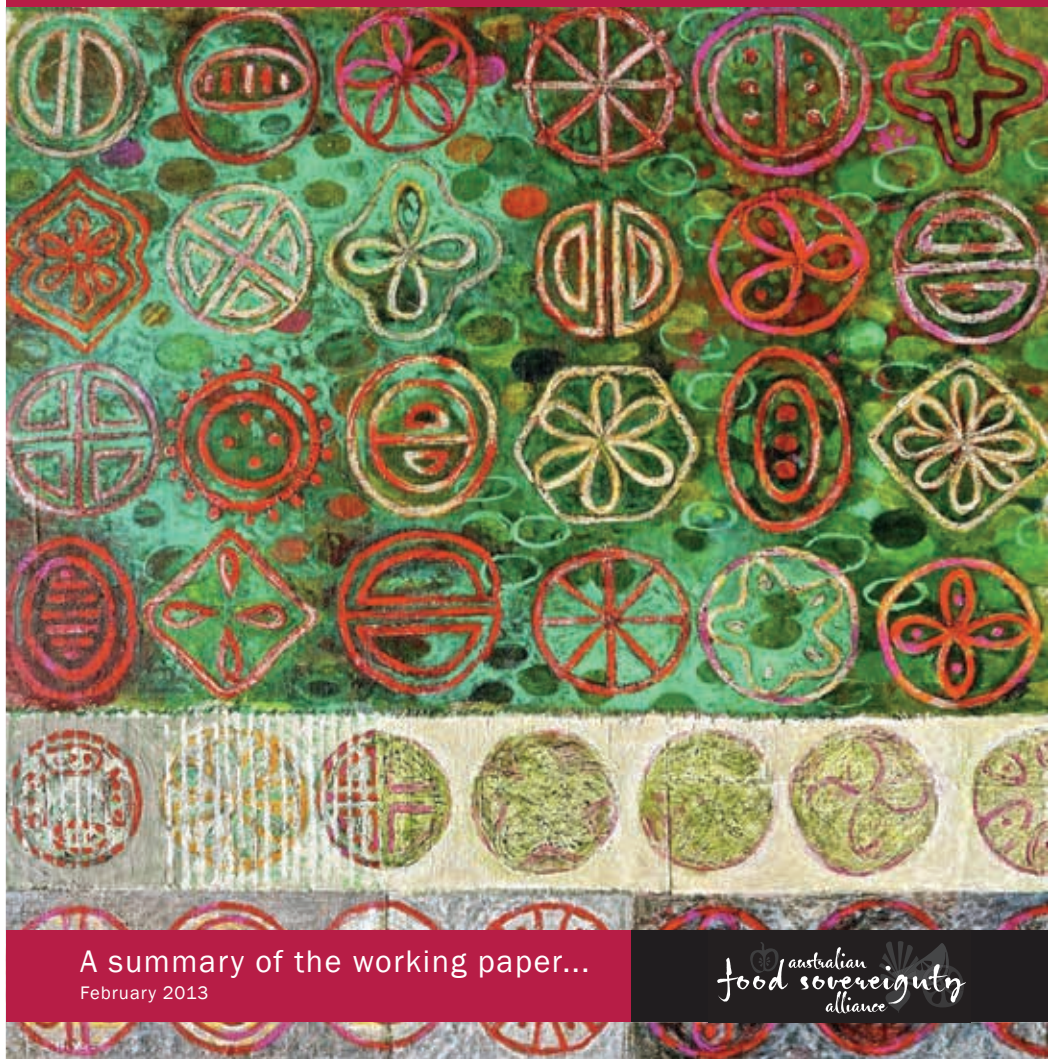


THE PEOPLE'S FOOD PLAN

A common-sense approach to a fair, sustainable and resilient food system.



A summary of the working paper...

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The People's Food Plan for Australia

OVER THREE MONTHS IN LATE 2012, around 600 people took part in public forums to envision a common-sense, fair, resilient and achievable People's Food Plan for Australia.

We, the Australian Food Sovereignty Alliance, began this process because we could see that the Federal Government's proposed National Food Plan would marginalise the thousands of Australians – including many farmers, food processors, food retailers, health workers, entrepreneurs as well as we who eat the food – who, together, aspire to a fair food system.

Participants in the open public forums confirmed the existence of a large and growing movement for change in food and farming in Australia and laid the foundations of a vision of transformation and pathways to achieve it. Those attending the forums highlighted the steps to change the current corporate-dominated food system to one that put people, their health and freedom to choose the foods they prefer first:

- prioritise access to good, safe food for all Australians
- reduce the excessive waste and environmental issues associated with industrial food production
- introduce food literacy education in the school curriculum
- support the development of regional food economies and the regional cuisines, employment, small business and opportunity they bring

- introduce planning legislation to preserve for farming, in perpetuity, the prime agricultural land on the urban/rural fringe of our cities
- diversify the current food economy to encourage creativity, entrepreneurship and opportunity by simplifying existing laws and by introducing new legislation to make it easier to set up social enterprise, co-operatives, and small-to-medium-scale businesses in the food sector
- support state and local government policy that increases food production in urban areas and on the urban/rural fringe
- support indigenous food sovereignty
- prioritise the right of people to choose the foods they prefer that are produced and distributed in ways they prefer to support.

Our next steps

Here's the opportunity for all of us to participate in developing a fair and forward-looking food plan for Australia. Over the coming months we will again consult those who participated in the development of the *Working Paper for a People's Food Plan* to hear their feedback and to harvest more good ideas. The final version will be released mid-year. **Join us.**

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