National Obesity Strategy 2022 – 2032 Annex

Summary of evidence type and source for example actions

A breadth of evidence informed the individual strategies and examples of actions of the National Obesity Strategy (NOS). A summary of the evidence sources is outlined in the table below. Further information on each evidence type follows.

Most strategies/examples of action have more than one source of evidence. For the practice review, there are usually multiples sources of evidence considered, but these have not been listed individually, as they were considered collectively in the thematic analysis.

	Evidence type	Evidence Source and coding	
Q	Systematic review evidence (best buys/promising	ER1	Evidence review 1: population interventions for healthy weight
	interventions)	ER2	Evidence review 2: social/commercial determinants of healthy weight
	Authoritative recommendations	PR	Practice review
•	Consultation outcomes	SI	Select Senate Inquiry into Obesity
T	(community identified need)	os	National Obesity Summit
		NC	National consultation

STRATEGY AND EXAMPLE ACTIONS	EVIDENCE TYPE	EVIDENCE SOURCE		
AMBITION 1: CREATING SUPPORTIVE AND HEALTHY	ENVIRONME	NTS		
Strategy 1.1 Build a healthier food system that favours the production, processing and distribution of healthy food and drinks.				
Assess the health impacts and other co-benefits of economic	Q	ER2		
policy, including international trade and investment agreements, where relevant, to influence and support a healthier food and drinks supply chain.		PR		
Fund and encourage innovation to shift industries towards healthy food uses and/or new non-food markets.		PR		
Treating food does drid/of frew horr food markets.	Ť	NC		
Strategy 1.2 Make sustainable healthy food and drinks i	more locally	accessible.		
Ensure that land use planning schemes protect high-quality	Q	ER2		
agricultural land in and around urban areas and on the rural- urban fringe.	Ť	NC		
Increase access to local healthy food and drinks in residential	Q	ER2		
communities through land use planning and policy (e.g., fewer fast food outlets around schools and community services, but smaller healthy food businesses; and establish local agriculture initiatives such as farmers' markets, community gardens, home gardens).	Ť	NC		
Support community-led approaches to increase sustainable access to healthier foods, traditional bush foods and food	Q	ER2		
sharing networks by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, especially those living in remote communities and outstations.	†	NC		

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Consider and embed sustainable changes to food distribution systems to enable reliable provision of safe nutritious food for all	Q.	PR		
Australians.		NC DD		
Provide health advice on local and state development policies, plans and proposals.		PR		
Ensure sufficient access to high quality, safe and palatable drinking water.	†	NC		
Strategy 1.3 Explore and implement use of economic to purchases towards healthier food and drink options.	ols to shift c	onsumer		
Investigate economic and investment policies to make farming,	Q	ER2		
production, and manufacturing of healthy food and drinks—like fresh fruit and vegetables—attractive.		PR		
mesh mult and vegetables—attractive.	☆	os		
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Utilise financial incentives to encourage the consumption of	ä	ER1		
basic healthy foods (for example, fruit and vegetables, meat, eggs, bread, some dairy products, other basic items).		PR		
Consider policy approaches that use price to reduce	Q	ER1		
consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages while minimising impacts on disadvantaged populations.	Q	ER2		
pacte on alcouramoget populations.		PR		
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		NC		
Consider policy approaches that use price to reduce consumption of alcoholic beverages, potentially through a uniform volumetric tax and/or a floor price.	0 0 1 1	ER1		
	<u>a</u>	ER2		
		PR		
	Ť	NC		
Review and implement relevant evidence-based	Q	ER1		
recommendations of the House Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs Inquiry into Food Pricing and Food Security in	į	PR		
Remote Indigenous Communities.	lacktriangle	NC		
Build partnerships with supermarket chains and remote stores to	Q	ER1		
encourage stocking affordable healthier food and drinks in regional, rural and remote areas and communities experiencing	ζ.	ER2		
disadvantage.	■	PR		
		SI		
	1	NC		
Strategy 1.4 Make processed food and drinks healthier.				
Work in partnership with industry to establish, monitor and	Q	ER1		
strengthen reformulation targets for food and drink manufacturers, retailers and caterers.	Q	ER2		
	Q 1	PR		
	1	OS		
Through the food regulation system, consider other innovative policy or regulations to support healthy food and drink choices,	Q	ER1 ER2		

