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# GRAND ROUND

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**Prevention and management of child obesity:  
*starting early with parenting our infants and children***

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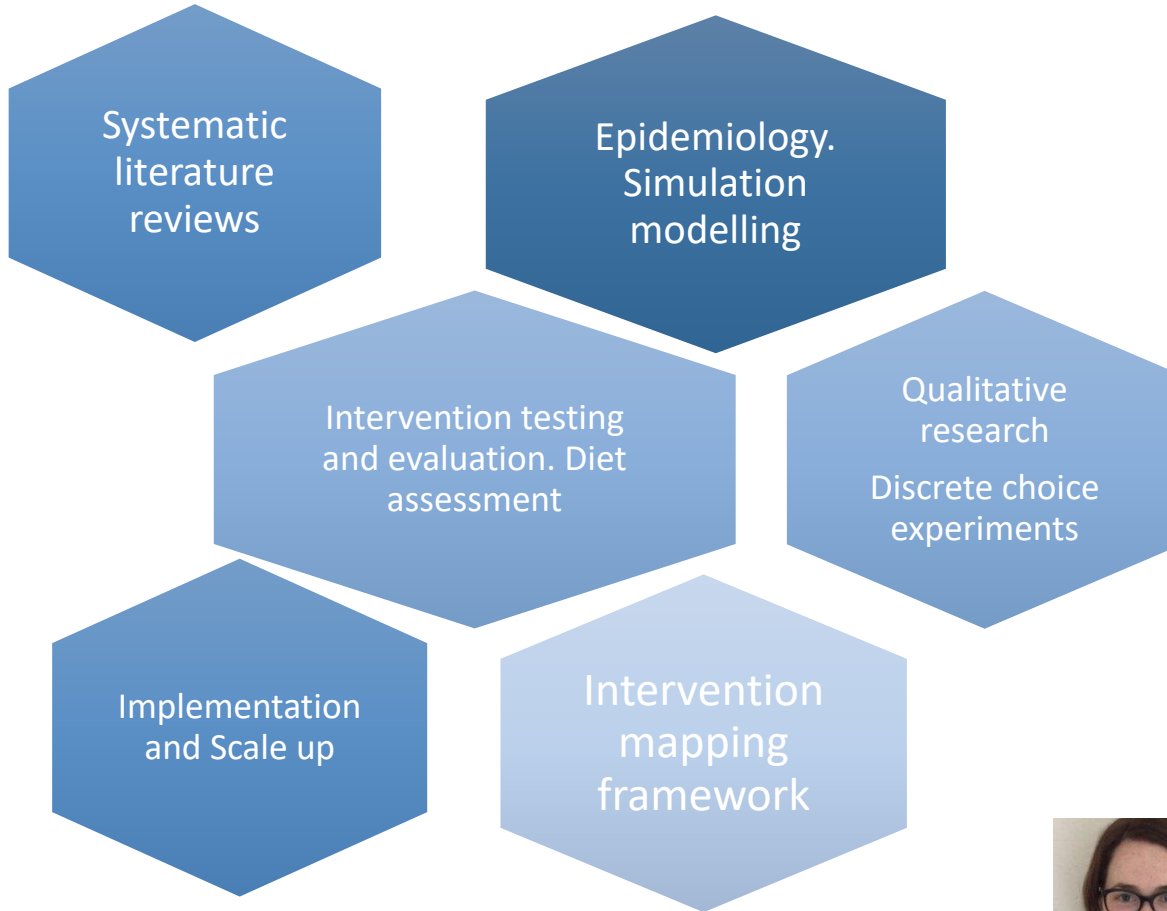
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# A team effort!

## Children and Families



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Development and validation of a short dietary assessment tool for obesity risk

**Dr Lucy Bell & Louisa Matwiejczyk**

Intergenerational obesity prevention and early care and education nutrition promotion



