



# HiAP at the macro level: Assessing the Health Impacts of the Proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement

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Health Impact Assessment of the  
Proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership  
Agreement

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# HiAP, HIA & The TPP

# The TPP

# Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)

## Currently negotiating:

New Zealand, Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Peru, Singapore, United States, Vietnam.

South Korea has formally expressed interest in joining.

More countries may join:  
Thailand, The Philippines,  
Taiwan, etc



# Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP)

- Negotiations began 2010
- 19 negotiating rounds completed
- Now in final stages
- Agenda set primarily by the US
- Set to become a free trade zone of the Asia Pacific and beyond
- Negotiated in secret
- Limited public health input



Photos: TPP negotiating venue,  
San Diego, July 2012

# The HIA



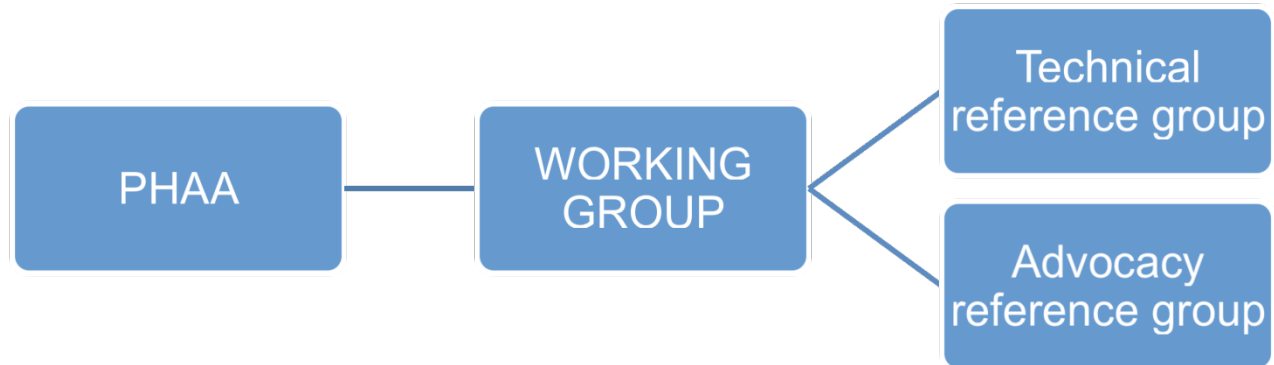
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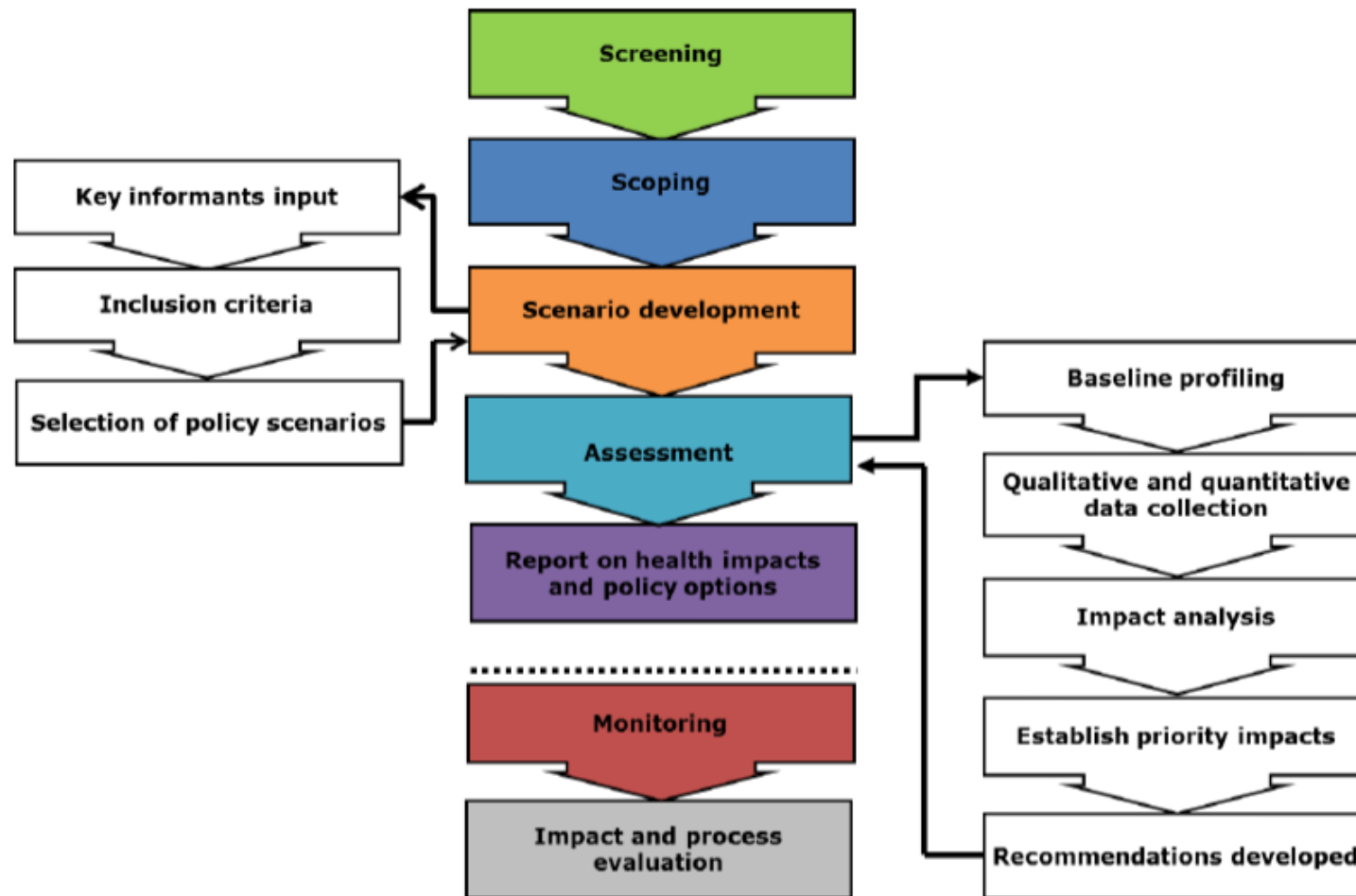


