

# Healthy Food Partnership Executive Committee

## Communiqué

### 14 February 2020 - Meeting 11

The Australian Government, food industry bodies and public health groups met today to progress the work of the Healthy Food Partnership, a joint collaboration that supports and encourages Australians to eat well and live healthier lives.

The Partnership is chaired by Senator the Hon Richard Colbeck and comprises representatives from ALDI, the Australian Food and Grocery Council, Ausveg, Coles, Dairy Australia, Dietitians Association of Australia, Food Standards Australia New Zealand, Meat and Livestock Australia, Metcash, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Public Health Association of Australia, the Quick Service Restaurant Forum, Restaurant and Catering Industry Association, Woolworths and the Department of Health.

A key outcome of this meeting was the endorsement of the first wave of reformulation targets that will form the Partnership's Reformulation Program. The implementation of these reformulation targets will assist to reduce population level consumption of sodium and saturated fat and help all Australians to eat in a way that better aligns with the Australian Dietary Guidelines. A second wave of reformulation targets is expected to follow in mid 2020.

The meeting also received an update on work to implement consistent portion size terminology and new work on an Industry Best Practice Guide for Serving Sizes working group. This work is aiming to better align portion sizes to those identified in the Australian Dietary Guidelines.

The Partnership also discussed the potential for future work on Australia's food culture as a means for improving health. It was noted there was related work underway amongst a number of partners in the group. It was noted this was a complex issue for which good evidence is needed and it was agreed an initial activity would be to assemble an overview of work underway and evidence available.

Minister Colbeck acknowledged the importance of the Partnership's work, and efforts of food industry and public health groups on nutrient reformulation, portion size and community awareness activities. Further information about work plans and membership of the working groups is available online at [www.health.gov.au/healthyfoodpartnership](http://www.health.gov.au/healthyfoodpartnership).