

Debrief – FSANZ Binational Food Industry Dialogue (BFID)



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What is BFID?

- FSNZ mechanism to facilitate collaboration and information sharing with key industry stakeholders
 - Peak industry bodies + nominated member representatives
- Sister groups
 - Consumer and Public Health Dialogue
 - Jurisdictional Forum



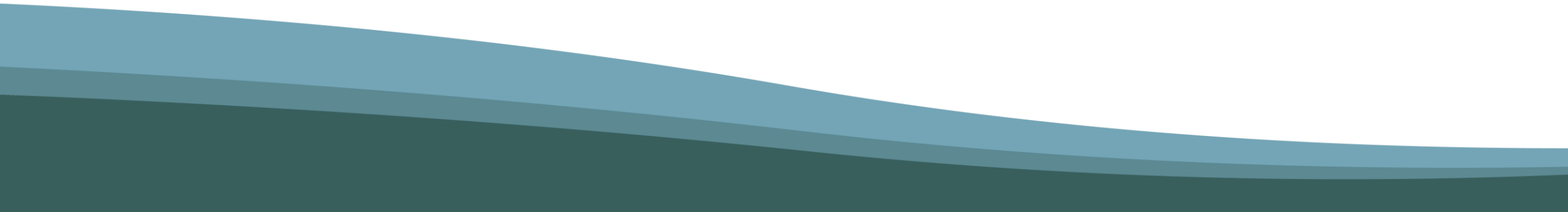
Structure of the discussion

- FSANZ
 - Workplan, applications/proposals, other activities
 - Australian Government
 - Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (DHDA)
 - Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)
 - Productivity Commission
 - New Zealand Government
 - Ministry for Primary Industries
 - Ministry for Regulation
 - Implementation Sub-Committee on Food Regulation (ISFR)
 - Industry updates
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FSANZ

- FSANZ 2030 Roadmap (publishing in early 2026)
- Nutrition labelling – HSR preparatory work/NIP review
- Proposals
 - P1056 - Caffeine Review
 - P1066 - Review of young child formula
 - P1055 - Definitions for gene technology and new breeding techniques (development of industry guide)

FSANZ (continued)


- Application Handbook updates (and application wait times)
 - Branded Food Database
 - 28th Australian Total Diet Study
 - Review of commercial foods for infants and young children
 - Updating of label change cost model
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FSANZ consultations

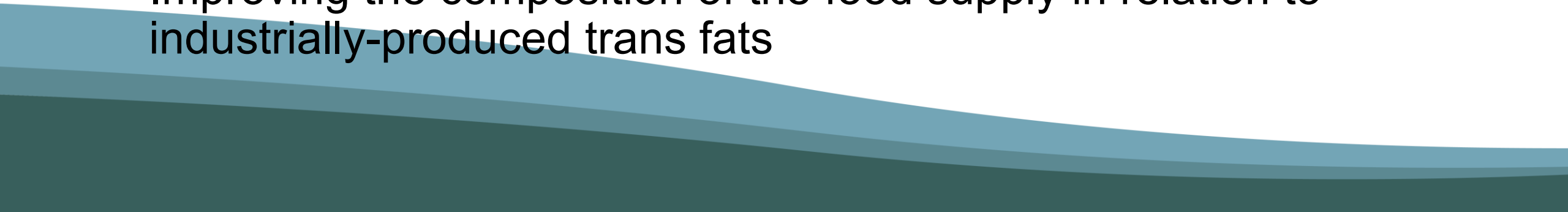
Open (<https://consultations.foodstandards.gov.au/>)

- P1056 – caffeine review (12 December 2025)
- Cost recovery arrangements – survey (15 February 2026)

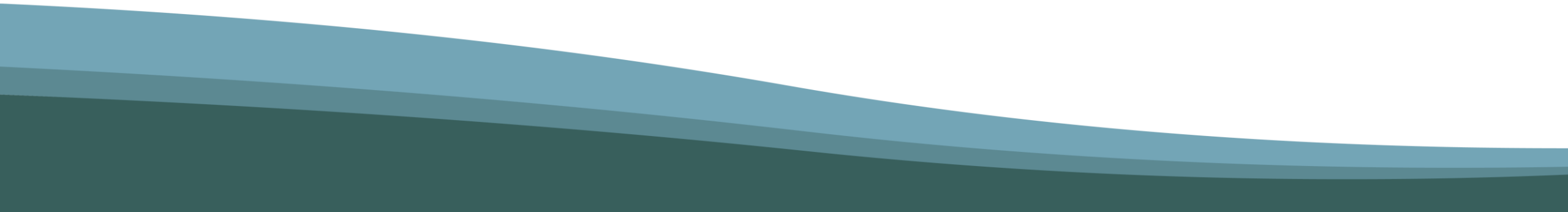
Upcoming (<https://www.foodstandards.gov.au/food-standards-code/changing-the-code/workplan>)

