

Vulnerable Persons Audit Project 2022

Biosecurity and Food Safety (BFS) protects the NSW community, environment and economy from biosecurity & food safety risks

Project Overview

BFS Compliance conducted a targeted audit program on licensed facilities serving food to vulnerable persons.

Due to the restrictions implemented in response to the COVID-19 outbreak, licensed vulnerable persons facilities had been closed to visitors for an 18-month period. Although these restrictions have generally lifted, some were still in place at these high-risk facilities.

Full system audits were conducted at licensed facilities to ensure that mandated food safety programs and operating conditions were being maintained by this historically highly compliant sector.

Project Statistics



Audits conducted



Auditors involved in the project



Audit hours



Auditors trained in Vulnerable Persons auditing requirements



Improvement Notices issued



Improvement Notices closed out with no further sanctions required

Project Outcomes

BFS Compliance achieved its target of conducting full systems audits at all licensed facilities for this project. The average audit length was lower than anticipated due to some COVID-19 restrictions still being in place at these high-risk facilities, limiting the time our staff could spend on site. The completion of all planned audits while dealing with these restrictions was an excellent outcome.

Overall, there was a high compliance rate for this audit project. This highlights the maturity of the sector and demonstrates that food safety remained a priority during a period of increased risk and impacted operating conditions due to COVID-19.