  
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN  
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ANZFA  
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Dear Madam/Sir

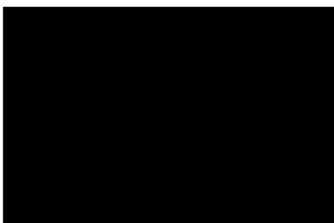
**Proposal P235: Review of Food-Type Dietary Supplements**

Enclosed is a submission from the National Council of Women of New Zealand on the above proposal.

The Council would appreciate receiving a copy of the Summary of Submissions to this consultation process.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposals. Please contact me directly if there are any questions arising from this submission.

Yours sincerely,



Executive Officer

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ACKNOWLEDGED



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**Submission to Australia New Zealand Food Authority on  
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The National Council of Women (NCWNZ) is the umbrella organisation representing 43 nationally organised societies. It has 35 branches throughout the country attended by representatives of those societies and some 150 other societies. The Council's function is to serve women, the family and the community at local, national and international level through research, study, discussion and action.

NCWNZ has been actively involved through all stages of the development of ANZFA food standards. The Nucleus committee of the Consumer Standing committee are pleased to consider and comment on the above proposal.

NCWNZ have in the past recorded their concern about labelling on products that are specifically designed to be attractive to children. NCWNZ considers that at times the labelling information has been inaccurate and is pleased that this anomaly is now being addressed by ANZFA.

NCWNZ commend the proposal to view with caution and to label accordingly products marked as "Health Products". We view with concern that pregnant or lactating women are at particular high risk with some products.

It is noted that many natural products contain toxicants. NCWNZ would submit that herb and spice additives to foods should be listed by name, rather than have their addition listed as "Herbs & Spices added". Many consumers have allergies to certain herbs and spices and could well suffer anaphylactic problems if they inadvertently digested what to them was an allergic herb or spice.

**Conclusion**

NCWNZ thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal and commend you for the progress that is being achieved in developing a "Safe Food Environment" for New Zealand consumers.

  
National President

  
Convener  
Consumer Affairs Standing Committee