Preface - Australia's food security under threat?

The newly-established National Food Council has raised serious concern among public health, sustainability and food-systems experts, and for good reason.

Membership spans large food business executives, processors, retail associations and other corporate supply-chain actors. Civil society, small producers, First Nations, food-sovereignty interests and other community-based actors are under-represented - raising concerns about legitimacy, diversity of perspective, and democratic governance of food systems.

The dominance of industry foreshadows a policy agenda favouring corporate interests (profit, supply-chain efficiencies, export focus) rather than public health, nutrition, rights, equity, climate change and environmental sustainability. A focus on national sovereign food interests, in the interests of food security for citizens in households, neighbourhoods and communities - is also missing.

Background reading

Australia's new National Food Council: lots of industry reps, at the cost of health and environment. Rachel Carey, The Conversation

Australian diet set to worsen as national food policy is drawn up by profit-driven industry, experts warn. Melissa Davey and Natasha May, The Guardian

New National Food Council is Captured by Corporate Interests, Agroecology & Food Sovereignty Alliance (AFSA).

Who Decides Food - a "new campaign to ensure the National Food Council puts people, communities and the environment at the heart of a fairer food future."

Lancet Series on Ultra-processed Foods – including how industry-dominated governance favours corporate profitability over nutrition, public health and sustainability.

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Open Letter – a Call to Action

For all individuals, communities, organisations who care about the future of Australia's food system – please read the below, and e sign-on if you agree.

Dear Prime Minister, Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries & Forestry, and Members of Parliament,

We, the undersigned, welcome the Albanese Government's commitment to strengthen Australia's food security through the development of the National Food Security Strategy, *Feeding Australia*, and the establishment of the National Food Council (NFC).

A robust, inclusive and forward-looking food system is essential to the health, wellbeing and resilience of Australians, their communities, the environment, and our economy. An effective food system is one that is sustainable, equitable and driven by the fundamental human right to healthy food.

However, we have serious concerns about the composition of the recently announced NFC, and the resulting policy and food security strategy. These concerns demand urgent attention, because the decisions made now will shape the food system, our environment, and the health, safety and wellbeing of people living in Australia for decades to come.

Our primary concerns are as follows:

1. **Representation and balance.** While food-supply chain actors are represented on the NFC, other essential voices are excluded. The NFC must include more diverse voices, including smaller producers, local food systems organisations, First Nations communities and organisations, food sovereignty organisations, public-health scientists and nutrition experts and advocates, experts in climate change and the environment, civil society organisations and vulnerable communities. The current imbalance privileges large-scale corporate interests over these voices.

2. **Commercial influence.** There is extensive evidence that commercial actors in the food system engage in political, regulatory and policy-shaping activities that advantage business interests over public-health or social-equity outcomes, undermining the right to food. The UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food recently reported on how growing corporate power violates human rights. Unless strong safeguards are in place, the NFC is vulnerable to those influences.

3. **Narrow focus of food security.** The focus of the strategy on supply-chain resilience, exports, productivity and industrial production is important, but insufficient. True food security also requires access, affordability, diet quality, community agency over food, reduced waste, sustainable and localised production, and strong integration of nutrition and health outcomes. The lack of focus on equity does not align with the Australian Attorney General's advice to federal policy makers on the right to an adequate standard of living, including the right to adequate food.

4. **Transparency and governance.** Existing titles and disclosures of NFC members' affiliations, funding sources, conflicts of interests are lacking, with many members not listing their affiliations with corporate entities on the government homepage. Transparency over decision-making processes and clarity over the influence of conflicts of interests is necessary for good governance. Public reporting against targets, interest holder engagement mechanisms, and a map of system actors (commercial vs non-commercial) must be published.

5. **Addressing structural power and market concentration.** Food systems are shaped not just by production but by retail, processing, distribution, marketing and consumption. Concentrated power (for example, large supermarket chains) distorts competition, suppliers and farmer returns, waste and access. The strategy must remedy those structural imbalances rather than reinforce them.

Our asks:
To ensure the national food strategy and the NFC truly serve the public interest, we call on you to commit to the following actions:

- **Add at least four conflict-of-interest-free (non-industry) members:** who can represent public health nutrition; independent community food system organisations, producers and distributors; environmental sustainability; and health equity. Reviewing

shortlisted applicants with this expertise from the original call for experts would minimise procedural burden. Addressing this will enable the government to meet their own remit of diverse representation on the Council.

- **Establish and publish a robust transparency framework**: full disclosure of interests, affiliations, funding, lobbying and reporting of decisions/meetings. This includes a publicly published communication log, such as is used for the Australian Dietary Guidelines Committee.

- **Embed the internationally recognised definition of food security in the final strategy**: one that includes diet quality, health outcomes, local food systems, ecological sustainability, affordability and access, not only supply-chain and production resilience.

- **Set measurable targets** (and publish them publicly and timely) in the strategy for nutrition equity, food access for priority populations, household food insecurity, reduction of ultra-processed food dependence, and minimisation of food waste, and not just metrics of production and exports.

- **Commit to monitoring and addressing power imbalances in the food system**: for example, examining supermarket concentration, unfair trading practices, inclusion of small-scale producers, supply-chain transparency and fair contracts.

Why this matters:
Our food system is much more than an economic asset or a chain of production. It is the foundation of our health, culture, environment and society. A food system dominated by large corporate interests risks sacrificing nutrition, equity, community resilience, ecological sustainability and public wellbeing.

Indeed, that has been the trajectory of the Australian food system for decades, with disastrous consequences now clearly visible. If the national strategy is to be credible, trusted and effective, it must be co-designed with communities, grounded in public-interest values, and free from dominant commercial interests.

We invite all concerned Australians to sign on to this letter and join us in calling for a food council that serves all Australians, and not just the powerful few.

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