

# Healthy Food Partnership Executive Committee

## Communique

10 February 2017 - Meeting 6

The Australian Government, food industry bodies and public health groups met today to progress the work of the Healthy Food Partnership (Partnership).

The Partnership comprises representatives from 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 and Woolworths, and is chaired by the Assistant Minister for Health, the Hon Dr David Gillespie.

A presentation was provided by Nestlé on their Nutrition Health and Wellness commitment, which members found valuable. The Minister noted that Nestlé have done some great work in this area.

Progress updates were provided by the working group chairs on the activities of the working groups.

Members were excited by a proposal for the development of a pledge-based system for the food service sector, which will be able to be tailored for implementation by small and large food businesses. Consultation with the sector will be conducted as this work progresses.

The Reformulation Working Group has begun the development of an innovative web-based tool that will assist food businesses to make positive changes when reformulating existing products and developing new ones.

The Portion Size Working Group will be looking to engage young minds to understand their perspectives on new ways to promote healthy portion sizes.

Members agreed that recognition of actions to make the food supply healthier will form an important part of the success of the Partnership. To facilitate this and enable the communication of the Partnership to the Australian public, it will be necessary and important to develop branding for the Partnership, reflecting the Australian Government's leadership of this initiative.

Members noted that the working groups are progressing well with the pieces of work identified in their work plans and will continue to do so throughout 2017 and beyond.

The next meeting will be held on 12 May 2017 in Canberra.

Draft work plans and further information about the work plans and membership of the working groups is available online at [www.health.gov.au/healthyfoodpartnership](http://www.health.gov.au/healthyfoodpartnership).

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