



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Food outlet prosecuted over poor hygiene**

Food outlets have been warned to exercise proper kitchen hygiene following the successful prosecution of a business in Marion.

Tight Assignments Pty Ltd – trading as Bing Boy at Westfield Marion – and the company's director Michael Calava, of Noosaville, have together been fined \$7000 in the Adelaide Magistrates Court. Convictions were recorded against the company and Mr Calava.

The offences relate to breaches of the food safety standards under the Food Act 2001.

Marion Mayor Kris Hanna said the case sent a strong message to the community and to food outlets.

"Businesses which continually fall short of the food safety standards risk being prosecuted," Mr Hanna said.

"The community has a right to good hygiene in our restaurants and cafes. Since becoming Mayor in 2014 I've pushed for a stronger emphasis on enforcement."

The breach was discovered during a routine inspection of Bing Boy by Council's Environmental Health Officers in April last year.

It was alleged that officers found the basin used for washing hands was obstructed and staff had poor food hygiene practices. The City of Marion had attempted to work with the business to help it meet its food safety obligations. An expiation notice was issued and the company and Mr Calava elected to be prosecuted.

Magistrate White fined Tight Assignments Pty Ltd \$6000 and Mr Calava \$1000 on Friday, 29 January, 2016. The court ordered the company and Mr Calava pay costs of \$1246 to the Council

Mr Hanna said: "The message from the courts is clear: food outlets must have hand washing facilities freely available for staff at all times".

"I commend our Environmental Health Officers for their commitment to keeping the community safe," Mr Hanna said.

"Marion has about 400 food outlets and our officers inspect them to ensure appropriate levels of hygiene are maintained.

"Our officers do a great job of educating business proprietors about safe food handling techniques, but on occasion we need to crackdown heavily for the good of the community."

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The table below outlines the work of the Environmental Health team in keeping the community safe over the past four years:

|                                      | <b>2011/12</b> | <b>2012/13</b> | <b>2013/14</b> | <b>2014/15*</b> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Number of food outlets in Marion     | 361            | 372            | 447            | 378             |
| Number of inspections                | 350            | 294            | 292            | 339             |
| Number of follow up inspections      | 65             | 37             | 73             | 23              |
| Inspection resulting from complaints | 23             | 21             | 17             | 11              |
| <b>Action taken</b>                  |                |                |                |                 |
| Written warning                      | 29             | 34             | 5              | 1               |
| Improvement notice                   | 1              | 1              | 6              | 1               |
| Prohibition order                    | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0               |
| Expiation                            | 6              | 2              | 1              | 4               |
| Prosecution                          | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0               |

Note: The 2014/15 figures are estimates due to a change in the classification of businesses and the introduction of a new computer-based reporting system.

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