# 'Internal' structure





# The HIA process



# 'Policy brief' (really scope of the literature)

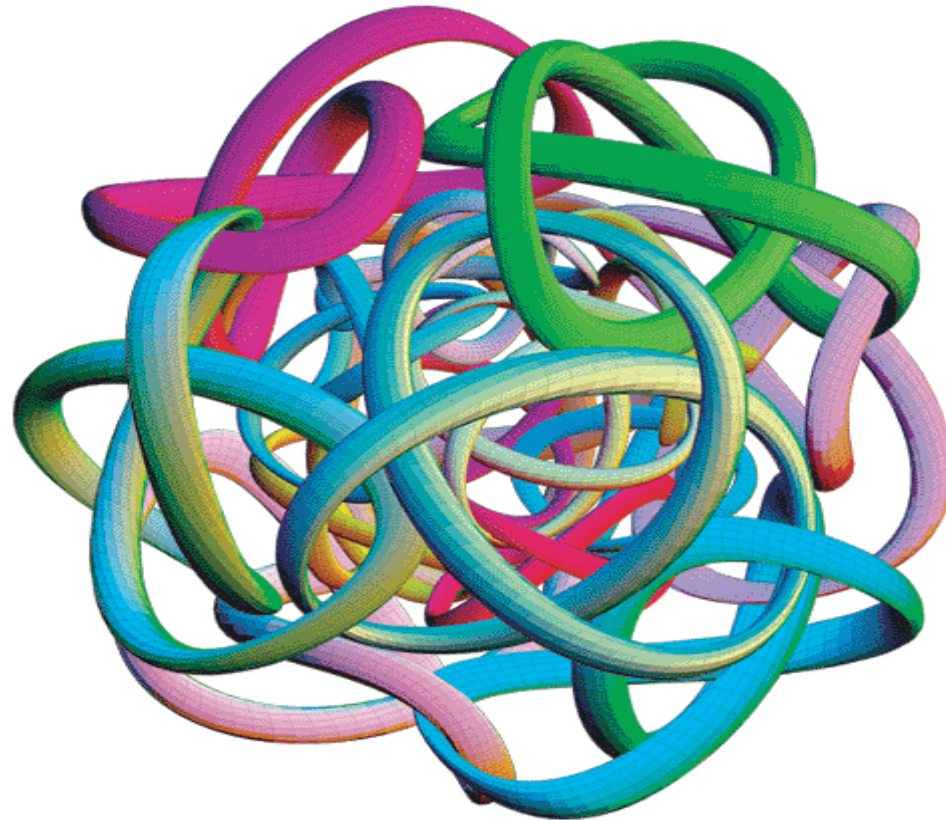
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## The Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement Negotiations and the Health of Australians



