Additional file: Sources of information and searches conducted in Australia, based on methods developed by Mialon et al. [1]

Nature of the source of information	Category	Source of information	Specific data to be collected
Food industry material	Country-specific website of the industry actor	Nestle Australia: http://www.nestle.com.au https://www.nestlebaby.com.au/ https://www.nestleprofessional.com/australia/en/Insights/Pages/NUTRIPRO.aspx http://www.nestlechoosewellness.com.au http://www.nestlehealthscience.com.au/ Coca Cola Australia: https://www.coca-cola.com.au http://www.coca-colajourney.com.au/ http://ccamatil.com/Pages/default.aspx http://www.cokecareers.com.au/Pages/default.aspx http://cokegrads.com.au/ McDonald's Australia: https://mcdonalds.com.au Woolworths: http://www.woolworths.com.au Australian Food and Grocery Council: http://afgc.org.au http://www.mydailyintake.net/	Composition of diet-related committee Webpages, reports related to diet-related issues Voluntary initiatives, commitments and policies related to diet-related issues Awards to researchers Research units or groups on diet-related issues Submissions to public consultations Education material about diet-related issues Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1]
	Country-specific webpages or report or information in annual reports of a company's philanthropic activities	Nestle Australia: http://www.nestle.com.au/creating-shared-value Coca Cola Australia: http://www.coca-colajourney.com.au/ (same as above) McDonald's Australia: https://www.rmhc.org.au/ Woolworths: http://www.woolworths.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/Website/Woolworths/About+Us/Community/ http://www.woolworthslimited.com.au/page/A_Trusted_Company/Corporate_Responsibility/ AFGC: http://www.afgc.org.au/publications/	Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1]
	Country-specific social media accounts of the industry actor	Twitter: Nestle: https://twitter.com/nestleaunews Coca Cola Australia: https://twitter.com/CocaColaAU https://twitter.com/CocaColaAmatil McDonald's: https://twitter.com/McDonaldsAu Woolworths: N/A in Australia AFGC: https://twitter.com/AusFoodGrocery	Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1] Twitter accounts monitored from September 2014 to February 2015. Facebook accounts were monitored from September 2014 to December 2014 but limited CPA was revealed and so monitoring was stopped
Government material: departments (and related agencies) responsible for	Websites of departments and related agencies in charge of health (National level)	http://australia.gov.au/news-and-media/public-consultations Australian government - Public consultations: http://www.australia.gov.au/news-and-media/public-consultations National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC):	From January 2012 to December 2014: submissions to public consultations from the food industry and its allies (including third parties) on diet- and public health-related issues - Consultations include: nutrition, health and related claims, dietary guidelines and obesity Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1]

diet- related issues		http://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/public_consultations/submissions/all http://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/public_consultations/submissions/dietary_guidelines http://consultations.nhmrc.gov.au/public_consultations/submissions/obesity department of Health (DoH): http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/health_consulations.htm Food Standards of Australia and New Zealand (FSANZ): http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/ http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/code/proposals/Pages/proposalp293nutritionhealthandrelatedclai ms/Default.aspx	
		DoH Front of Pack: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/frontofpackcommittee NHMRC Aus dietary guidelines:	
		http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/your-health/nutrition/dietary-guidelines-working-committee/declarations-conflict-interest-dietary FSANZ: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/about/board/Pages/default.aspx Food and Health Dialogue:	Working groups on diet-related issues and conflicts of interest Public private initiatives
		http://www.foodhealthdialogue.gov.au/internet/foodandhealth/publishing.nsf/Content/industry-engagement Australian Research Council Linkage projects: http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/lp/lp_outcomes.htm http://www.arc.gov.au/ncgp/itrp/hubs_outcomes.htm	
		Australian Health Ministers' Conference media releases and communiques http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/Media+Releases+Communiques-1	Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1]
		NHMRC: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/freedom-information DoH: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/foi-about FSANZ: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/about/ips/foilog/Pages/default.aspx	Informally asked for: number and dates of meetings between the selected food industry actors and the department, topic of meeting If no adequate response, Freedom of Information (FOI) requests from January 2012 to December 2014
		FOI log NHMRC: https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about/freedom-information/freedom-information-disclosure- log DoH: http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/Content/foi-disc-log FSANZ: http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/about/ips/foilog/Pages/default.aspx	FOI disclosure log with information related to the food industry on diet- and public health-related issues, from January 2012 to December 2014
	Websites of the Parliament and Senate (National level)	http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/House/Current_Inquiries http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Senate/Current_Inquiries http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Current_Inquiries	From January 2012 to December 2014: Submissions to public consultations from the food industry and its allies (including third parties such as front groups) on diet- and public health-related issues - Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1]