**Brittany Johnson**

Intervention design using Behaviour Change Wheel

Simulation modelling

Discrete choice experiments

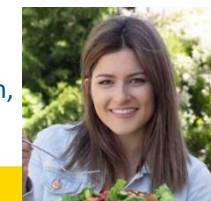
**Chelsea Mauch**

Improving evening meals via digital health interventions



**Dr Carly Moores**

Digital obesity prevention, large scale evaluation, implementation science

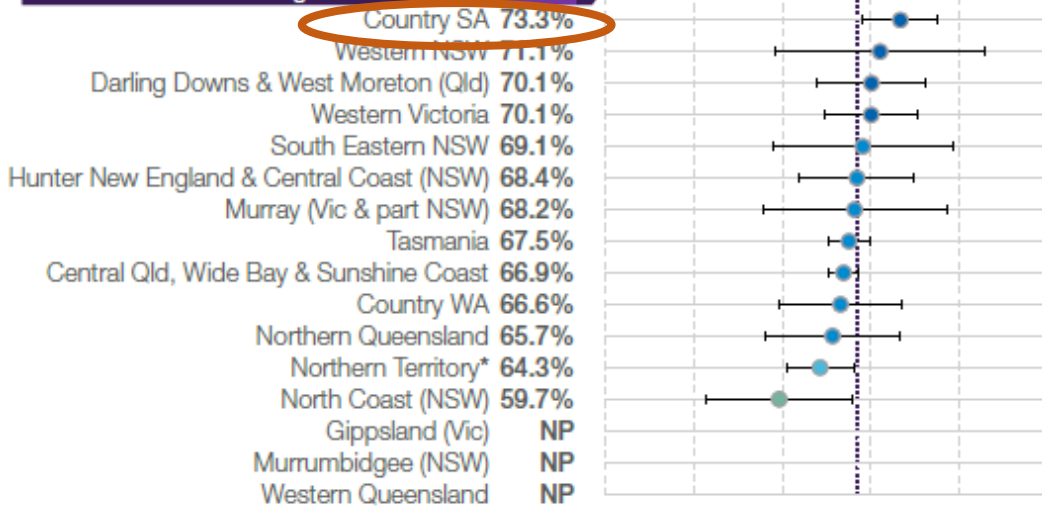


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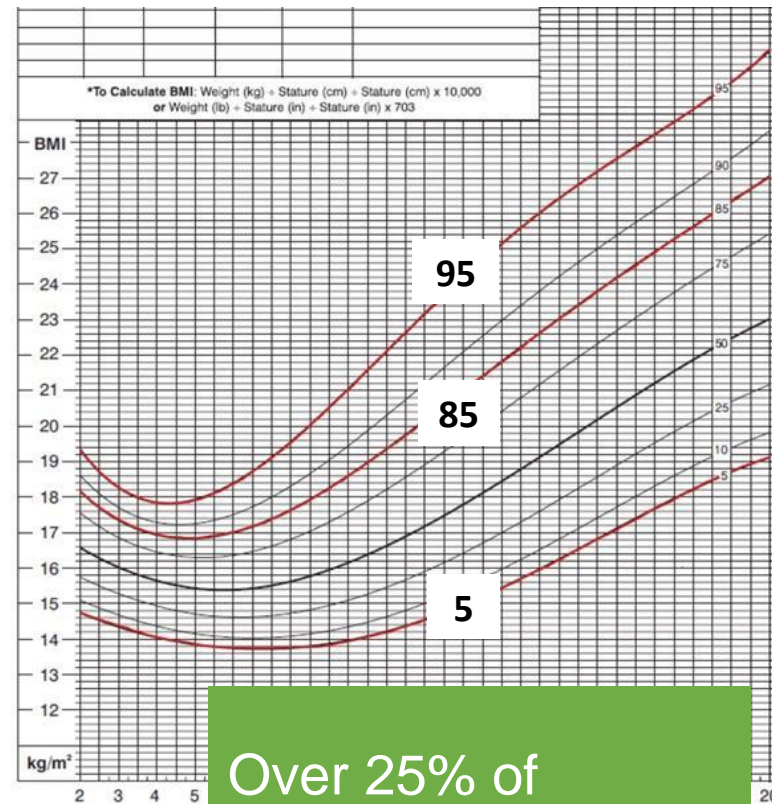
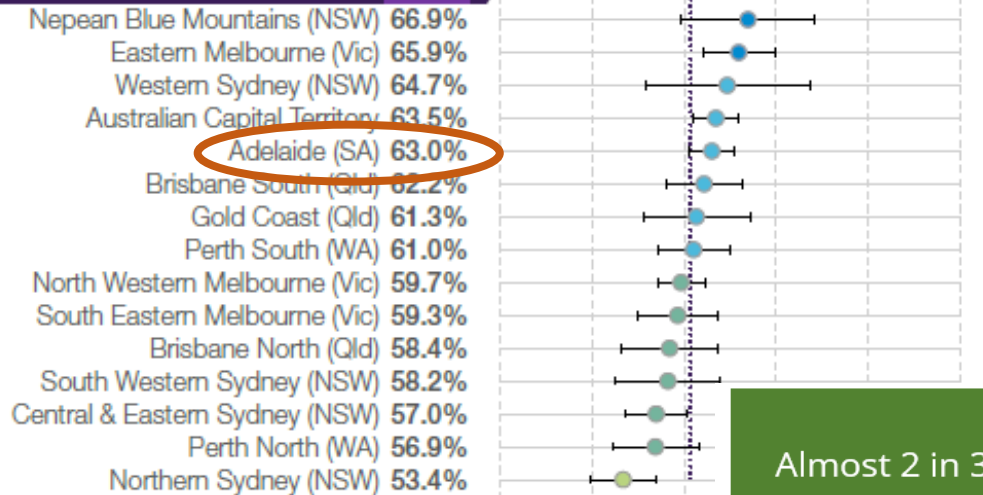
Dietary Guideline Index as a brief intervention



