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**To our valued partners,**

#### **LEADERSHIP UPDATE – TEXTURED CONCEPT FOODS**

We are sharing an important update about the leadership of Textured Concept Foods (TCF). After more than a decade of passion, innovation, and commitment, our co-founder and chef, **Darren Benfell**, has decided to step away from the business to begin his retirement and pursue his next chapter.

From starting out as a conversation with co-founder and dietitian **Dr Lisa Sossen** about providing better food quality for dysphagia diners in aged care, to opening our first manufacturing space in a former fish and chip shop, Darren has faced every challenge head-on. His vision and dedication helped build TCF from the ground up, shaping it into the innovative company it is today.

We are deeply grateful for Darren's leadership, his commitment to improving texture modified dining, and for building the dedicated team who continue to make wholesome a whole lot easier.

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#### **What's next for TCF**

Onwards and upwards! **Dr Lisa Sossen** will continue to lead the business she co-founded with Darren, ensuring that TCF remains committed to delivering high-quality, nutritious, and visually appealing texture modified meals for dysphagia diners across Australia.

TCF remains **100% Australian-owned and operated**, and our mission remains unchanged: to improve dining experiences in healthcare and home care settings through innovation, quality, and care.

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We are excited about the future of TCF and look forward to continuing to work with you to create better dining experiences for dysphagia diners.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Please visit Textured Concept Foods website for more information.

Warm regards,

**Dr Lisa Sossen**

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