



New Zealand House of Representatives
Te Whare Māngai o Aotearoa

Health Committee
Komiti Whiriwhiri Hauora

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Petition of Lisa Er: Halt the Gene Technology Bill and set up a Commission of Inquiry

The Health Committee has considered the petition of Lisa Er, which was presented to the House on 16 July 2025 by Hon Dr Deborah Russell and transferred to us on 12 September 2025. The petition was signed by 6,058 people, and requests:

That the House of Representatives halt the progress of the Gene Technology Bill and instead set up a Commission of Inquiry into the health and safety of people and the environment on behalf of citizens, to allow time for wider community and stakeholder consultation.

This committee has been considering the Gene Technology Bill, and we received a written submission from the petitioner on the bill. We also met with the petitioner for a hearing on the bill. We thank Ms Er for her petition and her contribution to our consideration. We have provided the petitioner with a copy of our report on the bill.

We have no further matters to bring to the attention of the House. We recommend that the House take note of our report.

Presented to the House of Representatives
by Sam Uffindell, Chairperson