

Dear EDO Members and Supporters,

The Queensland Government is currently reviewing the *Biodiscovery Act 2004*. This legislation sets out a framework for granting permits to companies that wish to collect animals and plants for research purposes in industries such as medicine, agriculture and genetic engineering.

The Government is inviting public comments on the *Biodiscovery Act 2004*, and the period for making a comment is open from now until 21 August 2009. EDO-NQ is preparing its own submission, and any EDO-NQ member who has an opinion on the legislation is welcome to speak to us and share your concerns.

Alternatively, members are invited to prepare their own submissions. Submissions must address the Terms of Reference and be made in writing. Members may find the following internet links useful when preparing a submission:

- Official invitation for comment:  
<http://www.industry.qld.gov.au/dsdweb/v4/apps/web/content.cfm?id=13940>
- Terms of Reference:  
<http://www.industry.qld.gov.au/dsdweb/v4/apps/web/content.cfm?id=13941>
- *Biodiscovery Act 2004*:  
<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/B/BiodiscovA04.pdf>

Queensland Government website on biotechnology:

<http://www.industry.qld.gov.au/dsdweb/v4/apps/web/content.cfm?id=4963>

Regards,

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