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## Submission – Proposal P242

### ANZFA Initial Assessment Report Foods for Special Medical Purposes (FSMP)

In consideration of this proposal;

Nutrition is widely recognised as an integral component of patient care. One important aspect of nutritional support for many patients, curative or palliative, is the use of “foods for special medical purposes”.

Currently foods for special medical purposes in New Zealand are used for a wide variety of patients including as the sole source of nutrition or as nutrition support for oncology patients, those with metabolic disorders or food allergy to name a few.

Currently people are able to access a variety of FSMP which are appropriately prescribed for their specific medical problem.

The need for regulation of FSMP for public protection, personal health & safety needs to be balanced between regulation and allowing a cost-effective market in order for companies to access a viable Australasian market.

The New Zealand Dietetic Association is very keen to be involved in the next phase of this proposal.

Yours Sincerely,

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