# Nourishing Australia: A decadal plan for the science of nutrition Mid-Term Review

*Nourishing Australia: A decadal plan for the science of nutrition* was published by the National Committee for Nutrition (NCN) in July 2019.

It is now time to undertake a mid-term review (MTR) of the plan, to be launched in November 2024. Following discussions at an October 2023 meeting of the NCN, the committee agreed to the formation of a steering committee to oversee the review. The MTR steering committee chair agreed to the following terms of reference, process, and timeline for the review on 22 January 2024:

# Terms of Reference

The mid-term review of *Nourishing Australia: A decadal plan for the science of nutrition* will:

* 1. review the main goals and priorities of the decadal plan and provide a succinct update on the state of Australian nutrition science and significant changes since the completion of the decadal plan.
  2. review the recommendations of the decadal plan, reporting on the extent to which they have been accomplished, and whether recommendations remain appropriate or require revision.
  3. review current plans for implementing the original or updated recommendations of the decadal plan, and provide revised implementation plans with priorities and contingencies, focussing on the period 2025-2029 and addressing the longer term where appropriate.

# Steering committee

The NCN will appoint an MTR steering committee consisting of:

* Chair: Dr Emma Beckett (FOODiQ, University of New South Wales, current NCN member)
* Professor Maragret Allman-Farinelli (University of Sydney, current NCN Chair)
* Professor Lauren Ball (University of Queensland)
* Professor Nenad Naumovski (University of Canberra)
* Mr Luke Williams (RMIT)

The Steering Committee will oversee the process of receiving community input relevant to the MTR during the review period.

# Timeline and process

The MTR Steering Committee will:

1. Present a process plan to the NCN at the March 2024 meeting.
2. March – May 2024:

* Community consultation
* Evaluation of progress of key areas, emerging trends, priorities, and challenges
* Assess changes in national and regional settings, policies, and investments.
* Re-evaluation of recommendations

1. Provide a first draft of the MTR for NCN and community review by end June 2024.
2. Complete the MTR and submit a final draft to the NCN by end August 2024.
3. Submit the final version of the MTR to the Australian Academy of Science’s Executive Committee for approval by the of end September 2024 for publication and launch by end November 2024.

# Meeting schedule

It is proposed that the MTR Steering Committee will meet fortnightly on Thursdays, with the first meeting to be held at 11.00am AEDT, Thursday 8 February 2024.

Ad-hoc meetings will be arranged as necessary.

# Secretariat support

The Academy of Science secretariat will provide broad project management and oversight to assist with regular steering committee meetings, community consultation, and Academy approval processes. The project support officer will maintain records of meetings and consultation sessions.