This submission is a response to the Health and Ambulance Services Committee’s consultation on the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2015, and strongly supports changes to require the display of nutritional information in food chains and supermarkets.
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Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2015 – Amendments to the Food Act 2006

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) appreciates the opportunity to respond to the Health and Ambulance Services Committee’s consultation on the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2015.

The RACP and its Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (AFPHM) strongly support the proposed amendments to the Food Act 2006. Recent evidence has shown that these measures can effectively inform and educate consumers about their energy requirements and the nutritional and energy content of products. This in turn can lead to consumers positively adjusting their behaviour to choose healthier foods.1 Requiring fast-food chains, snack-food and drinks chains, bakery chains, café chains and supermarkets to display nutritional information is therefore an important step in enabling people to make healthier and more informed decisions about their food choices.

Should you require any further information on this submission, please contact Senior Policy Officer, at

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