wrong and apologises to the Commission for misleading it.
2. We would like to correct the statement in paragraph 39 on page 29 of our evidence that the genetically engineered bacterium has been approved for field testing. The Green Party accepts there are no records indicating that field testing approval was ever given. This has been confirmed to us by Professor Terri Lomax at Oregon State University.
3. In addition, the Green Party would like to request that the Commission disregard the final sentence in paragraph 39, recognising that this statement goes beyond the published literature.
4. The Green Party also would like to make clear in regard to the same paragraph, that the published literature shows that when a genetically engineered *Klebsiella planticola* was added to one particular type of soil with plants, plants unexpectedly died. The correct reference for this paragraph is MT Holmes, ER Ingham, JD Doyle, CS Hendricks "*Effects of Klebsiella planticola* SDF20 on soil biota and wheat growth in sandy soil" *Applied Soil Ecology* 11 (1999) 67-78.
5. This is an example of an unanticipated effect from the introduction of a genetically engineered organism. It should be taken to say no more nor less than that. The Green Party does not believe the published research so far supports the further conclusion that the likely effect of allowing a field trial of the genetically engineered bacterium to go ahead would have been to destroy all terrestrial plants.
6. Finally the Green Party would like to apologise to the Royal Commission for providing incorrect information in error, and thank them for allowing us to set the record straight.

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