**All regional PHN areas 68.5%**



**All metro PHN areas 60.7%**

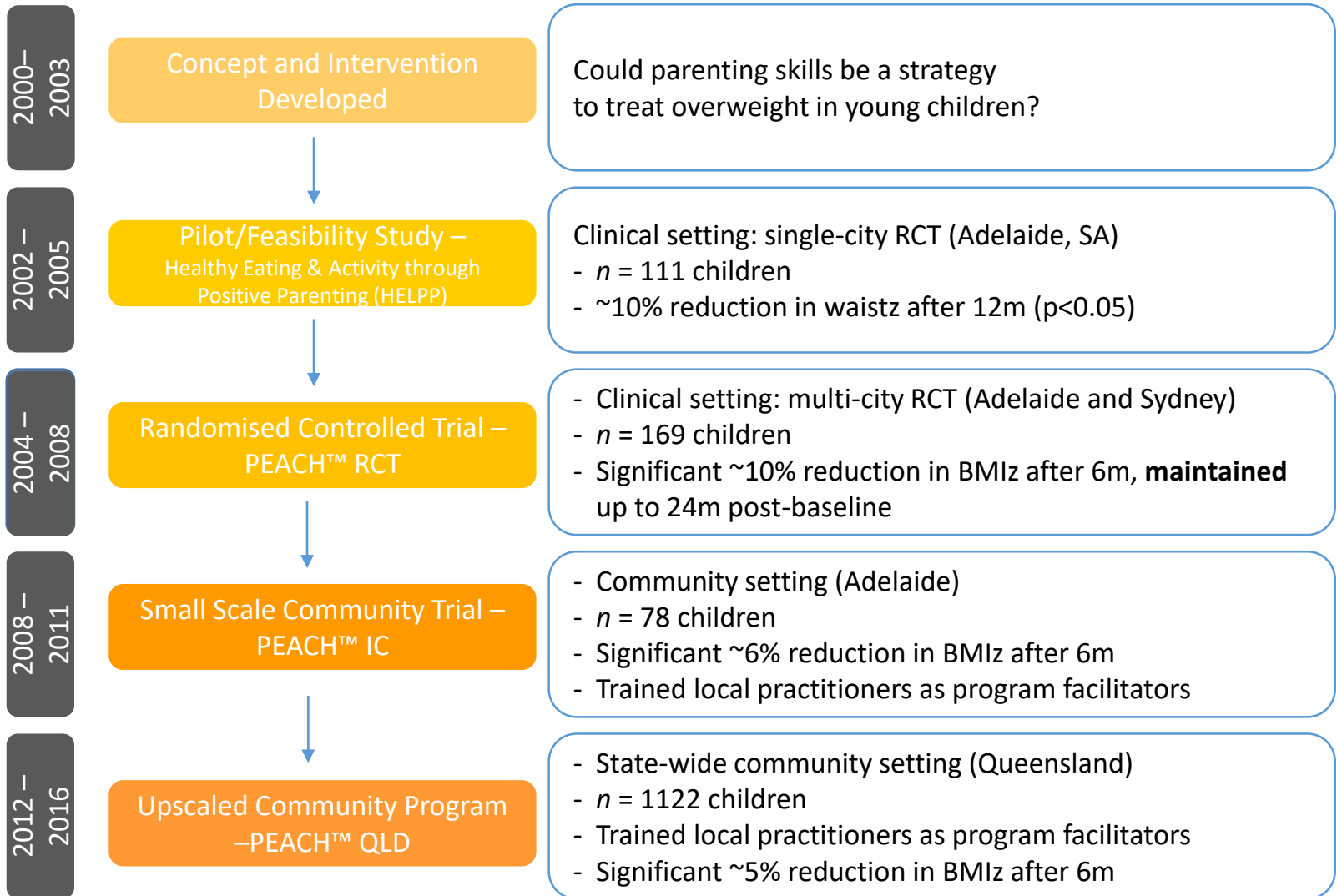


Over 25% of Australian children are overweight or obese (8% obese) = >1 million Australian children.

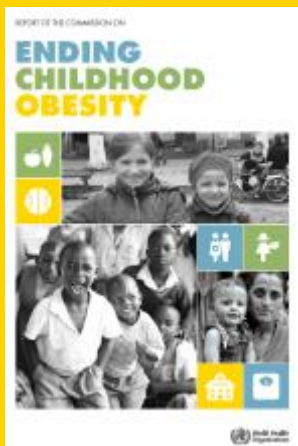
Almost 2 in 3 Australian adults (63%) were overweight or obese in 2014-15, similar to 2011-12



# PEACH™ Program: To enable parents to support healthy growth in their children via a whole-of-family lifestyle, parenting, problem-solving approach



The PEACH™ approach aligns with  
WHO recommendation 6



**Provide family-based,  
multicomponent, lifestyle  
weight management services  
for children and young  
people who are obese**

## Next generation research questions

- How can programs be integrated into existing service delivery opportunities?
- How can the program impact be enhanced, including at scale?
- How can the program be tailored for specific populations?



Original Research

# The adaptation and translation of the PEACH™ RCT intervention: the process and outcomes of the PEACH™ in the community trial

R.A. Perry<sup>a</sup> ✉, R.K. Golley<sup>b</sup>, J. Hartley<sup>a</sup>, A.M. Magarey<sup>a</sup>

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## Highlights

- Translation of a child weight management intervention to practice is described.
- Organisational and political changes prevented maximum reach and adoption.

Journal of Paediatrics and  
Child Health



Original Article

## Weight status and diets of children aged 1–12 years attending a tertiary public paediatric outpatient clinic

Suja M Mathew ✉, Lucinda K Bell, Chelsea Mauch, Anthea M Magarey

First published: 11 May 2019 | <https://doi.org/10.1111/jpc.14489>

Conflict of interest: None declared.

*BMC Public Health*. 2019 Jun 14;19(1):756. doi: 10.1186/s12889-019-6894-y.

**Enrolment of families with overweight children into a program aimed at reducing childhood obesity with and without a weight criterion: a natural experiment.**

[Esdaile E](#)<sup>1</sup>, [Hernandez E](#)<sup>2</sup>, [Moore CJ](#)<sup>3</sup>, [Vidgen HA](#)<sup>2</sup>.

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

Open Access



A narrative account of implementation lessons learnt from the dissemination of an up-scaled state-wide child obesity management program in Australia: PEACH™ (Parenting, Eating and Activity for Child Health) Queensland

Williams et al. *BMC Public Health* (2017) 17:559  
DOI 10.1186/s12889-017-4466-6

BMC Public Health

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

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Parent engagement and attendance in PEACH™ QLD – an up-scaled parent-led childhood obesity program

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# Feasibility of a group-based, facilitator-directed online family lifestyle program

Lucinda K Bell, Rebecca Golley, Carly J Moores, Rebecca Perry, Jo Hartley, Michelle Miller, Louisa Matwiejczyk, Jacqueline Miller, Anthea M Magarey

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# Methods

## Objectives:

To deliver PEACH™ Lifestyle as a facilitated group-based online program

## Design and sample:

Pre-post feasibility study with parents (n=79) of children aged  $7.9 \pm 2.9$  years (25% healthy weight, 23% obese).

## Online program:

Website with self directed learning modules (n=10) and facilitated group-based video conferencing sessions (n=6)

# Results

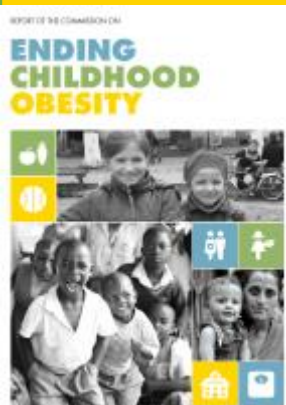
- All parents would recommend program to others
  - 90% families reported household lifestyle changes BUT
- Engagement with web content and video conferencing sessions was low
  - Only half of parents attended at least one video conferencing session (n=1 all six)
  - Only 33% of parents completed all 10 online modules
- Lack of time was a barriers to engagement.
- PEACH™ Lifestyle may promote healthy lifestyles.
- The potential for digital health technologies to address barriers to engagement were not realised.