		http://www.aph.gov.au/About_Parliament/Parliamentary_Departments/Information_Requests	Ask for: number and dates of meetings between the industry and the Parliament or Senate, topic of meeting, industry actors If no answer, Freedom of Information requests from January 2012 to December 2014 FOI disclosure log from January 2012 to December 2014
		http://www.aph.gov.au/Senators_and_Members/Members/Register	Declarations of interests of all members
	Register of lobbyists (National level)	http://lobbyists.pmc.gov.au	Lobbyists on behalf of the food industry
V p v c	Websites of 3 major political parties and websites of commissions in charge of elections (National Level)	Candidate Election Return - Australian Greens, Australian Labor Party and Liberal Party of Australia -http://electiondisclosures.aec.gov.au/CandidateSearch.aspx?SubmissionId=17496 Political Party Annual Return - Australian Greens, Australian Labor Party and Liberal Party of Australia - http://periodicdisclosures.aec.gov.au/Party.aspx Monash University - department of Nutrition and Dietetics	From January 2012 to December 2014: Annual returns for donations from the food industry (donations for elections and donations to political parties, does not include Public Relations agencies, which are not exclusively working on behalf of the food industry)
Other material s	10 major universities with a school/department of nutrition/dietetics/exercise or physical activity	http://www.med.monash.edu.au/ http://www.med.monash.edu.au/scs/nutrition-dietetics/ The University of Sydney - School of Molecular Bioscience, the Faculty of Science Center for overweight and obesity (ended 2008) Cluster for Public Health Nutrition http://sydney.edu.au/ http://sydney.edu.au/science/molecular_bioscience/ http://sydney.edu.au/medicine/public-health/coo/ (ended 2008) Deakin University - School of Exercice and Nutrition Science http://www.deakin.edu.au/ http://www.deakin.edu.au/health/ens/ The University of Adelaide - Centre of Research Excellence in Translating Nutritional Science to Good Health http://www.adelaide.edu.au/ http://www.adelaide.edu.au/ http://www.adelaide.edu.au/cre-nutrition/ University of South Australia - Nutritional Physiology Research Centre SANSOM http://www.unisa.edu.au/ http://www.unisa.edu.au/ http://www.unisa.edu.au/Research/Sansom-Institute-for-Health-Research/Research-at-the-Sansom/Research-Concentrations/Nutritional-Physiology/ Curtin University - School of Public Health Nutrition www.curtin.edu.au/ University of Newcastle - School of Health Science: The Centre for Physical Activity and Nutrition http://www.newcastle.edu.au/research-and-innovation/centre/cpan/	Searches on the websites and asked (to vice chancellor, deputy vice chancellor (research) and research services) for • Funds received or sponsor from the food industry • Research projects, fellowships or grants funded by the selected food industry actors • Prizes to students If no answer, Freedom of Information requests from January 2012 to December 2014 http://www.adm.monash.edu.au/execserv/foi/ http://sydney.edu.au/legal/regulations/foi.shtml http://www.deakin.edu.au/about-deakin/administrative-divisions/university-solicitors-office/freedom-of-information http://www.adelaide.edu.au/policies/3/ http://w3.unisa.edu.au/cha/staffinfo/foi/default.asp http://legal.curtin.edu.au/foi/ http://www.newcastle.edu.au/about-uon/governance-and-leadership/access-to-information/request-information http://www.mopp.qut.edu.au/F/F_06_03.jsp http://www.utas.edu.au/legal-services/right-to-information-act http://www.flinders.edu.au/policyandsecretariat/freedom-of-information/

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		Queensland University of Technology - Faculty of Health, School - Exercise and Nutrition Sciences https://www.qut.edu.au/https://www.qut.edu.au/health/about/schools/school-of-exercise-and-nutrition-sciences	
		University of Tasmania - School of Human Life Science: Nutrition and dietetics http://www.utas.edu.au/http://www.utas.edu.au/human-life-sciences/future-students/career-opportunities/Health-Science/nutrition-and-dietetics	
		Flinders University - School of Health Science: Nutrition and dietetics http://www.flinders.edu.au/http://www.flinders.edu.au/sohs/sites/nutrition-and-dietetics/student-prizes.cfm	
		Public Health Association of Australia (PHAA) 43rd Annual Conference	Booths of the food industry
		http://www.phaa.net.au/43rd_Annual_Conference.php 2014 Australian and New Zealand Obesity Society (ANZOS) Annual Scientific Meeting	Presentations from or supported by the food industry (poster presentation, oral presentation)
		2014 Mushaman and New Zealand Obesity Society (MVZOS) Miniatal Solentine Meeting	Sponsors from the food industry
	5 major conferences on diet-, public health- or physical activity-related issues (National level)	Dieticians Association of Australia (DAA) National Conference 2014 http://arinex.com.au/dietitians2014/	
		Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA) 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting http://www.nsa.asn.au/index.php/2014_ASM/	Awards from the food industry
		Exercise & Sports Science Australia Conference 2014 www.essa.org.au/2014conference/	
		Public Health Association of Australia: http://www.phaa.net.au/	Funds received or sponsors from the food industry (if no info, ask phaa@phaa.net.au,
	5 major professional bodies in diet-, public health- or physical activity related health issues (National level)	Australia and New Zealand Obesity Society: https://anzos.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=featured&Itemid=14	https://www.anzos.com/index.php?option=com_contact&view=contact&id=1&Itemid=4, nationaloffice@daa.asn.au,
		Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA): http://daa.asn.au/	nsa@theassociationspecialists.com.au, rachel.collins@essa.org.au)
		Nutrition Society of Australia (NSA): http://www.nsa.asn.au/	Awards from the food industry
		Exercise & Sports Science Australia: https://www.essa.org.au/	Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1]
Media	News and media releases	Search on Google News with the name of the company and "health" Nestle Australia: http://www.nestle.com.au/media/newsandfeatures Coca Cola Australia: http://www.coca-colajourney.com.au McDonald's: https://mcdonalds.com.au/news Woolworths: http://www.woolworths.com.au/wps/wcm/connect/Website/Woolworths/About+Us/Woolworths-News/	Monthly monitoring from September 2014 to February 2015 Qualitative analysis for information relevant to the conceptual framework [1]
		AFGC: http://www.afgc.org.au/media-centre/ http://www.afgc.org.au/category/news/	

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