# Regulator Commitments

**Jurisdictional regulators commit to:**

1. Ensuring regulatory activity is proportionate to risk and minimises unnecessary burden by:
* applying regulatory obligations, compliance and enforcement actions based on evidence
* only imposing burden and costs on industry and consumers necessary for effective food safety compliance and enforcement
* applying regulatory requirements consistently and fairly
* gathering intelligence to be informed and data-driven in assessing risks to public health and safety
* adapting to safe innovation, disruption and changing industry practices.
1. Engaging meaningfully with stakeholders and other regulators by:
* allowing for appropriate stakeholder input into policy and decision making
* developing a genuine understanding of the operating environment of regulated entities
* communicating food safety risks, uncertainties, and responses in an accessible and accountable way
* collaborating with regulators across Australia and New Zealand to promote trust and improve efficiency and effectiveness
* coordinating with other food regulators national and jurisdictional responses to food safety incidents and emerging threats to public health.
1. Providing appropriate information and support to assist compliance that:
* is clear, timely, accessible to stakeholders and tailored to meet audience needs
* includes consistent and transparent advice and communicates decisions by clearly articulating what is required to achieve compliance

does not disproportionately burden stakeholders, such as small business, or require specialist advice to understand compliance requirements.

1. Continuous improvement by:
* regularly reviewing activities, effectiveness of compliance and enforcement actions, and collaboration to ensure regulation is risk based, leverages technological innovation and remains the best approach
* prioritising, where possible, reform of regulatory activities based on the system vision/mission
* supporting regulators on the ground to achieve system outcomes and providing the necessary authority and flexibility
* providing staff with the necessary training and support to perform their duties effectively, efficiently and consistently.
1. Being transparent and accountable in actions by:
* publishing, where appropriate, regulatory frameworks and timeframes for making regulatory decisions
* clearly articulating expectations and underlying reasons for decisions
* committing to publish information relating to regulator performance against regulatory priorities consistent with food regulatory system missions and outcomes.