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for example, labelling, and compositional limits for added sugar, salt, saturated fat and/or trans-fat that can be used in certain foods and drinks, including for babies and toddlers.	₽	PR NC
Improve the nutrient profile of unhealthy food and drinks through using vegetables, legumes or wholegrain cereals in food service and retail settings.		PR
Reduce serving sizes of unhealthy food and drinks in food service and retail settings, particularly items designed for children.		PR
Strategy 1.5 Improve nutrition information to help cons choices at the time of purchase.	umers make	healthier
Continue to improve the Health Star Rating system including	Q	ER1
stronger implementation, the potential for mandating the system if targets are not met, and alignment with Australian Dietary	ď	ER2
Guidelines and Nutrient Reference Values.		PR
	Ť	SI
	∱	NC
Consider other policies or regulations to provide nutrition	QQ₽·♠·♠ QQ₽·	ER1
information that support people to make healthier food and drink choices (such as prominent advisory labels for unhealthy	Q	ER2
ingredients such as added sugar, salt, saturated and/or trans		PR
fats, alcohol).	∱	SI
	Ť	os
Work with supermarkets and food retailers to increase the	Q	ER1
prominence, promotion and availability of healthy food and	Q	ER2
drinks in food retail, consistent with the Australian Dietary Guidelines, including removing shelf-space allocation differences	F	PR
between socio-economic areas.	Ť	SI
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Adopt consistent national regulation for businesses through the	Q	ER1
food regulation system to display energy content (kilojoules) of	Q	ER2
standardised ready-to-eat-food on menus and at point of sale.	α α ≅ .	PR
	<u> </u>	SI
Strategy 1.6 Reduce exposure to unhealthy food and drand sponsorship especially for children.	ink marketin	g, promotion
Children		
Consider policies to reduce the exposure of unhealthy food and	Q	ER1
drink advertising across all audio-visual media.	Q	ER2
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Reduce unhealthy food and drink advertising, branding and	ä	ER1
sponsorship in places visited by large numbers of people,	Q	ER2

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especially children (like vending machines, supermarket checkouts and aisles, entertainment and sporting venues).		PR
	Ť	NC
Implement policies that further protect infants and families from	ä	ER1
the excess availability and marketing of breast milk substitutes, toddler milks and follow-on formulas, including reviewing	Q	ER2
regulatory arrangements for restricting the marketing of	Þ	PR
breastmilk substitutes.	<u> </u>	NC
Restrict promotions of unhealthy food and drinks when using devices that appeal to children like toys and games.		PR NC
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Whole Population		
Reduce unhealthy food and drink marketing on publicly owned or managed settings (like public transport infrastructure) and	Q	ER1 ER2
promote healthy lifestyles instead.		PR
Reduce unhealthy food and drink sponsorship and marketing at	Q	ER1
local and major sporting and community events.	a a	ER2
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Explore options for restricting temporary price reductions and promotions (e.g., half-price, multi-buys, upsizing) on unhealthy food and drinks.	Q	ER1
Introduce user controls (including parental controls) to limit exposure to digital advertising (including social media) of unhealthy food and drinks.		PR
Work with supermarket chains to prevent the targeting of		PR
advertising and promotion of unhealthy food and drinks to more- at risk people and communities, currently done through differential advertising and promotions between socioeconomic areas.	Ť	NC
Strategy 1.7 Build more connected and safe community of all ages, abilities and cultures to engage in regular p		
Improve land use planning and policy coordination to give all	Q	ER1
people can better access natural environments, public open space and active transport networks	Q	ER2
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Invest more in public transport infrastructure and services,		ER2
including after-hours, so using public transport is more		PR
convenient, safe and sustainable	<u></u>	os
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Increase investment in cities and neighbourhoods that prioritise	Q	ER1
access for pedestrians of all ages and abilities. This includes	ã	ER2
supporting safe, shaded, connected and well-maintained pathways, and slower posted speed limits, including in-fill developments and large-scale urban renewal projects.		PR

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	†	NC
Build, maintain and extend safer, segregated networks of	Q	ER1
pathways and amenities for bicycle riders and other non- motorised forms of transport (such as skateboards, scooters and	Q	ER2
wheelchairs) in cities and neighbourhoods, especially around		PR
schools.	Ť	os
		NC
Conserve and develop open spaces, green networks, recreation	Q	ER1
trails and ecologically diverse natural environments that enable active interaction with nature, making sure they are accessible	ġ	ER2
for all abilities and ages.	T	NC
Develop, maintain and extend infrastructure in all communities that grows participation in sport and active recreation, to enable	Q	ER2
individuals and families to be active together.		PR
Provide health advice on local and state development policies, plans and proposals.		PR
Strategy 1.8 Grow participation in walking, cycling, publ recreation and sport by minimising cost and access bar		, active
Promote and support safe active travel for adults and children	Q	ER1
(for example, through integrated land use planning and transport policy, accessible change rooms and free end-of-trip facilities,	<u>Q</u>	ER2
participation incentives, reduced car registration for bicycle		PR
commuters).	Ť	OS
	<u>†</u>	NC
Offer free or low-cost physical activity and free use of active	ġ.	ER1
recreation opportunities, including access to natural environments and after-hours use of public, school sport and recreation facilities.	Ť	NC
Use subsidies, vouchers and other financial incentives and		PR
design programs to help increase participation in sport and active recreation, particularly for priority groups (for example, low-income individuals and families, new migrants, people who are inactive, people with disability, people in rural and remote areas).	Ť	NC
Explore existing fiscal policies to ensure they appropriately	þ	PR
incentivise active travel and public transport use.	^	NC
Make recreation and sports facilities more available, of higher quality, and accessible to all ages and abilities (e.g., through rental equipment, children practice/parent train programs)		PR
Implement more regular and free physical activity initiatives and events for the community that promote mass participation in physical activities. These should be fun, inclusive and appropriate and held in accessible spaces, with a focus on those least likely to participate.	B	PR
Connect people with appropriate and inclusive physical activities		PR
and providers/organisations in their community who deliver these activities, focusing on priority groups and key life	Ť	OS