# “Thinking outside the box”: novel touchpoints for obesity prevention

- How to support health professionals to support parents/caregivers?
- What should the messaging to caregivers be around child obesity to increase awareness and motivation?
- How to integrate child obesity prevention into existing service structures?
- Nominal group technique process
- Stakeholder group workshops
- Idea generation, collate, clarify, collapse, consensus
- Second half of 2019

# whole-of-community obesity prevention

Reach the multitude of settings where children and families live, eat, work or learn. Empower families to eat appropriately and be active

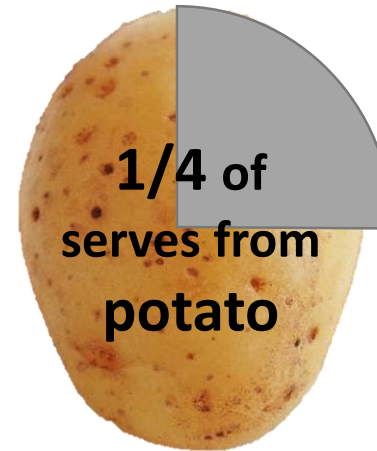


World Health Organization

# Australian children's diet quality



meet  
recommended  
serves of  
**fruit**



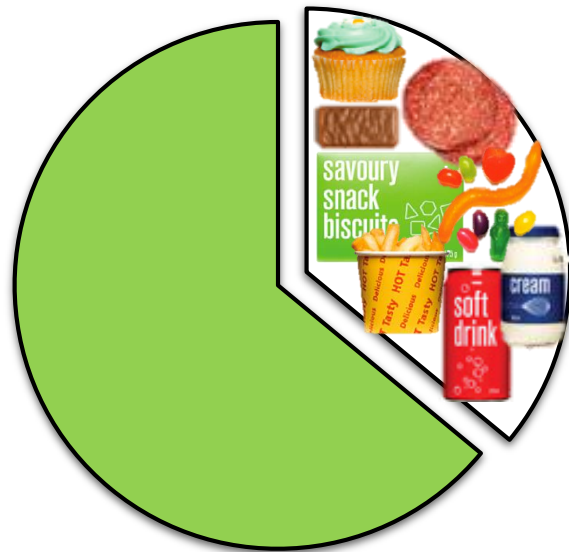
meet  
recommended  
serves of  
**vegetables**

- Meta-analysis of 21 schools programs n=26,361
  - fruit intake (excluding juice) **+0.24 portions** (95%CI 0.05, 0.43)
  - vegetable intake **+0.07 portions** (95%CI: 20.03, 0.16)
- Overall diet quality
  - DGI-CA is a measure of compliance with dietary guidelines including recommended serves, healthier choices and diet variety
  - Median **DGI-CA total score 48.3 out of 100** (IQR 47.5, 48.9) of 2-16yo children national survey

# Australian children's intake of discretionary choice

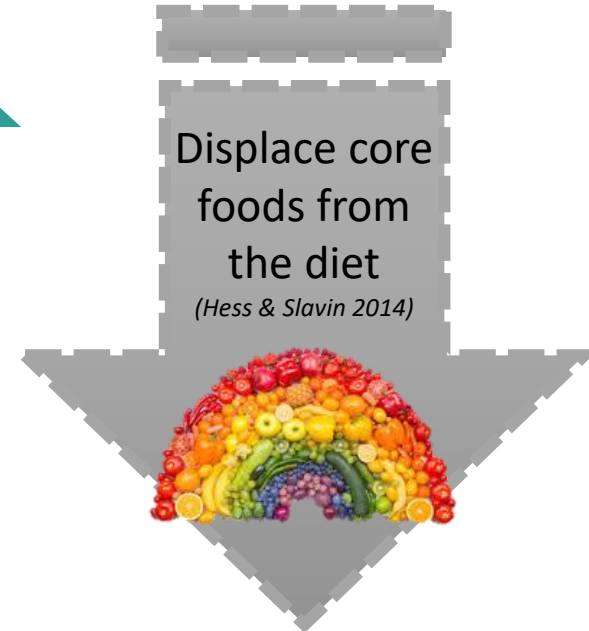
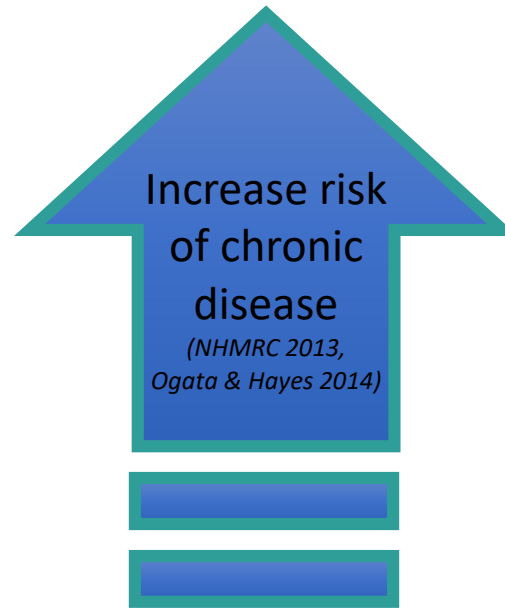
# 99%

exceed recommendations  
for unhealthy foods (ABS 2014)



Discretionary choices  
contribute >25% to ~40% of  
children's energy intake

(ABS 2014)



# How can we support parents?

First, need to understand:



Children's current intake



Dietary approaches to reduce unhealthy foods

**moderation**

**substitution**

**reformulation**



What skills and supports parents already have and where additional supports are needed

# What supports are needed

- Simply knowing unhealthy foods should be limited and wanting to limit provision is not enough to see action
  - ~80% know the dietary guidelines
  - High concern for excessive unhealthy food intake, in general and for their child
  - 50% intended to change provision
  - Children exceeded recommended limits of unhealthy foods
- But what is needed?
  - Range of qualitative literature relating to current eating patterns highlighting the barriers and enablers to healthy (and unhealthy) eating patterns.