# The process of the TPP





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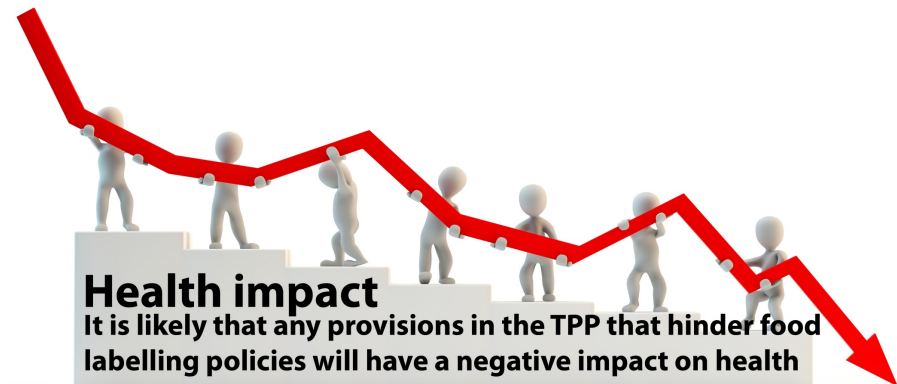
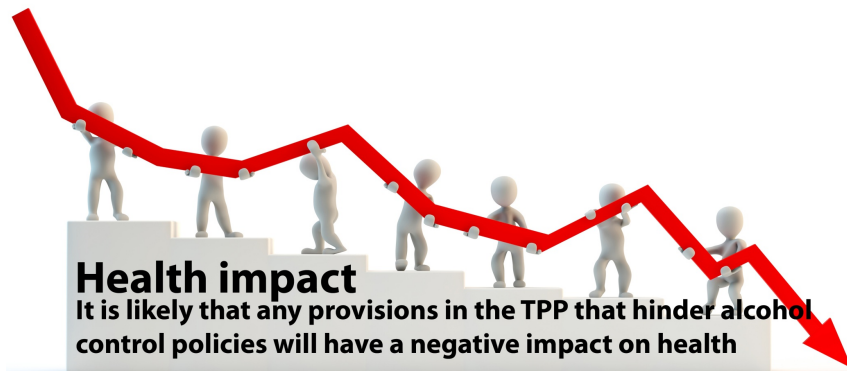
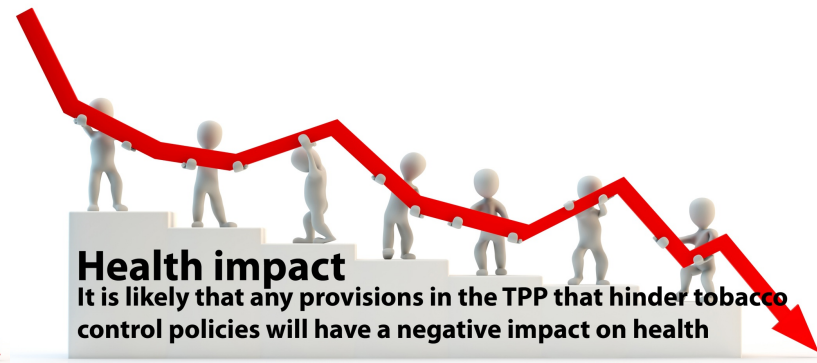
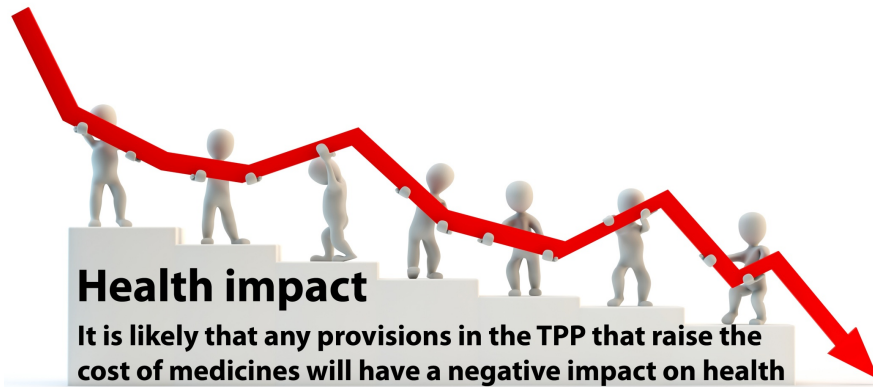


