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Dear Committee,

I hope this note finds you very well. I write to request that, as I mention in my submission to the Inquiry, that the policies that materially change the food environment around us be critically examined. Echoing my submission, I refer to three policy areas:

- 1) Price: Why do we subsidise sugary foods and drinks? Why do we allow for a GST exemption on unhealthy products? How can we get minimum unit pricing on unhealthy products? How can we get price promotion bans? By ending these policies and enacting others related to pricing, we know from clear evidence that we can improve health — why aren't we doing it?
- 2) Proximity: India has delegalised the sale of ultra processed foods 50m around schools - why can't Australia do the same? And in Hospitals? Government buildings, etc? Why is it illegal to sell guns and alcohol inside of schools, but legal to sell products that lead to diabetes?
- 3) Temporality: Why do we ban the sale of alcohol during certain hours, but not unhealthy food and drinks? Why is it illegal to sell tobacco to minors, but not diabetes-inducing products?

These three policy buckets, Price, Proximity, and Temporality, influence our material food environment. If they are rigged in favor of profit maximisation, then profits will be maximised and health harmed. We can't allow this to continue. I respectfully and kindly request that this be taken up with seriousness, and wish you the very best as this inquiry moves forward.

With my best regards,

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