**convenience**





The influence of cost, time, food availability, child resistance, support from co-parents and friends on parents' provision of snacks to their children: **A discrete choice experiment**

**B Johnson, Dorota Zarnowiecki, Gilly Hendrie, Elisabeth Huynh, Rebecca Golley**

Healthy Development Adelaide  
A Research and Innovation Cluster in South Australia

# Background

**Current gaps** in research examining barriers / influences:

- to reducing unhealthy food provision, relative importance
- in social and non-social occasions.

*(Petrunoff et al. 2012; Pettigrew et al. 2017)*



Aim to **compare the relative importance** of *physical resources* and *social supports* when **parents are choosing snacks** to provide to their 3-7 year old child in **social** and **non-social occasions**.

# Methods – discrete choice experiments

## **Common approaches:**

Self-reported barriers

Check boxes

Ranking



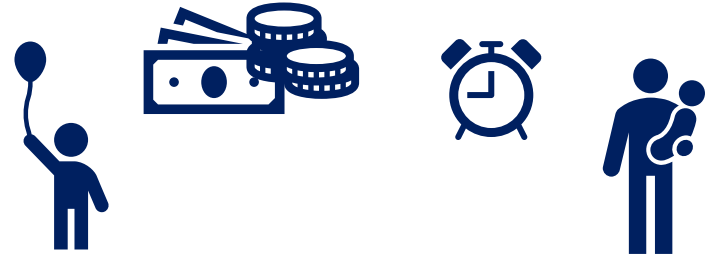
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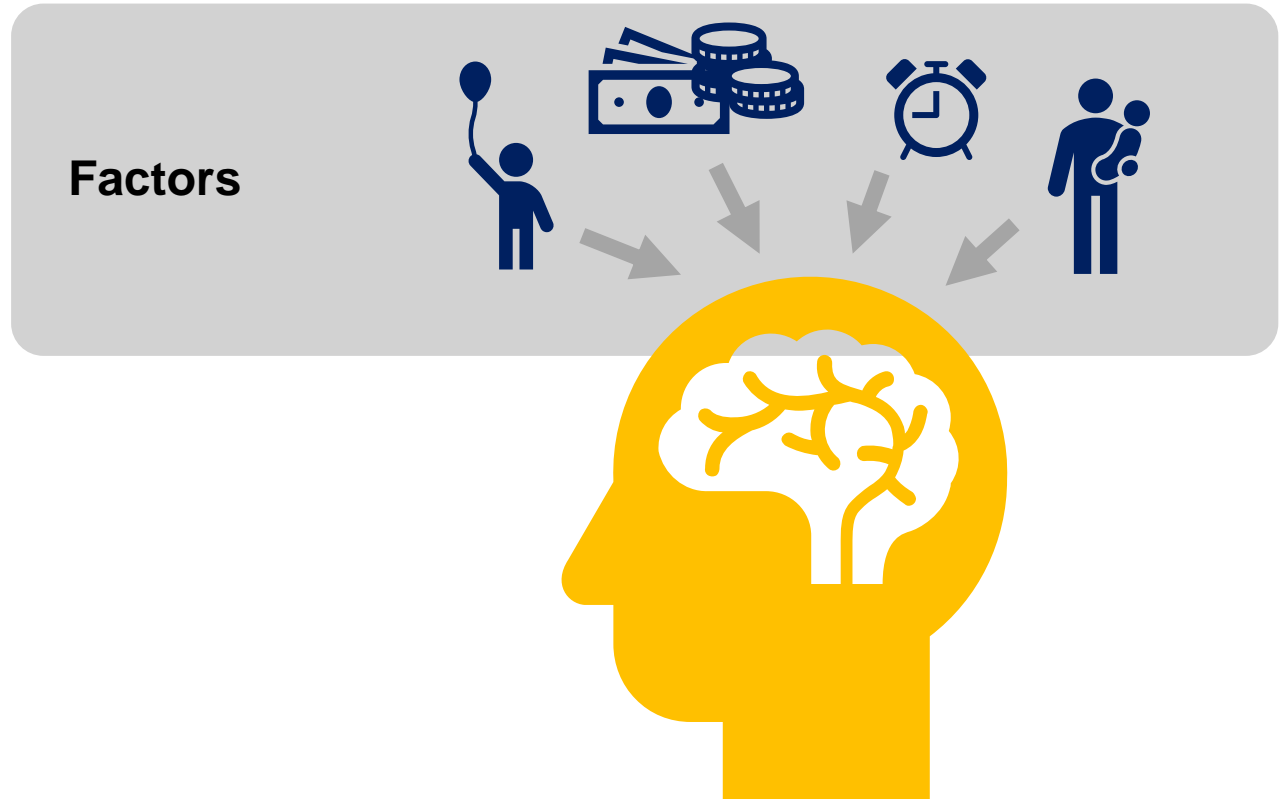
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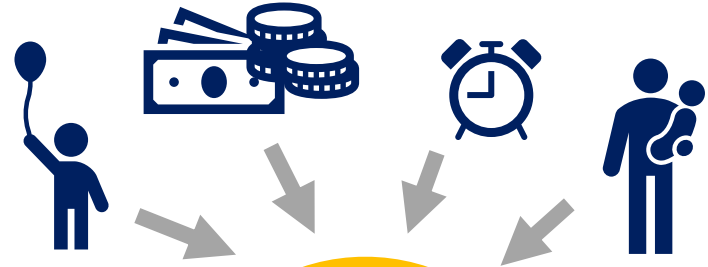
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Factors



Choice task

**TRADE-OFFS**



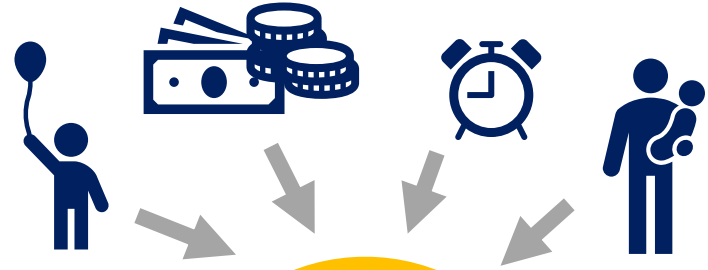
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Relative importance of factors

