

# **Food Security Preparedness**

**Food security and supply chain resilience in a rapidly changing world**

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The assumption that Australia will always be food-secure is a dangerous fantasy



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### Farmers, industry warn of over-reliance on imports to produce fo

By CHARLIE PEEL

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Food producers have warned that Australia is underprepared to face significant global disruptions and fear that growing geopolitical instability has left t

security situation vulnerable.

The warnings from industry, peak agricultural groups and policy think tanks come amid wars in Europe and the Middle East and uncertainty about the president-elect Donald Trump's proposed tariffs will have on global trade.

They have warned that Australia's status as a [net exporter of food](#) has created complacency and [masks weaknesses in the country's supply chains](#). In parti

highlight the nation's reliance on imported fuel, chemicals and fertiliser.

The issues have been outlined by the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, which has announced the development of a national food security preparedne

co-funded by industry groups including the National Farmers Federation and GrainGrowers. It will be presented to the Albanese government in March.

[Food security](#) was raised as an issue in the 2024 National Defence Strategy and the 2023 Australian Food Story report, which [called for the establishment](#)

[food plan](#) and a government strategy to deal with challenges such as climate change and political instability.

"Food security is the cornerstone of our national stability," ASPI national security programs director John Coyne said. "Without a reliable, resilient food

jeopardise not only our economy but our sovereignty itself. This green paper is a crucial step in ensuring Australia's preparedness for the challenges ahe

the prosperity and security of future generations."

ASPI senior fellow and agsecure principal Andrew Henderson said the 2023 Australian Food Story report identified strategic vulnerabilities but there ha

plan to address them.

"Food security is the cornerstone of our national stability and national security," he said. "Food security is the most important to Australia



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## Food security and the intersection with national security drives development of green paper

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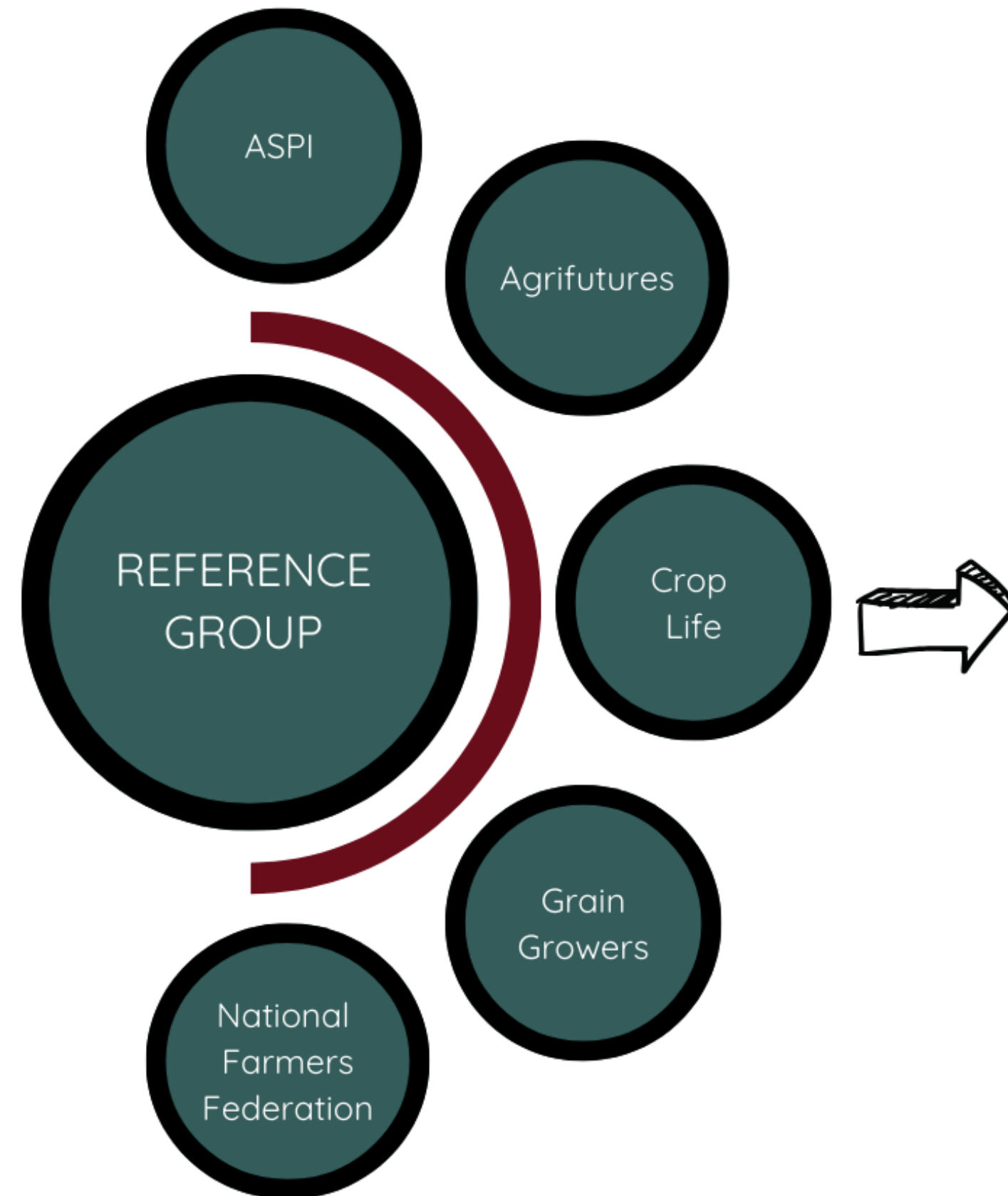
The National Farmers' Federation (NFF) is calling for a National Food Security Preparedness Strategy, ahead of the federal election.

