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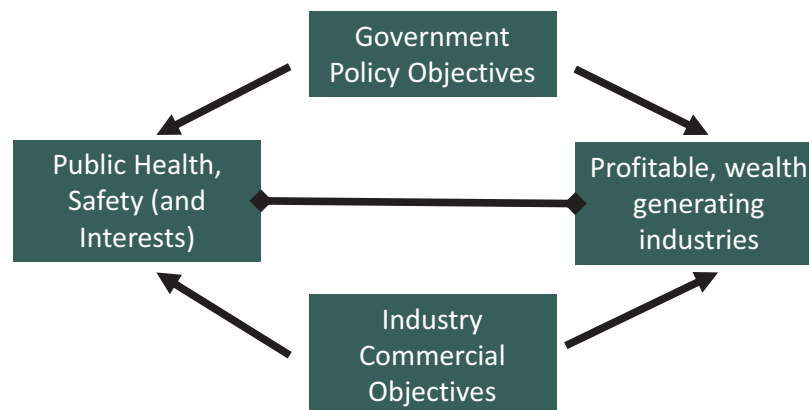
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Common objectives



Fundamentally, Government and industry have the same objectives

- Creation of wealth
- Wellbeing on the community

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Government policy & regulation is implemented by Industry.

- Food safety programs
- Food labelling

Government needs advice on implementation

- Consultation

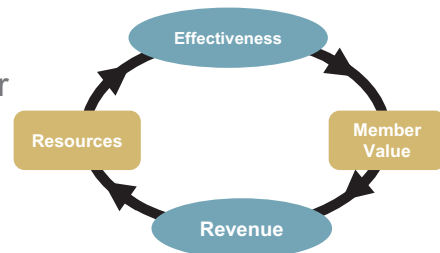
Industry needs a mechanism to provide collective advice

- Industry Associations

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Industry Associations – requirements

- 1) Representation – good coverage of sector
- 2) Governance – legal, internal processes
- 3) Resources – talented people
- 4) Integrity – fact based positions, apolitical, issues focussed
- 5) Credibility – consistency in advocacy positions across issues
- 6) Profile – Effective communication, internal & external
- 7) Strategic – long term planning
- 8) Member responsive



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1. Agreed national framework for policy and regulation development
 - *Principles and Guidelines for National Standard Setting and Regulatory Action by Ministerial Councils and Standard-Setting Bodies. Commonwealth of Australia*
 - Describes requirements for regulation setting in Australia
2. Main features
 - Identify problem requiring regulation
 - Specify outcome
 - Consider other possible policy tools
 - Conduct a regulatory impact assessment (cost benefit)
 - Proportionate responses – big problems big response etc.
 - Consult widely
3. Main benefits
 - Best practice regulation – minimum effective
 - Basis to hold Government accountable by industry (and community)

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Through cooperation and interaction:

- 1) Industry understands Government's policy objectives
- 2) Government hears of industry's position/concerns – from a trusted source
- 3) Information exchange between Government and Industry – technical, practical, commercial
- 4) Opportunities for joint initiatives (Australia's *Food and Health Dialogue*)

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