(Louviere, Hensher & Swait 2000) 3

# Methods

Online discrete choice experiment (5 choice tasks per social context per parent)  
Scenarios: snack provision on a Saturday with or without family friends present

	Snack A	Snack B	Neither
Cost of snack	Cheaper	More expensive	
Time to prepare	Quick	Quick	
Your child's likely response	Resistant	Accepting	
Significant family members (e.g. co-parent)	Supportive	Unsupportive	
Family friends	Unsupportive	Supportive	
Type of food	Everyday foods	Sometimes foods	
<b>Which would you choose?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



**225**

parents  
completed the  
study

**1125**

choice decisions  
per social context

Parents:



**99.6**  
%

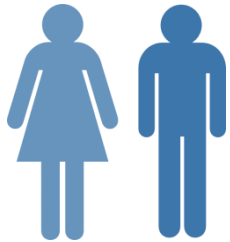
94.7% living with partner  
mothers



**51.6%**

of parents were  
employed part-time

# Results



Child mean age  
**5.2y (SD 1.3)**



Children:

56% healthy wt  
15% overweight  
15% with obesity



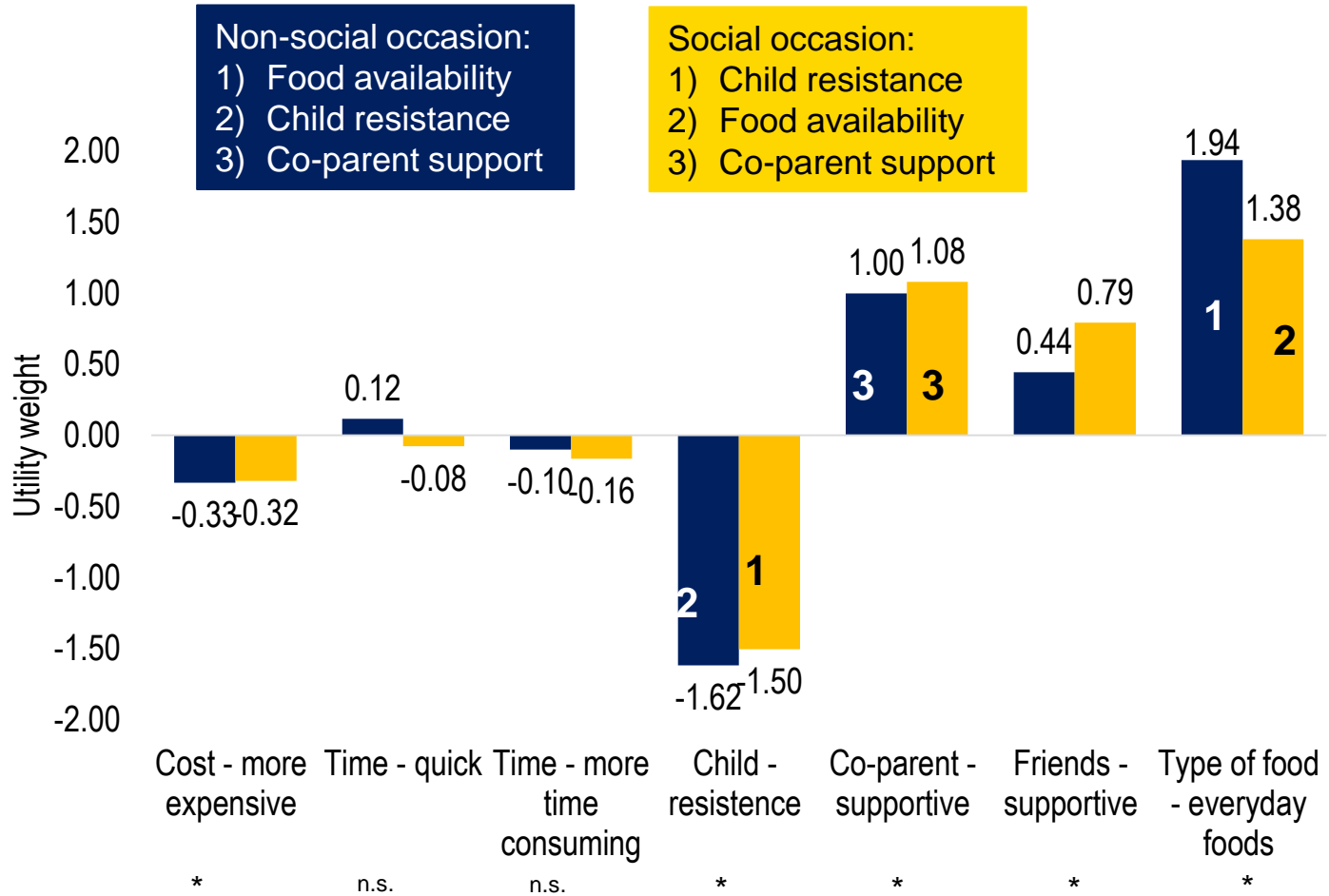
**72.5%** of  
parents had tertiary  
degree or higher



Socio-economic status

Lower 14.7%  
14.7%  
23.7%  
25.9%  
Higher 21.0%

# Results



# Take home message

Our study highlights the *relative importance* of **home food availability**, the **influence of children** and **co-parent support** in parent snack provision decision making, regardless of social context.

