

## FACT SHEET

### *Food Amendment Bill 2015*

The purpose of this Bill is to enable a greater range of mobile food businesses to seek single, state-wide registration under the *Food Act 2003* (the Act).

This amendment will reduce the operating costs for mobile food business operators, and reduce the administrative burden for councils.

Under the Act, certain food businesses must register with each council in whose municipality the business is located. If however the food business is conducted 'in a vehicle' (for example, an ice-cream van or take-away food van), section 88 of the Act provides that once the business is registered in one council, it is sufficient to satisfy the registration requirement throughout the state. That is, the registered food business is then eligible to sell food from that vehicle anywhere in the State.

Currently, section 88 only applies to food businesses conducted 'in a vehicle'. So some mobile food businesses, such as those conducted from a tent, a trestle table, or from a custom built trailer used to cook potatoes or pizza must register and pay with each council in which they operate.

This Bill will extend section 88 to ensure a range of mobile food businesses are eligible for single certificate registration and therefore pay only one registration fee.