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transitions points (e.g., leaving school, starting a family, retirement).	Ť	NC
Strategy 1.9 Build the capacity and sustainability of the industry.	sport and ac	ctive recreation
Consider additional fiscal policy options to improve viability of		PR
community sport and active recreation clubs and organisations (for example, providing subsidies, incentives and equipment, and reducing rental, insurance and utilities costs).	Ť	NC
Enable the sport and active recreation industry to innovate their		PR
use of existing facilities and infrastructure to increase physical activity participation, catering for all ages, abilities and family status.	Ť	NC
Boost the viability and sustainability of the sport and active recreation industry by improving economies of scale to reduce operating costs for clubs and organisations. Implement shared service models for administration functions (such as finance, human resources, legal, communications) and ensure opportunities to share resources (such as playing fields, equipment, gyms, clubhouses).		PR
Invest in the growth and development of coaches and trainers to ensure safe and inclusive cultures and environments and to increase enjoyment and lifelong participation in physical activity of participants.		PR
Support the growth and development of sport and physical activity events and tourism activities that promote healthy lifestyles and that are commercially viable, particularly in rural and regional communities.		PR
Strategy 1.10 Enable school and early childhood educat better support children and young people to be healthie		settings to
Establish effective shared leadership across education and	<u>Q</u>	ER1
health and build professional knowledge and skills to embed physical activity, healthy eating, and wellbeing across the		PR
learning and education environment.	<u> </u>	NC
Embed healthy eating, physical activity, and wellbeing into early childhood and school curriculum design and delivery, aligned	Q	ER1
with national guidelines.	\simeq	ER2
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Establish whole-of-school/facility policies and practices to support healthy behaviours and skills (for example, incorporating	¥	ER1
movement across the day and reducing sitting, healthy school		PR
canteens and childcare menus, healthy fundraising).		OS
	Ť	NC
Build family and community partnerships within and beyond	<u>↑</u>	ER1
school and early childhood education and care communities to	Q	ER2
support learning outcomes and deliver programs like healthy breakfast, active play, safe active travel.		PR
Create safe and inclusive physical environments and	Qq	ER1
infrastructure to support healthy behaviours and skills (like	Q	ER2
community kitchens, food gardens, active play areas).		PR

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Provide after-hours use of school facilities to expand available,	Q	ER1		
accessible, and affordable physical activity options and destinations for families and communities.		PR		
Strategy 1.11 Enable workplaces to better support the hemployees.	ealth and we	ellbeing of their		
Offer flexible work options to reduce travel time, freeing up time		PR		
for meal planning and preparation, family time and physical activity	T	NC		
Adopt best-practice breastfeeding policies and practices (for		PR		
example, facilities, maternity/parental leave, flexible work times for breastfeeding).	₽	NC		
Create physical environments and policies that encourage and		PR		
prioritise physical activity, support active travel, reduce sedentary behaviour and stress.		NC		
Increase access to healthy food and drinks and limit access to,	à	PR		
or remove, unhealthy food and drinks (for example, in catering, vending machines, cafes, canteens).	<u></u>	NC		
Design buildings and facilities that support and encourage		PR		
healthy behaviours (like stairs, kitchen facilities, end-of-trip facilities, height adjustable desks, breastfeeding facilities).	₽	NC		
Increase access to evidence-based non-discriminatory programs	<u> </u>	PR		
and information to support healthy eating, physical activity, and healthy weight.	Ť	NC		
Strategy 1.12 Enable government agencies and other or health and wellbeing of citizens and customers.	ganisations	to support		
Require that policies and practices across settings include	Q	ER1		
healthy and local food and drink procurement, and that they provide cater, fundraise for and prepare healthier foods,	Ė	PR		
especially in government institutions	P	OS		
	Ť	NC		
Ensure tertiary and training institutions provide safe, affordable	þ	PR		
and appropriate sport and active recreation amenities, with more health food and drink options in catering, food service and vending machines.	Ť	NC		
Provide training and support so people have the skills and confidence to prepare and provide healthy appropriate food and	Ť	NC		
drinks that are enjoyed in community and care settings, like				
aged care and supported living accommodation.				
AMBITION 2: EMPOWERING PEOPLE TO STAY HEALTH				
Strategy 2.1 Improve people's knowledge, skills and confidence to lead active lives and to buy, prepare and enjoy healthy food and drinks.				
Provide engaging information, education, and skill-building initiatives, including online, that promote and align with the	Q	ER1		
Australian guidelines for healthy eating, alcohol, physical activity,		PR		
sedentary behaviour and sleep, with further tailoring of messages and information for priority groups and life stages.	B i ♠	NC		
Regularly update and widely promote Australian guidelines for		PR		
healthy eating, physical activity, sedentary behaviour and sleep guidelines, ensuring they remain based on scientific evidence (including environmental sustainability research), and are free	i i	SI		
from vested influence.				

