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As resident of Kowanyama I wish to offer brief letter to Remote Community Stores inquires as to which I find is of concerns for the community as...

Retail Store

- Fatty Meat and Chicken products
- High cost of Meat and Chicken products
- Quality of Fruit and Vegetable products
- Storing of Vegetable
- Bread use-by date
- Shelf-life of products

In light of above, Fatty Meat and Chicken is found available which is unhealthy and only provide small portion meat. High Cost of food is problem as seen with families expected to spend between 60 to 400-dollors each week, this especially with red and white meat which make -up cost on their shopping bill. Quality of Vegetable especially fruit which seem be that of low grade type. Vegetables especially with onions and potato been stored in the chillier, do-not keep after purchase. Bread use-by date, seem most of this is stored in the freezer and belief it is ok if keep frozen even though it passed its use-by date. Shelf-life of products, there number of items which are found and it guess this because this only happen over the wetseason due to bulk-up of goods especially time which good arrive or delivered

To Summarize , I not pleased what been offered to public given there no concerns especially when it clear that in community a high number of individuals are diabetic and treated for high blood pressure, kidney problems and varies other health problems. This lack of concerns is evident as to what offered especially in red and white meat that contain high amount of fat. Other products also found lacking which benefit these individual are for example like certain cordials, biscuits and dry food products which much suited for diabetes and individual treated for kidney problems. As in fruit would some of these look like they were graded out because of they deformity and size etc... mostly I assume would be cheap to purchase. Onion and potato purchase in bulk before start of wetseason and keep in the chillier, as I and others found they would go-off very quickly at home.

Overall I like especially with red and white meat some changes along with stocking fish... like reef and deep water types. Over the wetseason less high stocking-up with some bread but weekly delivery like during the dry season of weekly delivery. A trend towards having some consideration of the health of all individual within the Community and what can be provided to them and children to give them a better life style.

I am pleased to take part in this and hopeful this gives insight of issue found in our community store and looking forward to any changes

Thanks

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