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**SUBMISSION**

Attention: **Project Manager – Proposal P235.**

Food Standards Australia New Zealand,  
Box 7186,  
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ACT, AUSTRALIA, 2610.

Re: **Review of Food-Type Dietary Supplements – Initial Assessment Report**


FTA Victoria has reviewed this [Proposal](#) and endorses the following comments of the Technical Sub Committee:

- a). The Committee did not have access to the information sought by ANZFA as posed in several parts of this Discussion Paper nor did the Committee have sufficient expertise to offer any comments on these same portions.
- b). The Committee decided that Option 2a was preferable as it offered the opportunity for Australian manufacturers to become innovative in this area and compete against imported products.
- c). The Committee also considered that providing comment on draft or amended Standards at the next stage of this Proposal would be more productive in producing a workable outcome than attempting to provide empirical data about products which are not currently manufactured in Australia. Any information provided would only be anecdotal.
- d). It was considered that this Paper was really only an initial overview of the current situation with a call for basic information rather than a final review with a view to reaching a firm conclusion on which to base draft or amended standards.
- e). The Committee also once again expressed their desire to request ANZFA to provide stand alone Options rather than Options with sub-options. This division of options does not lead to clear decision making.

If there are any queries regarding this submission, please contact the Technical Secretary, Tony Zipper, on Telephone 03 9278 7581, Fax 03 9369 6730, E-mail [tonyz@pharmaction.com.au](mailto:tonyz@pharmaction.com.au).

We would appreciate being maintained on the circulation list for any further changes in this matter and to receiving notification of the next step concerning this [Proposal](#).

Yours sincerely,

  
PRESIDENT – FTA VICTORIA