- P1065 – Code Revision – 2025 Amendments (Mid Dec – Mid Jan)
 - P1066 – Review of young child formula (April – June 2026)
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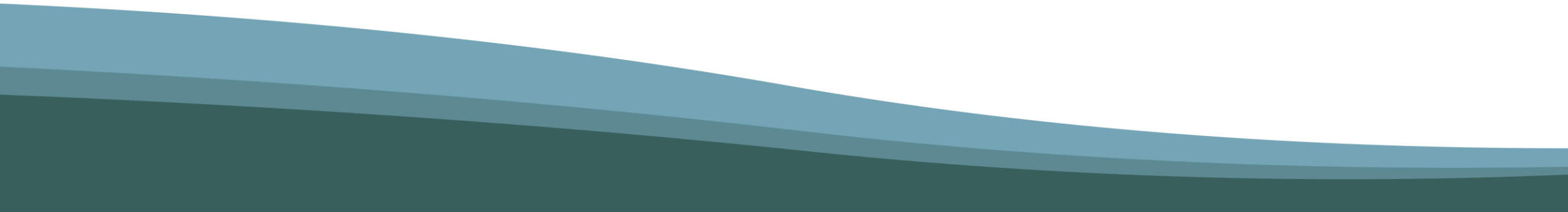
Department of Health, Disability and Ageing

- FSANZ Act review
 - Health Star Rating – monitoring and consumer research
 - Controls on Infant Formula Marketing
 - Advertising and marketing of unhealthy foods to children
 - Healthy Food Partnership
 - Review of the Australian Dietary Guidelines
 - Improving the composition of the food supply in relation to industrially-produced trans fats
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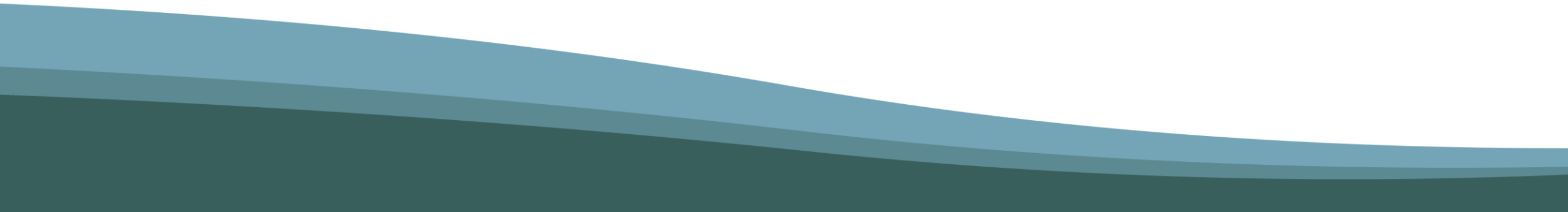
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF)

- International food incidents – horizon scanning
 - Update on foot and mouth disease outbreaks in Europe
 - Annual imported food inspection data report 2024
 - Sunsetting of imported food subordinate legislation
 - National Food Security Strategy
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Other government updates

- Productivity Commission
 - [National productivity policy analysis](#)
 - NZ Ministry for Primary Industries
 - General update
 - NZ Ministry for Regulation
 - [Product labelling review](#)
 - Packaging Update
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Implementation Sub-Committee on Food Regulation (ISFR)

- Food Regulation System Work Plan 2025 - 2028
 - Food Standards Implementation Working Group
 - P1052 Horticulture, P1060 Eggs (PPP standards)
 - Incident Response Working Group
 - Debrief - multiple recalls of leafy baby spinach (NFIRP triggered)
 - Surveillance, Evidence and Analysis Working Group
 - Coordinated Food Survey Plan (2025 – 2027)
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Digital labelling

NZ MPI

- Proposal for [digital labelling trial](#) at selected retailer(s) for imported food products

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- Exploring a principles-based framework for digital labelling of food information
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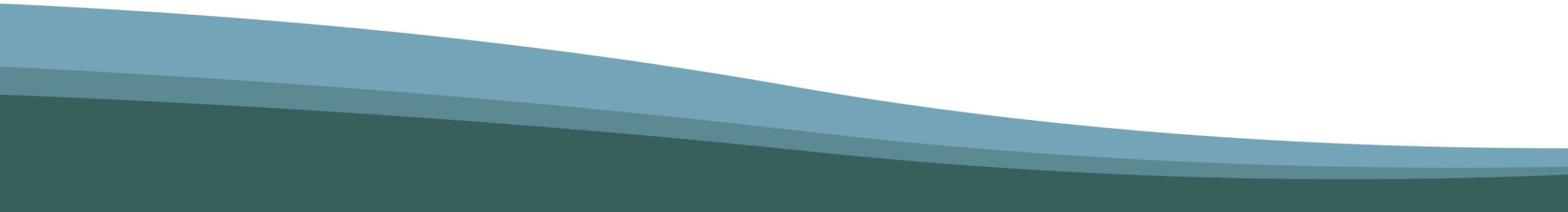
Industry updates

- Freshcare
- AIFST

Other Business

- Report from Senate inquiry into PFAS and new inquiry on microplastics

BFID – next meetings

- 26 March 2026
 - Topic for discussion – Nova classification/ultra-processed food
 - 20 August 2026
 - 18 November 2026
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Thank you