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Strategy 2.2 Use social marketing to foster healthy social and cultural norms, reduce weight stigma and help people make healthy choices.				
ver ongoing evidence-informed social marketing, including	Q	ER1		
mass media campaigns, integrated with local actions and tailoring of messages for priority groups.	Ė	PR		
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Partner with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples,	Q	ER1		
community-controlled organisations and communities to develop and deliver culturally safe and responsive social marketing.	ġ.	ER2		
and deliver candrany sais and respondive seein marketing.	Ţ	SI		
	Ť	NC		
Invest in communication campaigns that promote the health, social, economic and environmental co-benefits of physical activity, especially active travel, and of minimally processed foods.		PR		
Harness major sporting events over the next decade to promote lifelong participation in sport and living a healthy lifestyle.	Ť	NC		
Strategy 2.3 Enable parents, carers and families to optim development and lifelong healthy habits for children and				
Embed support for healthy eating, sleeping and physical activity	Q	ER1		
into standard maternal health service practice (before, during and after pregnancy). This should include targeted and sensitive	Q	ER2		
approaches during pre-conception for prospective parents who	₽	PR		
are, or are at risk of becoming, overweight or obese, and for women with diabetes in pregnancy, especially those from priority groups.	n	OS		
Strengthen and provide healthy eating, sleeping and physical	σα	ER1		
activity guidance and support for parents after birth, as they transition and adjust to their new roles.	<u>a</u>	ER2		
		PR		
Support women to breastfeed, and continue to breastfeed, by	Q	ER1		
implementing the Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy: 2019 and Beyond.		PR		
2010 and Beyond.	À	NC		
Support parents, carers and families to give their infants,	ä	ER1		
children and adolescents healthy food and drinks (for example,	Q	ER2		
appropriate nutrition when introducing solids, responsive feeding, food portion size), encourage movement (for example,		PR		
limit screen time, motor skill development, regular physical	Ť	os		
activity) and sufficient sleep.		NC		
Encourage and support parents, carers and families to positively influence children's physical activity levels through role modelling and co-participation (in active recreation, active transport, active living) and restricting screen time.	Ť	NC		

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Strategy 2.4 Engage and support young people to embe they transition to adulthood.	Strategy 2.4 Engage and support young people to embed healthy behaviours as they transition to adulthood.				
Partner with young people to develop appropriate peer and community-based social supports to enhance and support their physical activity, healthy eating, sleep and wellbeing.	α•	ER2 OS			
Invest in low or no cost approaches to provide cooking skills and education to young people with a focus on low-income groups.	<u>"</u>	NC			
Develop and implement targeted and inclusive ways to support young people to continue participating in physical activity and sport through high school and the transition to work or further study.	Ť	NC			
Ensure consultation and co-design with different age groups and diverse communities of young people and young adults (such as those based in rural and remote areas, living with disabilities and LGBTIQA+, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander, refugee and migrant communities) about new activities and facilities in their local public spaces, with plans designed to be inclusive, be age, gender and culturally appropriate, and meet the local community preferences.	Ϋ́	NC			
Strategy 2.5 Engage and support local communities and and lead their own healthy eating and physical activity i		ons to develop			
Support community-led active living and healthy eating initiatives that build skills, are relevant for various interests, ages, and	ď	ER1			
abilities, engage local communities and organisations, and build	Q	ER2			
social cohesion.		PR			
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	T	NC			
Support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, communities and community-controlled organisations to lead	ġ.	ER2			
decision-making, planning, design, evaluation and implementation of locally responsive, accessible and culturally appropriate preventive health actions.	T	NC			
Invest more in community initiatives that encourage leadership,	Q	ER1			
promote self-determination, drive innovation, and support cooperation to create community places and spaces that	Q	ER2			
promote good health.	Ė	PR			
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Support diverse local leaders to 'champion' healthy eating and	<u></u>	OS			
physical activity initiatives and events in their communities, supported by a nationwide knowledge network and learning community.	n	NC			
Strategy 2.6 Enable and empower priority populations to have the same opportunities as others.					
Explore mechanisms to ensure that the incomes of those	Q	ER2			
experiencing economic disadvantage meet the real cost of healthy living.	Ť	NC			

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Work with education sector partners to investigate and	Ģ	ER2
mplement appropriate self-determined policy and community-led options to increase attendance and retention of students until	Q. ↑	SI
Year 12.	1	NC
Apply a health lens to all policy through ongoing, cross-sectoral partnerships, led by the health sector, at all levels of governments, to address the determinants of health.	Ê	PR
Develop a national policy document to address food security in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities and other priority populations.	B	PR
Build on existing affordable housing initiatives to improve community and household amenity (including reducing overcrowding, improving household food preparation and storage facilities).	Ϋ́	NC
AMBITION 3: ACCESS TO EARLY INTERVENTION AND	SUPPORTIV	E CARE
Strategy 3.1 Enable access to primary health care, command health services.	munity-base	d practitioners
Promote and enable access to healthy lifestyle and weight	Q	ER1
management services at critical times, such as diabetes management, pre-and post-natal care for parents, and children	li ♠	PR
as they develop.	1	NC
Embed person-centred approaches to health care so people are empowered to get support, and systems can respond to their	à	PR
specific needs and preferences.	<u> </u>	NC
Provide access to local programs, routinely measuring body mass index (BMI), talking to patients about supports for healthy		PR
eating, physical activity and weight loss treatments that are inclusive, equitably available, evidence-based and designed with local communities to meet local needs.	T	NC
Increase availability and equitable access to culturally	È	PR
appropriate family-focused programs that support healthy lifestyles and/or weight management for children and young people.	Ť	NC
Ensure early intervention services do consider various delivery modes (including telehealth and other digital technology) that are affordable and accessible for all, regardless of age, where they live, cultural background or income.	Ť	NC
Create new standards for healthy eating, physical activity and weight management programs to establish a consistent expectation for consumers about evidence-based programs.	Ϋ́	NC
Embed information and advice in routine clinical practice (including maternal and child health, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health, aged care, cardiac rehabilitation and oral health services) and programs (for example integrated care, chronic disease management and Quitline).	Ť	NC
Strategy 3.2 Improve uptake of integrated models of car that focus on the individual.	e and referra	al pathways
Update the 2013 National Health and Medical Research		PR
Council's Clinical practice guidelines for managing overweight and obesity in adults, adolescents and children.	Ϋ́	NC

