

## Proposals by FSANZ for mandatory food safety plans

FSANZ (formerly ANZFA) has submitted draft reports and recommendations to the federal and state health ministers requiring that all business that supply high risk populations, catering operations, seafood and manufactured meat producers will be required to have a food safety plan by law. These excerpts are from the reports themselves and can be found at the FSANZ website.

### The DRAFT ASSESSMENT REPORT PROPOSAL P288

At Draft Assessment FSANZ recommends that the Code be amended to mandate food safety management systems for food businesses that process potentially hazardous food specifically intended to be supplied to vulnerable persons

In accordance with the Ministerial Policy Guidelines the proposed Standard (3.3.1) requires mandatory food safety management systems for 'food businesses that process potentially hazardous food specifically intended to be supplied to six or more vulnerable persons.' A vulnerable person is defined as someone who is:

- (a) four years of age or less;
- (b) pregnant;
- (c) 70 years of age or more;
- (d) immuno-compromised.

### INITIAL ASSESSMENT REPORT PROPOSAL P290

These guidelines propose that food safety programs be mandatory for four high risk food industry sectors:

- food service, whereby potentially hazardous food is served to vulnerable populations;
- harvesting, processing and distributing raw oysters and other bivalves;
- catering operations serving food to the general public; and
- producing manufactured and fermented meat.

The intention is to promote national consistency by providing a model for States such as Victoria, which was introducing food safety programs ahead of a national requirement.

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