



Pure and highly concentrated caffeine products

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The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the national association of the dietetic profession with over 7000 members, and branches in each state and territory. DAA is a leader in nutrition and advocates for food and nutrition for healthier people and healthier nations. The DAA appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on the pure and highly concentrated caffeine products consultation by Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ).

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DAA interest in this consultation

DAA is the peak professional body for dietitians in Australia and responsible for the Accredited Practising Dietitian program as the basis for self-regulation of the profession. DAA advocates for a safe and nutritious food supply in which the community has confidence and which meets the nutritional needs of all Australians, including groups with special needs.

DAA understands this application is to restrict the sale of pure or highly concentrated caffeine products in the interest of public safety.

Recommendations

- DAA agrees that the Food Standards Code should be amended to prohibit the retail sale of pure and highly concentrated caffeine food products in Australia with a concentration of caffeine 5% or higher.
- DAA recognise that FSANZ have carried out a comprehensive risk assessment and investigated the most appropriate management plan.
- DAA encourages collaboration between FSANZ and the Therapeutic Goods Administration to better regulate the sale of pure or highly concentrated caffeine products in Australia.
- DAA supports the long-term risk management measures set out by FSANZ, outlined in section 2.2.5 of the proposal.