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Enable practitioners, primary health networks (PHNs) and health services to embed prevention and optimal care into everyday practice including supporting healthy lifestyle changes, and health and social outcomes, in addition to weight management, with clear referral pathways to services and support, including specialist services.	ì	PR NC
Improve the functionality of existing jurisdictional digital health infrastructure - such as the National Health Services Directory and clinical information management systems - to improve health and other professional referral pathways and people's access to appropriate local services and programs.	Ť	NC
Provide access to effective psychosocial and social support (such as counselling, cognitive behaviour therapies, non-government services).	Ť	NC
Improve integration and uptake of existing and complementary care plans, such as GP chronic disease management, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander 715 health assessment, mental health and National Disability Insurance Scheme plans.	† †	NC OS
Develop guidance and tools to support health professionals to ask, assess, advise, assist and arrange support and services.	i i	PR NC
Investigate potential for peer support and impacts on health and wellbeing.	Ť	NC
Ensure that those with severe or refractory obesity have access to specialist obesity management services that provide the full range of treatment options.	Ϋ́	NC
Strategy 3.3 Addressing and treating unhealthy weight stigma.	while preven	ting weight
Develop a national framework to provide clear guidance to facilitate equitable access to the full range of proven interventions and specialist obesity treatment and management services, including bariatric surgery and very low calorie diets.	Ϋ́	NC
Improve equitable access to TGA-approved obesity medications and treatment interventions.	Ϋ́	NC
Support health professionals to develop comprehensive obesity management plans that take into consideration of mobility issues, comorbidities, age and financial circumstance.	Ϋ́	NC
Build the evidence base for effective obesity interventions, including behavioural, surgical and pharmacotherapy interventions.	Q B	ER1 PR
Strategy 3.4 Support health, social and other care providiscussion about weight.	ders to enab	le positive
Strengthen pre-service and existing training and professional	B	PR
development opportunities for health, social and other care professionals through: o building understanding of the multiple causes of obesity and the systemic barriers that perpetuate inequity skill development in shared decision making and discussing weight without judgement.		SI OS
Build cultural competency and skills of medical, health, social and other care providers, to empower people, be responsive to		PR
their diverse needs and strengths, and consider the systemic barriers that create inequity.	↑	SI NC

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Develop and/or update codes of practice for obesity prevention and management for relevant professional groups.	Ť	NC
Strategy 3.5 Strengthen the confidence and competence workforce to prioritise the prevention of obesity.	e of the healt	h care
Support the health care workforce to better identify unhealthy	Q	ER1
weight gain early so they can provide appropriate early intervention, opportunistic engagement and support without		PR
judgement. This would need special focus on life transition	Ť	SI
points often associated with weight gain and for people from atrisk population groups.	•	OS
nsk population groups.	Ť	NC
Develop a medical toolkit to assist health professionals to address the key barriers to discussing, supporting and treating overweight and obesity.	<u></u>	NC
Build the health care workforce capacity to support healthy	B	PR
eating, physical activity and sleep for all patient/clients, regardless of weight status, through education, training, professional networks and quality improvement programs.	<u> </u>	SI
		NC
Enable the health care workforce to effectively prevent weight-	È	PR
related complications and manage any co-morbidities.		SI
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ENABLERS		
	EVIDENCE TYPE	EVIDENCE SOURCE
Enabler 1: Lead the way	ITPE	SOURCE
Enabler 1.1: Consider and act on opportunities to drive a	<u> </u>	OS
collaborative approach for obesity prevention, aligning with national prevention accountability mechanisms emerging from policy reforms including health care reform and the National Preventive Health Strategy.	†	NC
Enabler 1.2: Build and sustain a collective commitment to strong	Q	ER2
and relevant multi-sector obesity prevention and health equity efforts.		PR
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Enabler 1.3: Foster inclusive participatory processes at all levels	Q	ER2
(including organisational governance), so a diversity of people with varied circumstances, experience and insights inform and co-develop actions.	Q †	NC
Enabler 1.4: Create genuine partnerships where people and the community lead, co-develop and deliver responsive solutions	Q	ER2
that embed the right to self-determination and autonomy.		PR
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Enabler 1.5: Protect policy decisions from vested interest and conflict of interest, whilst strengthening implementation partnerships with industry and business partners. Where possible, jurisdictions will establish high level agreement and/or processes to harmonise state and territory regulatory approaches.		PR
Enabler 2: Use evidence and data more effectively		
 Enabler 2.1: Invest in and build national coordination capacity for sustained data collection, shared data systems, and regular population monitoring and surveillance, including for priority population groups and critical life stages. This should include measures for: height and weight food and drink consumption and nutrient intake food security health literacy physical activity, sedentary behaviour and travel patterns healthy places, including built and natural environments (such as local communities, schools, early childhood education centres, workplaces) food system changes macroeconomic and sociocultural values relating to obesity, physical activity, and healthy eating wider political, commercial, cultural and environmental 	Q. †	PR NC
determinants of obesity. Enabler 2.2: Better measure and record regular child growth monitoring (including Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children) and adult weight status over time. This includes investigating options to better access existing jurisdictional data on weight status (state/territory, national) and opportunities to use these data for clinical practice improvement activities across settings.		ER1 PR SI NC

