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**Submission to the Australia New Zealand Food Authority on Proposal 226  
Transitional Standard for the Operation of the Food Standards Code and the  
Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Transitional Arrangements**

The National Council of Women of New Zealand (NCWNZ) is an umbrella organisation representing 46 nationally organised societies. It has 35 branches spread throughout the country to which women from some 150 societies are affiliated.

The nucleus Consumer Affairs Committee of NCWNZ thanks ANZFA for their discussion paper on Proposal P226 - Transitional Standard for the Operation of the Food Standards Code and

the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code Transitional Arrangements.

NCWNZ understands “the purpose of the proposal is to facilitate, as an interim measure, the concurrent operation of the Food Standards Code and the proposed joint Australia NZ Food Standards Code.” **Page 10 para 1.** We understand a transitional period of 2 years is anticipated.

**Page 11 Preferred Option**

We note the preferred option is Option 1 in order to:

- “maintain the status quo in relation to the existing Code during the transitional period;
- ensure the concurrent operation of both Codes;
- provide the legal mechanism to allow industry the choice of complying with the existing Food Standards Code or the Australia NZ Food Standards Code during the transitional period;
- facilitate the smooth commencement of the new joint Code; and
- maintain the integrity of the food standards system during the transitional period.”

**Conclusion**

NCWNZ is pleased to endorse the adoption of Option 1 which states: “Incorporate the proposed provisions into the joint Australia NZ Food Standards Code as a transitional arrangement.”

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