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FareShare Announcement

It is my pleasure to write to you as the Chair of the FareShare board with some exciting news.

For the last 20 years, I have had the privilege to watch FareShare grow from a small operation cooking a modest number of pastries to Australia's biggest charity kitchen, now running at full capacity from two locations – in Melbourne's Abbotsford kitchens and in Queensland at our thriving operation based in Brisbane.

This journey has taken us from producing 20,000 pastries annually, to over 3,000,000 meals each year - a magnificent achievement.

Over this time, FareShare has never lost sight of its purpose – to cook superior, high-quality, nutritious meals, from rescued ingredients - to give, for free, to people doing it tough.

Despite continually increasing the number of meals we cook, the frontline agencies who distribute them are telling us the need for our meals has never been greater. The demand for FareShare meals far outweighs what we can supply.

To realise our vision – to provide access to nutritious food to anyone who needs it, despite their location or situation - FareShare's Board and the Board of SecondBite **have agreed to merge**.

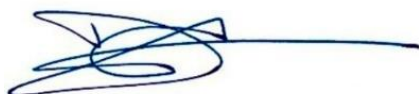
Many of you will be aware of our fellow food rescue organisation SecondBite. This FareShare and SecondBite partnership will create an organisation better able to deliver more meals, nationally.

SecondBite will provide vital ingredients to the FareShare kitchens as well as continue to provide items for people to prepare their own meals. FareShare will continue to do what it does best - cook meals - and our meals will still be branded FareShare.

I strongly believe that FareShare and SecondBite will transform the food relief sector together. Our reach will be wider, and our ability to provide more nutritious meals to many more people will be vastly improved. The merger is strongly supported by both Coles and Woolworths.

Our hope is that this merger will inspire even greater collaboration between all members of the food relief sector.

Warmest wishes,



David Harris OAM
Board Chair FareShare