

Healthy Food Partnership Executive Committee Communiqué

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The Australian Government, food industry bodies and public health groups met today to progress the work of the Healthy Food Partnership (the 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 Australia, Food Standards Australia New Zealand, Meat and Livestock Australia, Metcash, National Heart Foundation of Australia, Public Health Association of Australia, Restaurant and Catering Industry Association, Woolworths and the Australian Government Department of Health.

The meeting received an update on the outcomes of the public consultation for the Industry Best Practice Guide for Serving Sizes (the Guide). 27 submissions were received from a broad range of industry sectors (retail and food service) and public health groups. Members expressed their appreciation to the individuals and organisations that took time to provide detailed feedback on the recommended serving sizes and draft guidance. Submissions will be considered by the Industry Best Practice Guide Working Group as they refine and finalise the Guide.

The Partnership noted work from the Australia and New Zealand Ministerial Forum on Food Regulation (the Forum) in the areas of Menu Board Labelling, food composition policy options and unhealthy food and beverage advertising to children.

Members were updated on the newly established reference group, Foods for Early Childhood Reference Group, including noting the agreed Terms of Reference and that the scope of the workplan is under development.

Members received an update on the implementation of the Partnership Reformulation Program and proposed communication activities.

Members were updated on the invitation to participate on the Food Culture Working Group and noted this work will be delayed until next year in recognition of all the Partnership work currently underway.

Minister Colbeck acknowledged the importance of the Partnership's work, and efforts of food industry and public health groups on food reformulation, serving size and community awareness activities. The Partnership acknowledged the impact of COVID-19 on all stakeholders.

Further information about work areas and membership of the working and reference groups is available online at <https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/healthy-food-partnership>.