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# Family resource drivers of unhealthy food intake in Australian toddlers

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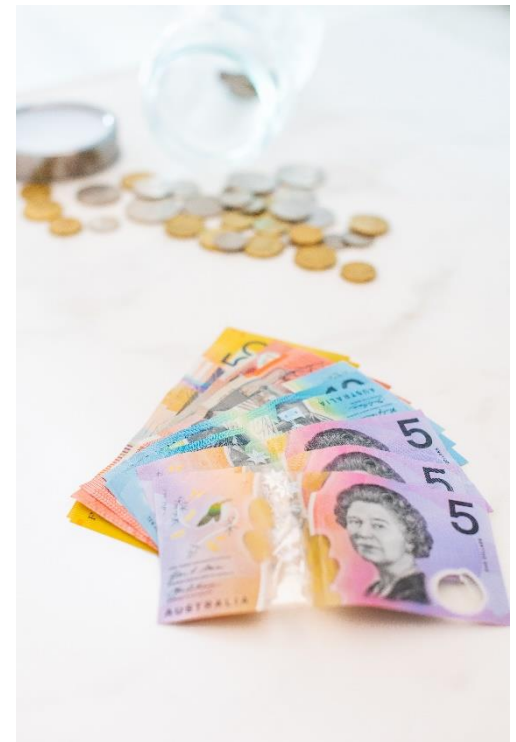


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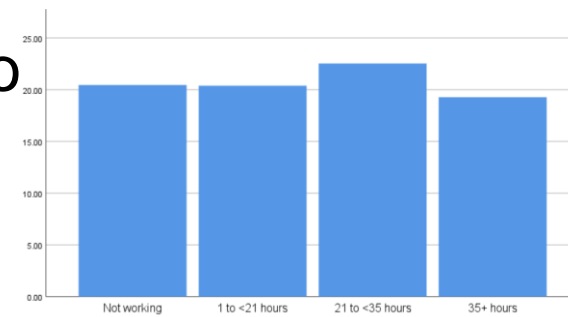
# Aim

To explore sociodemographic characteristics as resource-related drivers of unhealthy food intake in toddlers



# Methods

- 2yo Australian children - 2008 to 2014 (Daniels et al, 2009; Byrne et al, 2014)
  - Demographic data - birth, 4-7mo and 2 yrs
  - 2-3 days of dietary intake data – 2 yrs
- *Outcome:* proportion daily energy intake from unhealthy foods
- *Predictors:*
  - Maternal working hours: Not working, 1 to <21hrs/wk, 21 to <35hrs/wk, 35+ hrs/wk
  - Paternal working hours: Not working, 1 to <35hrs/wk, 35 to 40hrs/wk, >40hrs/wk
  - Household income:  $\geq$  and < 50k (AUD) per annum
- *Covariates:* family, parental and child facto



# Results



Median age 2 yrs



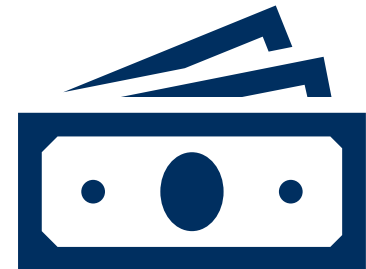
55% only child in household



54% female



40% mothers not yet returned to work  
57% fathers working 35 to 40 hours / wk



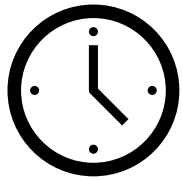
85% of families income  $\geq$  50k

# Results – Multiple regression

Predictors	B (95% CI)	SE B	$\beta$	p
Maternal working hours (21 to <35hrs/wk vs not working)	2.81 (0.27, 5.35)	1.29	0.11	0.030*
Paternal working hours (more than 40 hrs vs 35 to 40 hrs)	-1.96 (-4.06, 0.14)	1.07	-0.08	0.068
Household income	-4.60 (-7.48, -1.72)	1.47	-0.15	0.002**
<b>Adjusted R<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>0.117 (p&lt;0.001)**</b>			

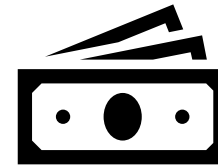
- Controlling for family structure, parental factors and child factors
- Covert restriction, child satiety responsiveness & slowness in eating and rewarding for eating also contributed significantly to the model





0.5 serves fruit

1 small mandarin (75g)



1.5 serves vegetables

120g peas, corn, carrot

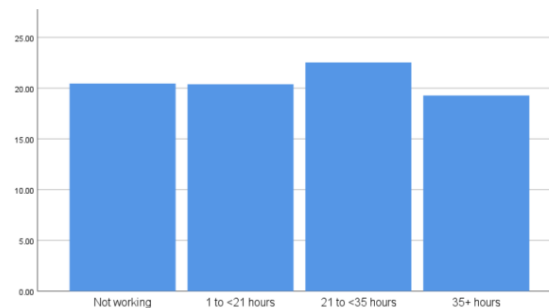


## What we know:

- Prior research suggests a non-linear relationship between maternal work hrs & weight / weight-related behaviours (Li et al, 2017; Brown et al, 2014)
- Research in older children, with maternal (not paternal) work hours & weight as outcome
- Low income assoc with diet quality in adult & child/adolescent samples (Darmon et al, 2008)

## What this study adds:

- Non-linear relationship between maternal time & toddlers diet quality
- Independent of fathers work hours & other covariates
- Interplay between resources / how we 'flex' or use resources may be important



## Where to from here:

- Investigate weight outcomes
- Repeat model for main meals / snacks
- Consider measurement of time use to better understand time scarcity
- Perception of time scarcity



# Mobile Apps to Support Healthy Family Food Provision: Systematic Assessment of Popular, Commercially Available Apps

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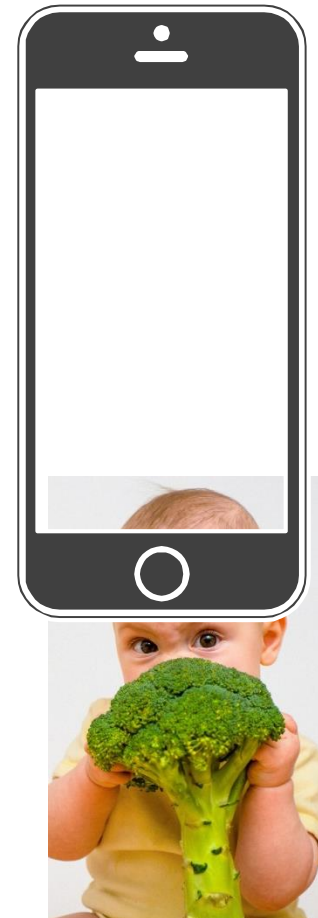
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- Recipe / recipe managers, meal planners, family organisers, with integrated meal planning and shopping list generation
  - Scored well for functionality, and incorporated a range of behavioural support features for addressing food provision
- Apps biased toward ‘planning’ behaviours
- Features mapped to relatively few Behaviour Change Techniques
- Failure to capitalise on Ecological Momentary Intervention
- Low engagement rating a concern
- **Future apps** – focus on engagement & incorporation of BCT’s, features that reduce burden of food provision





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# VegKIT: developing tools and interventions to increase vegetable intake by Australian kids

Australia's leading experts in nutrition have come together to increase children's vegetable consumption.



