



Media invitation to the AusBiotech briefing

The gene patent debate: the rest of the story

A proposed Bill in the Senate is threatening scientific research sustained by patents – on all biological materials. Experts in patent law, medical research and the biotechnology industry will present the side of the debate that is not being given enough attention and demonstrate why the Bill does not serve the interests of patients, researchers or industry.

If this Bill becomes law, Australians will be denied the improved access to health care that stimulated the debate in the first place.

- Industry perspective and overview: **Dr Anna Lavelle**, CEO of AusBiotech - "AusBiotech's campaign to reject the Bill"
- Legal perspective: **Ms Amanda Stark**, Principal at Griffith Hack - "Gene patents - what is all the fuss about?"
- Research perspective: **Dr Julian Clark**, Head of Business Development at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute - "Do patents hinder research? A practical perspective."

Friday 11 February 2011

3.00 – 6.00pm

Walter and Eliza Hall Institute
Level 7, 1G Royal Parade, Parkville VIC 3052

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