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Moves to block gene patents

The debate on banning gene patents has escalated with Senators Helen Coonan, Bill Heffernan, Rachel Siewert and Nick Xenophon advancing bills in both Houses. If progressed in its current form, the Bill introduced to the Senate on 24 November would have far-reaching and unintended consequences across the bio-tech industry and could affect the food and grocery manufacturing sector. AFGC will be working with AusBiotech and CropLife Australia to determine the potential impacts of the Bill and seek to develop a consistent industry position in any opportunity to make submissions to the Senate. Member companies are invited to provide comments to Kim.Leighton@afgc.org.au about potential impacts this Bill might have on their business.