NFF President David Jochinke said the impending election would be a watershed moment for Australian agriculture.

"This election comes at a critical moment for Australian agriculture, and for every Australian family who relies on farmers for affordable food and fibre," Mr Jochinke said.

"At the heart of this change, and the NFF's election platform, is the call for a





## INDUSTRY

- Agribusiness Australia
- Agrifutures
- Australian Chicken Meat Federation
- Australian Convenience and Petroleum Marketers
- Australian Food & Grocery Council
- Australian Fresh Produce Alliance
- Australian Livestock & Rural Transporters Association
- Australian Meat Industry Council
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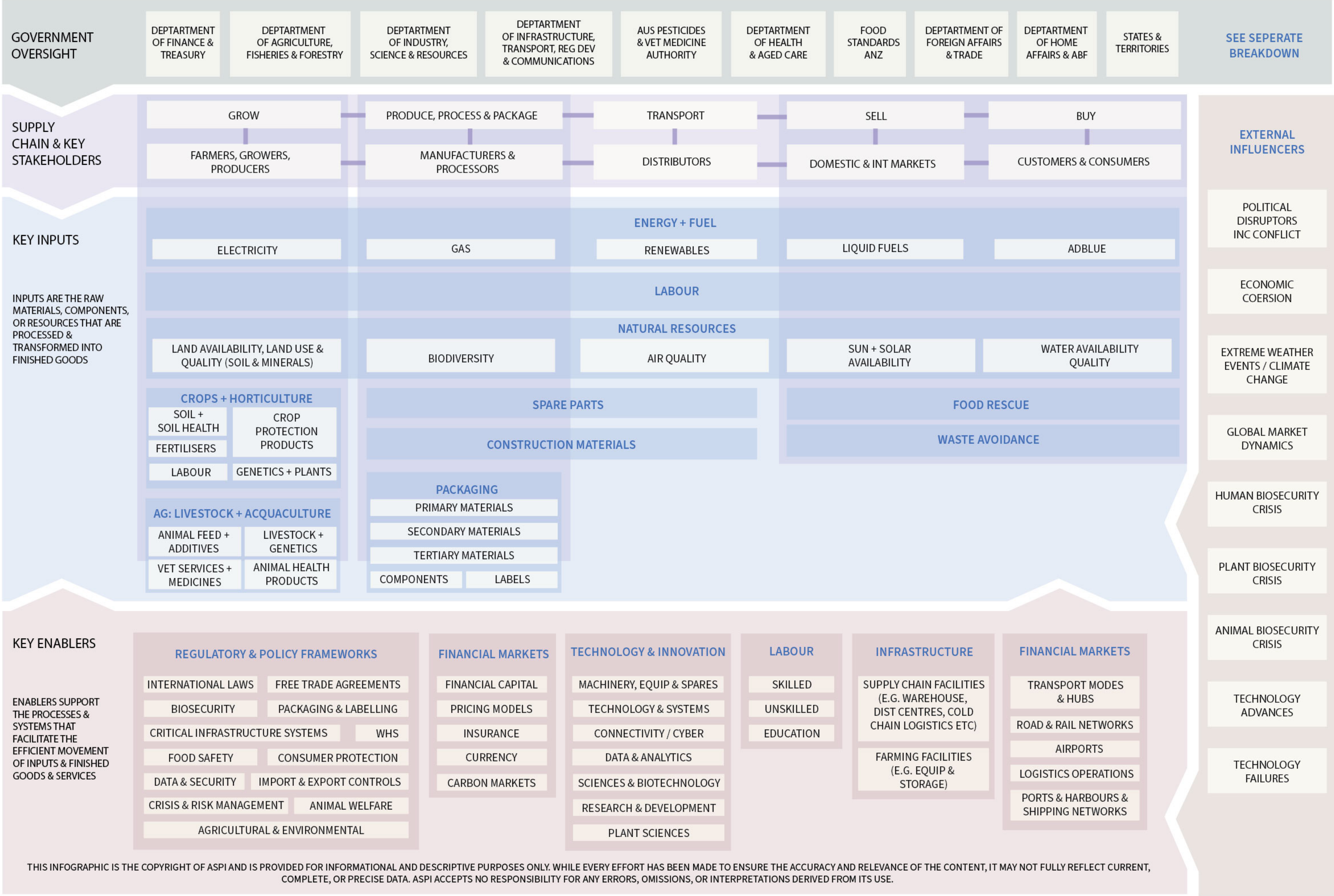
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- Australian Border Force
