



## **Australian Chicken Meat Federation (ACMF) Inc**

28 January 2015

### **Submission to FSANZ regarding:**

#### ***Consultation Paper on Completing the Review of Microbiological Criteria***

#### **Who we are**

The ACMF Inc is the peak industry body representing the entire chicken meat industry in Australia. Its membership (at either or both a national or state level) includes chicken growers, as well as the companies that produce 95% of Australia's chicken meat.

Through its State organisations, the Federation also represents a range of other suppliers to the industry, providers of services to the industry, and customers of the industry, who are involved in the production and distribution of chicken meat in Australia.

#### **Our submission**

Since the question of specific microbiological criteria were canvassed at length during the development process of the primary production and processing standard which concluded in 2009 and whose outcomes have only been implemented in the last jurisdiction less than 12 months ago, the poultry industry feels it would be inappropriate and wasteful to revisit the issue so soon after such an extensive process.

During the development of the primary production and processing standard, the desirability and feasibility of microbiological criteria were investigated and debated explicitly and extensively, with the consensus being reached that inclusion of such criteria was not appropriate.

**For the above reasons the poultry industry recommends that poultry meat not be covered by this second stage review of microbiological criteria to be undertaken by FSANZ.**

Yours sincerely



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