



**Public Health Association**  
AUSTRALIA

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Submissions – Intent of Part 2.9 – Special Purpose Foods  
C/- Food Regulation Secretariat  
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Dear Secretariat Officer

**PHAA Submission on Intent of Part 2.9 – Special Purpose Foods**

The Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) is a national organisation comprising around 1500 individual members and representing over 40 professional groups concerned to promote health at a population level. This includes, but goes beyond the treatment of individuals to encompass health promotion, prevention of disease and disability, recovery and rehabilitation, and disability support. This framework, together with attention to the social, economic and environmental determinants of health, provides particular relevance to, and expertly informs the Association's role.

PHAA welcomes the opportunity to provide input on policy options for the regulation of special purpose foods.

Accompanying this covering letter is PHAA's submission on the Intent of Part 2.9 of the Food Standards Code for Special Purpose Foods. The submission has been developed by PHAA's Food and Nutrition Special Interest Group, convened by Ms Andrea Begley and Ms Christina Pollard from Curtin University.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries with regard to this submission.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Melanie Walker'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Melanie Walker  
Acting Chief Executive Officer  
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