- We value the health of children and their future.
- It's estimated that only five percent of Australian children are consuming the recommended serves of vegetables.
- Australia's leading nutrition experts have come together for a new five year project to help address the significant under consumption of vegetables by Australian children.
- Hort Innovation has funded researchers from CSIRO, Flinders University and Nutrition Australia to deliver a national integrated approach to improving vegetable consumption, through education of children, training for educators and engagement with industry.


- We'll review the latest evidence and findings to develop best-practice guidelines for a range of stakeholders including educators, health practitioners and researchers to increase vegetable intake.

- Updated dietary advice for maternal, infant and early years, using evidence based knowledge of flavour exposure and food preference development, to facilitate vegetable acceptance.



- Initiatives in the community (for long day-care settings) to increase children's vegetable intake.
- Supply chain initiatives (Industry Innovations and early Primary school settings) to increase children's vegetable intake.

- A national online register of initiatives for the community to increase children's vegetable intake.
- Development and coordination of a Vegetable Intake Strategic Alliance (VISA) made up of cross-sector stakeholders.

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This project has been funded by Hort Innovation, using the vegetable research and development levy and contributions from the Australian Government. Hort Innovation is the grower-owned, not-for-profit research and development corporation for Australian horticulture.

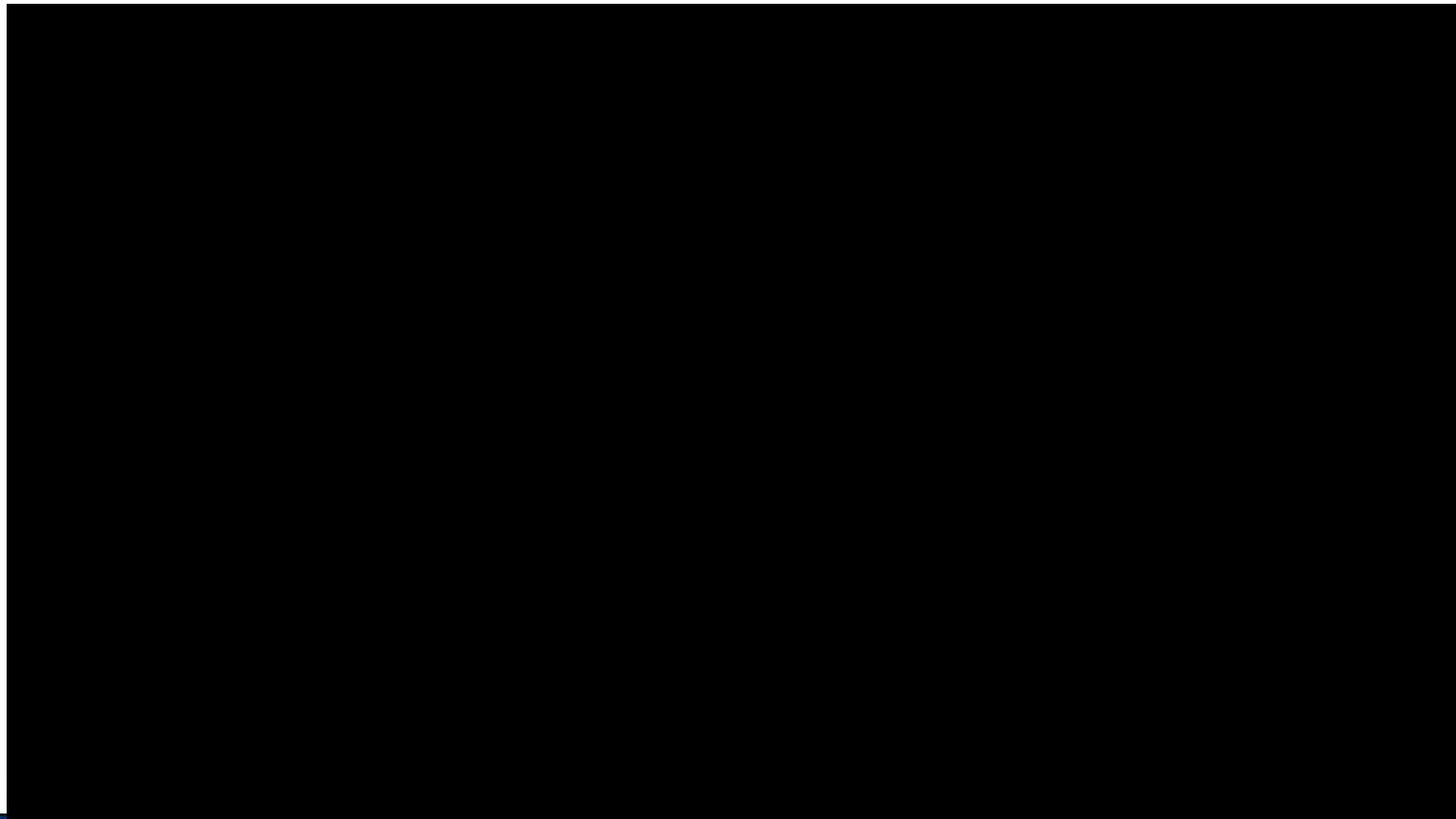


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