- Dept of Climate Change, Energy, Environment & Water
- Cwth Scientific Research Organisation
- Dept of Foreign Affairs & Trade
- Dept of Health & Aged Care
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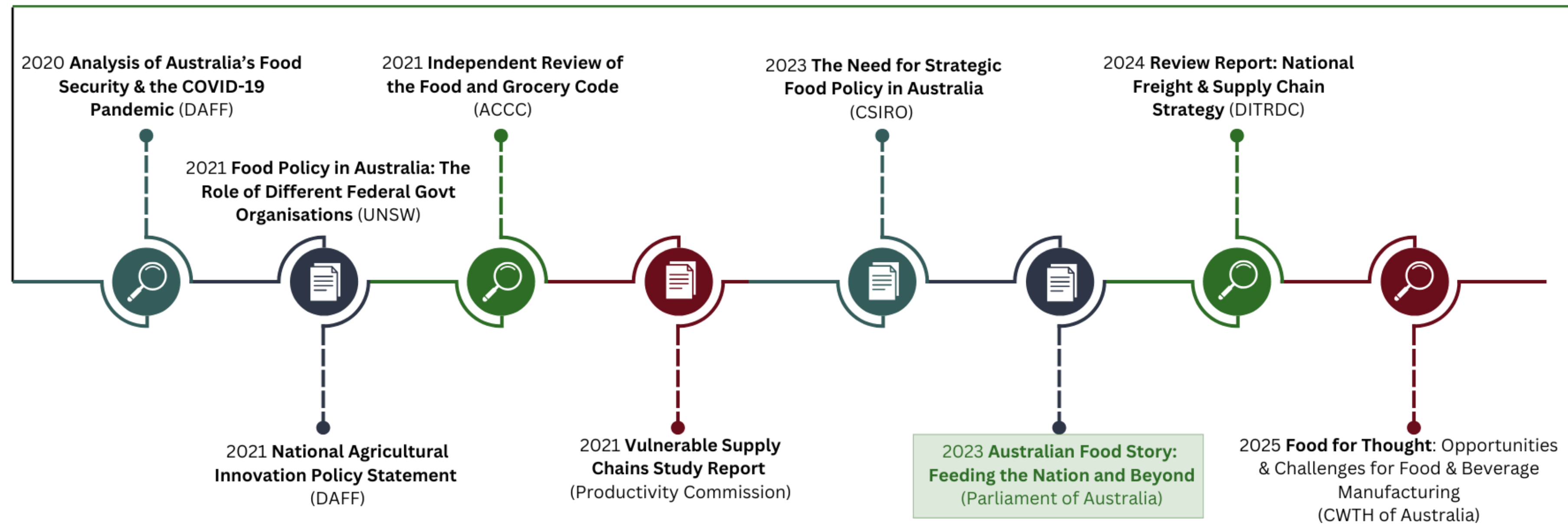
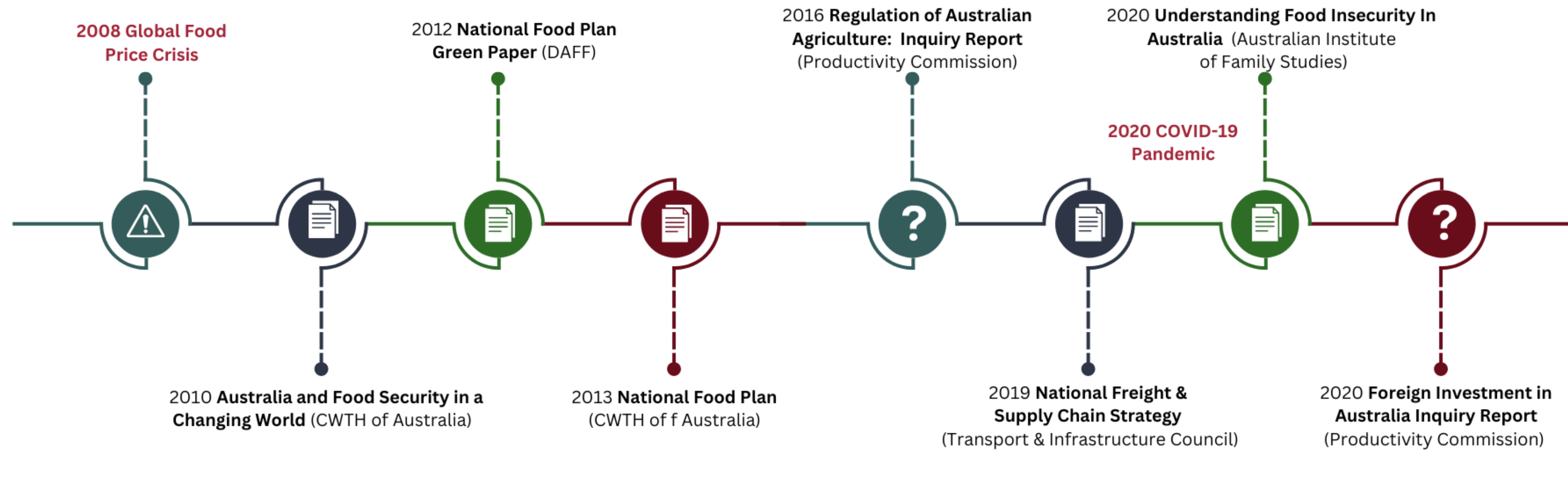
- Engaged as part of this green paper
- To be engaged in the next phase



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