1. The *Food Act 2006* is the primary piece of food safety legislation in Queensland. It gives effect to the nationally agreed Model Food Provisions and the *Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code* (the Food Standards Code) and is designed to ensure food for sale is safe and suitable for human consumption, to prevent misleading conduct in relation to the sale of food and to apply the Food Standards Code.
2. The *Food Act 2006* commenced in June 2006. A formal review has not been undertaken since.
3. The Queensland Audit Office (QAO) undertook a performance audit into managing consumer food safety in Queensland in 2018-19. The QAO report tabled in Parliament on 14 May 2019 highlighted that legislative review is required to provide minimum effective regulation and ensure effective management of food safety risks to the community.
4. Stakeholders have also identified amendments that will address policy and operational issues that could significantly enhance the performance of the *Food Act 2006*.
5. A public discussion paper will assist the Queensland Government to understand the impacts and benefits for consumers, businesses, and the Queensland community, of amendments to the *Food Act 2006* to modernise the legislative framework and address policy and operational issues that will ensure it remains fit for purpose, reduce regulatory burden and ensure that food for sale is safe and suitable for Queenslanders.
6. The Queensland Government is keen to engage stakeholders for any considerations that could add benefit to the proposed amendments to the *Food Act 2006* that will result in a robust, transparent framework, providing effective administration and practical enforcement of the Act, ensuring food for sale is safe and suitable for Queenslanders.
7. Cabinet approved the release of a public discussion paper to support a legislative review of the *Food Act 2006*.
8. *Attachment:*

* [Consultation discussion paper -](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared Documents/General/Proactive Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Mar/FoodAct/Attachments/Paper.PDF) *[Food Act 2006](https://dpcqld.sharepoint.com/sites/DPC-CABINETSERVICES/Shared Documents/General/Proactive Release/ToBeProcessed/2023/Mar/FoodAct/Attachments/Paper.PDF)*