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Government moves to cut red tape for food trucks

The State Government has announced plans for a major overhaul of food truck regulations, to open up the market to new vendors and cut red tape for new and existing operators.

In a new position paper, released today, the State Government announced its intention to:

- Develop simpler, consistent regulations and permits for food truck operators across the State – including the removal of restrictions on the number of permits that can be issued
- Better food safety inspection processes, including a new ‘passport’ system to verify recent, successful food safety inspections
- Support a food truck park in or near Adelaide’s Central Business District
- Host a challenge for digital entrepreneurs to design a user-friendly way to connect food trucks with their customers
- Sponsor a ‘tester truck’ that can be used by prospective operators to test out menus, marketing and locations before deciding to invest in their own business
- Include food trucks in South Australian Tourism Commission marketing materials promoting the State
- Allow both food trucks and smaller vendors to trade from Government-owned transport hubs – such as bus and railway stations.

All initiatives are expected to be in place within 18 months, while the regulatory changes to the Local Government Act are expected to be in operation by 1 October this year.

Background

The Position Paper was developed based on feedback from the Government’s Discussion Paper on food trucks, which was released for consultation in November last year.

The Position Paper is now available on the YourSAy website at www.yoursay.sa.gov.au/food-trucks-paper/

Quotes attributable to the Assistant Minister to the Treasurer Chris Picton

The introduction of food trucks into Adelaide has been a great success. They have brought more energy and colour to our city, as well as translating into many new fixed-premises restaurants.

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By their very nature food trucks operate across multiple council boundaries – that’s why we need to bring in sensible regulations that are simple and work across the state.

The food truck sector is full of promise and these proposed actions will encourage these entrepreneurial businesses to create jobs and commercial opportunities - bringing great food and service, choice, energy and colour to Adelaide’s street life.