

the recipe for **success:**

CHECKLIST FOR A STRONGER
FOOD AND GROCERY SECTOR



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A thriving food and grocery industry is the *key ingredient* for a resilient Australia.

today

PRIORITY ACTIONS FOR EARLY IMPACT



Invest in more resilient supply chains

- ✓ Strengthen vital connections like the East-West Rail, Australia's only direct train link between coasts, to safeguard supply chain efficiency and national resilience.
- ✓ Fortifying these critical arteries, including roads, against rain, fire or other conditions protects the delivery of essential food and groceries to consumers nationwide.



Tax incentives to boost investment

- ✓ Incentivise investment in advanced technologies and machinery.
- ✓ Funding would promote automation solutions to alleviate workforce gaps.
- ✓ Provide targeted tax breaks to help manufacturers fund energy efficiency upgrades.



Increased funding for Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)

- ✓ Address underfunding to empower FSANZ to quickly process critical regulatory work. This would pave the way for innovation while upholding food standards.

tomorrow

BUILDING LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS



Renewable energy

- ✓ Incentivise the adoption of renewable energy solutions and energy-efficient technology across the industry.



Clear and consistent packaging regulations

- ✓ One nation, one plan. Implement harmonised national packaging, kerbside, and material recovery facility design regulations to reduce complexity and support a circular economy.



Scope 3 climate reporting

- ✓ Targeted support and resources for capability and upskilling in Scope 3 reporting.



Digital labelling

- ✓ Support a shift to digital labelling systems to provide consumers with quick, cost-effective and relevant information.

together

COLLABORATION IS KEY



Healthy Food Partnership (HFP)

- ✔ Strengthen partnership between government and industry to enhance the HFP and provide increased funding for reformulation initiatives to promote better nutrition.



Health Star Rating

- ✔ Collaborating with government to develop and implement clear, effective communication to consumers.



Incentivise food donations and limit food waste

- ✔ Offer tax incentives to encourage companies to donate surplus food to organisations like Foodbank, particularly during the ongoing cost-of-living crisis.

let's talk

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The AFGC represents Australia's **\$162.7 billion** food and grocery manufacturing sector - the nation's largest manufacturing industry and the essential force behind every product in households across the nation.

**TOTAL
TURNOVER**
\$162.7bn
(+ 11.6%)



AFG TURNOVER
32.2%
(As % of
manufacturing)

EMPLOYMENT¹
281,269
(+4.1%)



**REGIONAL
EMPLOYMENT**
36.5%

EXPORTS
\$42.6bn
(+ 8.1%)



IMPORTS
\$48.6bn
(+ 4.7%)



**OPERATING
PROFIT
BEFORE TAX³**
\$7.2bn
(-7.2%)



**CAPITAL
INVESTMENT²**
\$4.2bn
(+ 24.5%)



The figures on this page exclude the fresh food sector and are based on 2022-23 ABS data.

1: This is total number of employees, head count basis and does not include seasonal employees.

2: Gross fixed capital formation for food, beverage and tobacco manufacturing subsector is taken as indicator of capital investment.

3: For food, beverage and tobacco product manufacturing subsector