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## RELEASE OF ISSUES CONSULTATION PAPER ON REVIEW OF FOOD LABELLING

The Committee conducting the Independent Review of Food Labelling Law and Policy has today released the Issues Consultation Paper via the website ([www.foodlabellingreview.gov.au](http://www.foodlabellingreview.gov.au)).

This Review, chaired by Dr Neal Blewett AC, is being conducted at the request of the Council of Australian Governments and the Australia and New Zealand Food Regulation Ministerial Council, representing Australian and New Zealand Governments.

The Consultation Paper summarises the issues that have been raised in the first round of submissions to the Review, as well as issues in the literature and media in recent years. The Paper also elaborates on the Review's Terms of Reference and has been prepared to stimulate thinking and debate.

This extensive Review will play an important role both for consumers who are looking for clarity in labelling and industry who are looking for certainty about their roles and responsibilities. All Stakeholders are encouraged to take this opportunity to make a written submission. Submissions can be made online via the website ([www.foodlabellingreview.gov.au](http://www.foodlabellingreview.gov.au)).

Submissions that meet the submission guidelines will be made publicly available on the website. The closing date for the written and online submissions is **14 May 2010**.

Members of the public are also encouraged to attend one of the public meetings that will be held across Australia and New Zealand. As part of the consultation, the Review Committee will be holding public forums in Australia and New Zealand from 17 March – 7 May 2010. Stakeholders are invited to register on the website ([www.foodlabellingreview.gov.au](http://www.foodlabellingreview.gov.au)) to attend a public forum. The schedule is as follows:

Perth	17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
Wellington	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
Christchurch	26 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
Sydney	29 <sup>th</sup> March 2010
Hobart	9 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
Canberra	12 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
Darwin	16 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
Adelaide	23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2010
Melbourne	29 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
Brisbane	7 <sup>th</sup> May 2010

If you require a hard copy of the Issues Consultation Paper, assistance or further information please contact the Food Labelling Review Secretariat via email [FoodLabellingReview@health.gov.au](mailto:FoodLabellingReview@health.gov.au)

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