

2025-26 Work Program Dashboard

As at February 2026

<h3>2030 Road Map</h3> <p>The 2030 Roadmap clearly outlines proposals FSANZ will deliver over the coming 5 years to support the Food Regulation System, aligned to the system's 4 strategic outcomes: Safe and suitable food; Healthy food supply; Informed and empowered consumers; Thriving food economies.</p> <p>Board Decision anticipated April 2027</p>	<h3>Health Star rating system</h3> <p>Work to consider mandating the HSR system to help consumers make informed food choices aligned with dietary guidelines</p> <p>Board Decision anticipated April 2027</p>	<h3>Young Child Formula</h3> <p>To revise and clarify Code provisions as they apply to young child formula (1-3 years) including regulatory definitions, composition, labelling and representation of products.</p> <p>Board Decision anticipated September 2027</p>	<h3>Digital Labelling Review</h3> <p>Principles-based review to enable digital food labelling (including online and QR-based information), with a framework developed in 2026 and completed by March 2027.</p> <p>Principles based review complete early 2027, proposal to immediately follow.</p>	<h3>Caffeine Review</h3> <p>To review the broad permissions for caffeine in sports and general foods to ensure the safety of sensitive populations.</p> <p>Board Decision - March 2026</p>								
<h3>Formulated Supplementary Sports Foods</h3> <p>This proposal aims to revise and modernise Code provisions to reflect the expanding sports food market and ensure the safety of consumers.</p> <p>Board Decision anticipated 2028</p>	<h3>Novel Foods and Nutritive Substances Review</h3> <p>Clarify definitions and regulatory pathways for novel foods and nutritive substances to reduce ambiguity so industry has clarity on which foods require regulatory oversight and approval before being sold.</p> <p>Board Decision - TBD</p>	<h3>Nutrient Reference Values Review</h3> <p>Update regulatory nutrient reference values to reflect current science and align with international best practices.</p> <p>Board Decision - TBD</p>	<h3>Commercial foods for infants and young children</h3> <p>Preparatory review of the nutrition composition, labelling, and texture of these foods to ensure public health and safety in line with dietary guidelines.</p> <p>Board Decision - TBD</p>	<h3>Maximum Residue Limits (MRLs)</h3> <p>An annual proposal raised by FSANZ to vary MRLs for residues of agvet chemicals in foods to ensure safety and facilitate trade harmonisation.</p> <p>Board Decision anticipated April 2026</p>								
<h3>Applications</h3> <p>13 active Applications progressing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 Paid • 3 Unpaid <p>5 unpaid applications to commence over the next 12 months</p>	<h3>Food Recalls and Incidents</h3> <p>Coordinate regulatory activities across the food regulation system, including coordination of food incident responses and food recalls.</p> <p>To date in 2025/26 there have been 56 recalls, and no incident response activations.</p>	<h3>International Engagement</h3> <p>FSANZ is well regarded globally, co-leads the International Heads of Food Agencies Forum, supports capability uplift in the region, sits on international expert panels, and leads four global committees to develop harmonised standards.</p> <p>FSANZ and Health Canada have a unique risk assessment sharing MoU.</p>	<h3>Food System Surveillance</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antimicrobial Resistance Monitoring • Cost of Foodborne Illness Modelling • Food Composition Database • Consumer Insights Tracker • Australian Total Diet Survey 	<h3>Food System Support</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yearly BSE (Bovine Spongiform Encephalitis) country evaluations • Imported Food Risk Assessment advice to the Australian Department of Agriculture • Guidance documents to support implementation • Standard Development Advisory Groups • Implementation Working Groups 								
<h3>Food Safety Information and Engagement</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer and Public Health Dialogue • Bi-National Food Industry Dialogue • Jurisdictional Technical Forum • Webinars, stakeholder functions, satisfaction surveys • Consumer Insights Tracker • Every standard requires public consultation 	<h3>Branded Food Database</h3> <p>Continue to grow and maintain the Branded Food Database to monitor changes to the packaged food supply and to support FSANZ standards development work and the work of the broader food regulatory system.</p>	<h3>Evaluation Framework</h3> <p>Introduce a systematic framework to ensure food standards remain evidence-based, fit-for-purpose and responsive to emerging public health risks.</p> <p>The Framework will be developed by mid 2026 with pilots scheduled to evaluate horticulture, alcohol labelling, and campylobacteriosis to follow.</p>	<h3>International Alignment Review</h3> <p>Expand international alignment and shared risk assessments to reduce duplication, accelerate approvals and support trade competitiveness.</p> <p>A targeted plan to expand FSANZ's work in this space will be developed during 2026.</p>	<h3>Budget</h3> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Australian Government</td> <td>17.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Zealand Government</td> <td>2.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cost Recovery and Paid projects</td> <td>3.5</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Total</td> <td>23.45</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Proposals ■ Applications ■ Food Safety, Surveillance, Support 	Australian Government	17.5	New Zealand Government	2.45	Cost Recovery and Paid projects	3.5	Total	23.45
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