Enabler 2.3: Better use descriptive and predictive data analytics to unlock the potential of existing data and information and strengthen capabilities to gain critical insights that inform decision making, system integration and continuous improvement.	☆ NC
Enabler 2.4: Establish a systematic approach to the	■ PR
prioritisation of obesity prevention research and evaluation to	
address key knowledge gaps, including economic analyses.	☆ NC
Enabler 2.5: Access funding to evaluate promising and more innovative actions to grow the evidence base and to support the translation of evidence into action.	₽ R
Enabler 2.6: Share outcomes and lessons of effective and emerging actions to inform decision making and action, share knowledge, and build connections between consumers, communities, stakeholders, and the health, social sciences, and environmental sectors.	₽R
Enabler 3: Invest for delivery	
Enabler 3.1: Explore new funding mechanisms to invest more in	₽ R
delivering sustainable actions for primordial and primary	SI
prevention of obesity, at an appropriate scale through the	Ť .
National Preventive Health Strategy processes which aim to	os os
achieve 5% of total health expenditure for preventive health.	PR SI OS NC ER1 ER2 PR NC
Enabler 3.2: Explore opportunities for funding to support primary	Q ER1
and public health systems to identify and manage overweight	Q ER2
and obesity, including MBS rebates and alternative funding	
models through the National Health Care Reform Agreement.	■ PR
	↑ NC
Enabler 3.3: Investigate ways of shifting economic policies, subsidies, investment and taxation systems to benefit healthy eating and active living, positive health outcomes, communities and the environment more strongly.	PR PR
Enabler 3.4: Empower and strengthen a skilled workforce,	₽ R
including those working with priority populations, to lead, collaborate and integrate obesity prevention and health equity efforts to support healthy weight and generate benefits across sectors.	nc NC
Enabler 3.5: Strengthen professional development and	₽ R
vocational and tertiary training in all relevant sectors to build	■ NC
understanding of prevention, cultural safety and competency and mental wellbeing (including reducing weight stigma, blame, racism and discrimination).	1
Enabler 3.6: Strengthen the Aboriginal and Torres Strait	₽ PR
Islander workforce to focus effort towards achieving health	PR ♣ NC
equity and contributing to a culturally-safe service and support	↑ INC
system. This will empower communities to take the lead and	-
partner in the delivery of solutions to increase healthy food and drink options, including access and availability, and to increase physical activity opportunities.	

Further detail of the three evidence source types and coding

1. Systematic Review Evidence

Two evidence reviews were commissioned by Queensland Health, and brokered by Sax Institute. The reviews identified best buys and promising actions from the latest systematic review evidence.

Evidence Review 1 Population-level strategies to support healthy weight

Evidence Review 2 Addressing social and commercial determinants of healthy weight

Evidence Review 1 (ER1) was led by Associate Professor Gary Sacks and colleagues from the Deakin University and Evidence Review 2 (ER2) lead by Professor Sharon Friel from the Australian National University. The ER1 analysis was underpinned by the recommendations from the 2016 World Health Organization (WHO) Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity (ECHO) report. The recommendations of this WHO report built a detailed evidence synthesis and conducted extensive consultation with experts over two years (2014-2016), over 100 WHO member states and the broader community.

2. Practice Review

The practice review (PR) was a thematic review and qualitative analysis of healthy weight and social determinant of health approaches, recommendations, policies and strategies from authoritative reports, grey and other literature. The practice review was conducted by Queensland Health to identify best practice actions for consideration in the NOPS.

The review considered a broad range of literature (more than 100 documents), including endorsed reports, strategic plans and consensus documents by government authorities (at jurisdictional level – nationally and state/territory, international countries); respected national and international health agencies/coalitions (e.g., World Health Organisation, Australian Obesity Policy Coalition); some other sector strategic plans such as transport, agriculture and environment.

Documents considered in the practice review analysis are listed in **Appendix A**.

3. Consultation Outcomes

The views of approximately 2,750 individuals and organisations informed the development of the Strategy through a range of consultations starting mid-2018 and continuing through to November 2021 (**Appendix B**). Findings from the initial consultation are available online. The development of the Strategy was postponed in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

