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Outback Stores attends industry roundtable to discuss affordability measures for remote communities

Outback Stores is proud to be a part of the recently announced product subsidy scheme which will provide remote stores with low-cost access to 30 food products and essential products. This initiative is set to ease cost-of-living pressures and improve food security for people living in remote communities.

We thank all industry stakeholders who have voluntarily collaborated through Remote Food Security Working Group to develop a comprehensive list of 30 products which will allow community members to purchase these products at the same price as supermarkets in urban areas.

Outback Stores is particularly excited for the benefits this subsidy will bring for First Nations people and is well positioned to assist in implementing this scheme to drive better food security and affordability outcomes.

As this scheme evolves in the coming months, we encourage continued collaboration between all stakeholders through the Remote Food Security Working Group to improve affordability for remote communities.

We also extend our sincere gratitude for the opportunity to participate in the Alice Springs Remote Food Security Roundtable held on 8 April, led by Metcash, and look forward to continuing working with all stakeholders.

Outback Stores is a wholly owned Commonwealth company that has been operating for 19 years. Over this journey, we have remained committed to assisting remote community stores in maintaining food security and improving affordability of staple and healthy products.

In our short history at Outback Stores, we have been able to halt the closure of 19 stores, manage 13 out of administration, 4 through liquidation, reopen 2 and further assisted an additional 17 stores through significant financial hardships. We continue to assist stores where food security is at risk, currently supporting 58 stores across the country, with this number steadily increasing each year as more communities reach out for support.

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[Outback Stores](#) provides retail store management and support services on a transparent fee for service basis to Indigenous owned community stores. We work with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in a holistic way to improve health, nutrition, employment, training and economic outcomes in remote communities.