

Outline for People's Food Plan forums

Thanks for agreeing to participate in the People's Food Plan consultation process. We have set out here a short guide to the process, some ideas for ways to structure the consultations and the types of feedback you might generate.

Please feel free to run the forum however it suits you and your group. Primarily, we see the objectives of this process being to:

- highlight the flaws in the government's approach to date,
- start exploring better visions for the future of Australian food and farming,
- set the foundation for building a coherent, comprehensive and long-term food justice movement throughout Australia.

Suggested topics for discussion during forum:

1. Why are we doing this?

Brief discussion of the government's National Food Plan process and its flaws.

Resources for the discussion:

- the Food Alliance document re the NFP Green Paper
- NFP v PFP comparison document to be provided by AFSA

2. Discussion of the AFSA People's Food Plan document

This AFSA document is intended as a discussion paper – to present some ideas about principles and values that should guide the development of Australia's food and farming systems and some suggested proposals for change. We heartily encourage people to comment on, suggest edits and make different proposals to the ones given in the document.

Depending on the size of your group and the time available you may wish to:

- Split into groups and comment on different sections of the document, according to your interests
- Choose one or a few sections of the document to focus / comment on
- Discuss the core values / principles that you / your group think should guide the food and farming system and provide a summary of those
- Choose another way to discuss / comment / participate in the consultation, according to your interest

3. Building a structure for the food justice movement in Australia

From AFSA's perspective, the most important part of this consultation process is that it opens a conversation and begins a longer term process for movement-building and for developing a comprehensive plan for guiding the future of food in Australia. For this reason we are very keen for you to provide contact details and other information from the people who attend the forum so that we can:

- Keep people updated on developments in the People's Food Plan process
- Engage people in future activities eg setting up working groups on particular areas such as sustainable agriculture, urban / rural planning, food relocalisation, new food distribution systems etc

- Explore opportunities for making practical and policy changes in food system design and governance where you live, e.g. working with others in your community / region to form a Food Policy Council or coalition, forming partnerships with local councils to establish food policies