APPENDIX A

Practice Review – List of documents considered, by category

Australian Jurisdiction Strategies and Documents

National Association Clasics the Con	COAC Coalition of Aboriainal
National Agreement on Closing the Gap	COAG, Coalition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peak
	Organisations, Australian Local
N. d. Lilla Nil O. A	Government Association
National Health Care Agreement 2012	COAG
Australian National Breastfeeding Strategy: 2019 and	COAG Health Council
Beyond	
Healthy, Safe and Thriving: National Strategic	COAG Health Council
Framework for Child and Youth Health 2015	
The Fifth National Mental Health and Suicide	COAG Health Council
Prevention Plan 2017	
Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Priorities	Australian and New Zealand
2017-2021	Ministerial Forum on Food
	Regulation
National Strategic Framework for Chronic Conditions	Australian Government
2017	(Department of Health)
National Alcohol Strategy 2019-2028	Australian Government
National Aconol Strategy 2019-2020	(Department of Health)
Australian National Diphotos Stratogy 2016, 2020	Australian Government
Australian National Diabetes Strategy 2016-2020	
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National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Australian Government
Plan 2013-2023	(Department of Health)
National Food Waste Strategy	Australian Government
	(Department of Agriculture,
	Water and the Environment)
Australia's Strategy for Nature 2019-2030	Interjurisdictional Biodiversity
	Working Group for the Meeting of
	Environment Ministers
Sport 2030 – National Sports Plan	Australian Sports Commission
Australian Sports Commission Corporate Plan 2019-	Australian Sports Commission
2023	·
Australia: the Healthiest Country by 2020. National	National Preventive Health
Preventative Health Strategy – the roadmap for action	Taskforce
Treasuries Working Group on National Health Reform	Reform Directions (in draft – not
g : sq : said in the said in t	publicly available, sourced
	Intergovernmental Relations
	Unit)
National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Aboriginal and Torres Strait
Workforce Strategic Framework 2016-2023	Islander Health Workforce
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	Australian Health Ministers'
	Advisory Council)
Aboriginal Cultural Dognast in Tagmania's Hackle	,
Aboriginal Cultural Respect in Tasmania's Health	Tas Department of Health
Services – consultation report 2018	Too Donoutes out of the old
Healthy Tasmania – 5 year Strategic Plan (2016)	Tas Department of Health

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NSW Healthy Eating and Active Living Strategy: Preventing Overweight and Obesity in NSW 2013-	NSW Health
2018	
NT Health, Nutrition and Physical Activity 2015-2020	NT Department of Health
NT Child and Adolescent Health and Wellbeing	NT Department of Health
Strategic Plan 2018-2028	·
NT Chronic Conditions Prevention and Management	NT Department of Health
Strategy 2018-2028	·
Queensland Prevention Strategic Framework 2017-	QLD Department of Health
2026	·
Queensland Cycling Strategy 2017 - 2027	QLD Department of Transport
	and Main Roads
Queensland Walking Strategy 2019-2029	QLD Department of Transport
	and Main Roads
Activate! Queensland 2019-2029	QLD Department of Housing and
	Public Works
Growing for Queensland 2018	QLD Department of Agriculture
	and Fisheries
SA Public Health Plan 2019-2024	SA Health
Eat Well Be Active Strategy 2011-2016	SA Health
Game On: Getting South Australia moving	SA Office for Recreation, Sport
	and Racing
Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan 2015-2019	Vic Department of Health and
	Human Services
VicHealth Action Agenda for Health Promotion 2019-	Vic Department of Health and
2023	Human Services
Foundations for healthy futures – a proposed	Vic Department of Health and
response to rising obesity in Victoria. 2019	Human Services
WA Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2017-	WA Department of Health
2021	
WA Healthy Weight Action Plan 2019-2024	WA Department of Health
Towards Zero Growth – Healthy Weight Action Plan	ACT Health
2015	
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Consensus Documents – Australian, International

Tipping the Scales: Australian Obesity Prevention Consensus	Obesity Policy Coalition
Obesity Evidence Hub	Cancer Council Victoria, the Bupa Health Foundation and the Obesity Policy Coalition
Weighing In: Australia's growing obesity epidemic 2019	The Obesity Collective Australia
The Food System and Environmental Impacts: Policy Position Statement	Public Health Association of Australia
Prevention and Management of Overweight and Obesity in Australia. Policy Position Statement	Public Health Association of Australia
Communique 19-06-11 unhealthy marketing to children forum. PHAA 2019 Prevention Conference	Public Health Association of Australia
Toronto Charter for Physical Activity: a global call for action 2010	Global Advocacy Council for Physical Activity

