



Public Health Association
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Food Policy and Regulation Forum

Thursday 1 May 2025

Hyatt Hotel Canberra, ACT, Ngunnawal Country

Printable Program



Introduction

The Food Policy and Regulation Forum Program is divided into four sessions with each session including:

1. **A Plenary part, i.e. a time for speaker presentations to set the scene on the different policy topics.**
2. **A Breakout part, i.e. a time for workshops and open discussion.**

During Breakouts, delegates are invited to divide in three groups for an open discussion between representatives of the government, civil society and research community. Each table will be assigned a different topic.

Objectives:

- Open discussion, no recording.
- Discuss greater detail of the barriers and enablers in food policy and regulation from different perspectives.
- Identify research opportunities to support policy.
- Consider not only the future of food regulation and policy, but also what lies beyond this scope.
- Determine the overall goal for the issue and the initial step to achieve the goal.

Time	Room	Session
8:00am – 5:00pm	Atrium	Conference Registration Open
9:00am – 11:00am	Canberra Room	Opening Session Chair: Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin, PHAA CEO
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Plenary 1 - Setting the Scene (1h10 hour)		
Acknowledgment of Country		
Introduction and outline of and goals for the day (8 mins) Speaker: Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin, PHAA CEO		
Department of Health and Aged Care overview (8 mins) Speaker: Anthea Raven, Assistant Secretary, Preventive Health and Food Policy Branch, Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care		
FSANZ overview (8 mins) Speaker: Emma Breen, Director, Nutrition Standards, Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)		
Jurisdictional overview (8 mins) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lisa Yates, Principal Policy Analyst, NSW Ministry of Health• Monique Reardon, Public Health Nutritionist, Department Of Health Tasmania		
Health Star Rating (8 mins) Speaker: Associate Professor Alexandra Jones, Program Lead - Food Governance, The George Institute for Global Health		
Commercial Foods for infants and young children (8 mins) Speaker: Jane Martin, Executive Manager, Food for Health Alliance (FHA) and Alcohol and Obesity Programs at Cancer Council Victoria		

Added Sugar (8 mins)

Speakers:

- Dr Andrew Keller, Senior Project Manager, Food Standards Australia New Zealand
- Professor Caroline Miller, PHAA President and Director of the Health Policy Centre at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute

Breakout 1 - Open Discussion on selected topics (50 minutes)

Breakout 1 Topics will be:

1. Health Star Rating
2. Commercial foods for infants and young children
3. Added sugar – labelling and reformulation

11:00am – Atrium
11:30am

Morning Tea

Notes:

Time	Room	Session
11:30am – 12:50pm	Canberra Room	Session 2 Chair: Ms Lily Pratt, Policy Officer PHAA
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Plenary 2 - Setting the Scene (30 minutes)		
FSANZ Act Review (8 mins)		
Speakers:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anthea Raven, Assistant Secretary, Preventive Health and Food Policy Branch, Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care• Andrea Schmidtke, Senior Legal Policy Adviser, Food for Health Alliance		
Alcohol Labelling (8 mins)		
Speaker: Natalie Stapleton, Executive Officer, Alcohol change Australia		
Unhealthy marketing (8 mins)		
Speakers:		
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Kathryn Backholer, PHAA Vice President (Policy), Co-Director of the Global Centre for Preventive Health and Nutrition (GLOBE)• Katarnya Hickey, Senior Legal Policy Adviser, Food for Health Alliance		
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Breakout 2 - Open Discussion on selected topics (50 minutes)		
Breakout 2 Topics will be:		
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. FSANZ Act Review2. Alcohol labelling3. Unhealthy marketing		
12:50pm – 1:50pm	Atrium	Lunch & Networking

Time	Room	Session
1:50pm – 3:10pm	Canberra Room	Session 3 Chair: Ms Lily Pratt, Policy Officer PHAA
		Plenary 3 - Setting the Scene (30 minutes) Nutrition Information Panel (8 mins) Speaker: Stephanie Betz, Section Manager, Labelling and Information Standards, Food Standards Australia New Zealand Sugar Sweetened Beverage levy (8 mins) Speaker: Sally Witchalls, Senior Policy Adviser - Public Health, Australian Medical Association Regulating infant formula marketing (8mins) Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Andrea Schmidtke, Senior Legal Policy Adviser, Food for Health Alliance• Naomi Hull, National Coordinator for Australia, World Breastfeeding Trends Initiative
		Breakout 3- Open Discussion on selected topics (50 minutes) Breakout 3 Topics will be: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Nutrition Information Panel2. Sugar Sweetened Beverage levy3. Regulating infant formula marketing
3:10pm – 3:40pm	Atrium	Afternoon Tea

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Time	Room	Session
3:40pm – 4:30pm	Canberra Room	<p>Session 4</p> <p>Chair: Professor Caroline Miller, PHAA President and Director of the Health Policy Centre at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute</p> <hr/> <p>Discussion summary presentations - 3 minutes per Breakout Topic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ For each Breakout Topic, a representative will present the main learnings and ideas moving forward to the delegates. ➤ Closing comments by Professor Caroline Miller, PHAA President and Director of the Health Policy Centre at the South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute <hr/> <p>Forum Closing Remarks</p> <p>Speaker: Adjunct Professor Terry Slevin, PHAA CEO</p>

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