Global Commitments and International Strategies

2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development	United Nations
Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN)	United Nations
Decade of Action on Nutrition 2016-2025	United Nations
Framework Convention on Climate Change	United Nations
International Covenant on Economic, Social and	United Nations
Cultural Rights	
The Heavy Burden of Obesity - the Economics of	Organisation for Economic Co-
Prevention 2019	operation and Development
Final Report of the Commission on Ending Childhood	World Health Organisation
Obesity 2016	Violia i lealar Organication
Ending Childhood Obesity – Implementation Plan	World Health Organisation
2017	VVolid Ficaliti Organisation
Population-based approaches to Childhood Obesity	World Health Organisation
Prevention 2012	World Ficaliti Organisation
Global Action Plan on Physical Activity 2018-2030	World Health Organisation
Global strategy on health, environment and climate	World Health Organisation
change 2020	vvonu rieaitii Organisation
Global Action Plan for the Prevention and Control of	World Hoolth Organization
	World Health Organisation
NCDs 2013-2020	World Hoolth Organisation
Global Strategy on Diet, Physical Activity and Health	World Health Organisation
2004	W 1111 19 0 : c
WHO Best Buys for NCD Prevention2017	World Health Organisation
Guidelines on physical activity, sedentary behaviour	World Health Organisation
and sleep for children under 5 years of age 2019	
The best start in life 2016 WHO background paper for	World Health Organisation
nutrition and weight management for NCD prevention	
pregnancy for your policy scan – Good maternal	
nutrition.	
Comprehensive Implementation Plan on Maternal,	World Health Organisation
Infant and Young Child Nutrition 2014	
Set of Recommendations on the marketing of food	World Health Organisation
and non-alcoholic beverages to children 2010	
Fiscal policies for diet and prevention of	World Health Organisation
noncommunicable diseases: technical meeting report,	
5-6 May 2015, Geneva, Switzerland	
Obesity and inequities. Guidance for addressing	WHO Europe
inequities in overweight and obesity. 2014	
WHO Europe Action Plan for Food and Nutrition	WHO Europe
Policy 2007-2012	
A Healthy city is an active city: a physical activity	WHO Europe
planning guide	
Evaluating implementation of the WHO set of	WHO Europe
recommendations on the marketing of foods and non-	
alcoholic beverages to children. Progress, challenges	
and guidance for next steps in the WHO European	
Region 2018	
WJP Regional Framework for unhealthy food and	WHO Region
drink marketing for children 2019	
INFORMAS Research	International Network for Food
	and Obesity/NCDs
INFORMAS Food Epi Tool	International Network for Food
·	and Obesity/NCDs
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NOURISHING Framework	World Cancer Research Fund
Driving Action to Prevent Cancer and Other Non-	World Cancer Research Fund
Communicable Diseases	
Foresight Report. Tackling Obesities: Future	UK Government Office for
Choices. Project Report 2 nd edition	Science

Other Countries/Regions

New Zealand Childhood Obesity Plan 2015
England Childhood Obesity: Plan for Action 2016
England Childhood Obesity: Plan for Action – Interim review of progress 2018
England Childhood obesity: a plan for action, Chapter 2, 2018
Healthy Weight Healthy Wales consultation document Jan to April 2019
A Healthier Future – Scotland Diet and Healthy Weight Delivery Plan 2018
A healthy weight for Ireland -Obesity Policy and Action Plan 2016-2025
Northern Ireland - Fitter future for all Obesity Framework 2012-2022
Obesity Plan of Action – Child – Americas 2015
EU Action Plan on Childhood Obesity 2014-2020
EU Food and Nutrition Action Plan 2015-2020
Denmark Obesity Prevention Programme 2012-2018
Denmark National Action Plan Against Obesity - Recommendations and Perspectives
2003
Obesity in Canada – whole of society approach report (2016 – 21 recommendations)
USA Accelerating progress in obesity prevention: solving the weight of the nation. 2012
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USA Health communities – what local governments can do to reduce obesity
USA - Healthy Communities: What local governments can do to reduce and prevent
obesity. Centres for Disease Control
Using evidence-informed policies to tackle overweight and obesity in Chile (in Pan Am JPH
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Food in the Anthropocene: The EAT-Lancet Commission on healthy diets from sustainable food systems. Five Strategies for a Great Food Transformation	EAT-Lancet Commission
Climate Change and Land: An IPCC Special Report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems. Summary for Policy Makers 2019	
Connecting food systems for co-benefits: How can food systems combine diet-related health with environmental and economic policy goals? Policy Brief 31. 2018	World Health Organization (European Observatory on Health Systems and Policies). Authors Parsons K and Hawkes C
Report on food pricing and food security in remote Indigenous communities 2020	House of Representatives Standing Committee on Indigenous Affairs
Scoping study – National Nutrition Policy for Australia 2013	Queensland University of Technology (for the Australian Government Department of Health)
TWI2050 - The World in 2050. Transformations to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals	World in 2050 initiative - International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis
42 policies and actions to orient food systems towards healthier diets for all. London: Centre for Food Policy, City, University of London 2020	Hawkes, C., Walton, S., Haddad, L., Fanzon, J.
Health inequalities: What are they? How do we reduce them?	NHS Health Scotland
Transformation is feasible: How to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals within Planetary Boundaries 2018	Stockholm Resilience Centre
Blueprint for an Active Australia (third edition) 2019	National Heart Foundation of Australia
A system of prevention: Applying a systems approach to public health 2019	Health Promotion Practice 20(40):476-482 Sims J and Aboelata MJ)
System of Prevention	Prevention Institute
Health System Leadership: a key component of a system of prevention	Prevention Institute
Systematic Review -proximal, intermediate and distal outcomes – efficacy of population wide diabetes and obesity prevention programs (meta-analysis of impact on BMI) 2008	Obesity Reviews Journal (Sacks G, Swinburne B and Lawrence M)
Snodgrass, Guest, Kable, James, Ashby, Plotnikoff, Collins. 2016 Weight management advice for clients with overweight and obesity: allied health professional survey.	HEALTHCARE (Basel). Journal
Investments that work for physical activity 2011	Global Advocacy Council for Physical Activity
Getting Australia Active 3 - a systems approach to physical activity for policy makers 2020	The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre
Australian System Approaches to Physical Activity (ASAPa) project 2019	The Australian Prevention Partnership Centre
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obesity evidence hub website	
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Using policy mapping to compare policy lessons for	(Esdaile E, Thow AM, Gill T,
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INFORMAS: Policies for tackling obesity and creating	Deakin University (Sacks G,
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APPENDIX B

Summary of all inputs informing the development of the Strategy

The figure below outlines the extensive input gathered from evidence, experts and the community to inform the Strategy.