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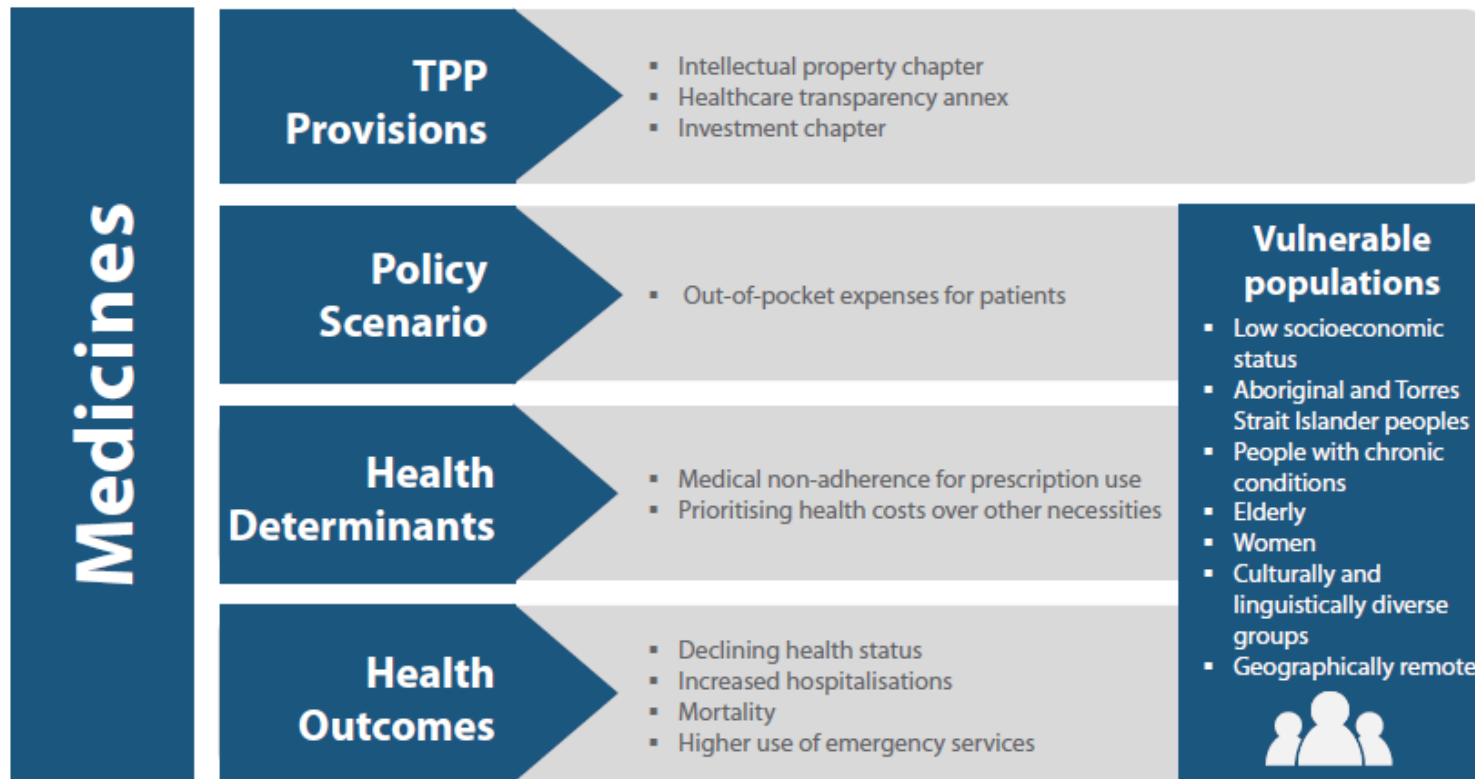
- *the cost of medicines*
- *the ability of Government to regulate*
  - *tobacco,*
  - *food and*
  - *alcohol.*

# Scenarios

- that the policy scenario is either a current priority or likely to become a priority for advocacy groups
- the scenario includes a globally recognized public health intervention with a strong evidence base
- Based on previous trade agreements, the policy scenario will likely be impacted by TPPA provisions.

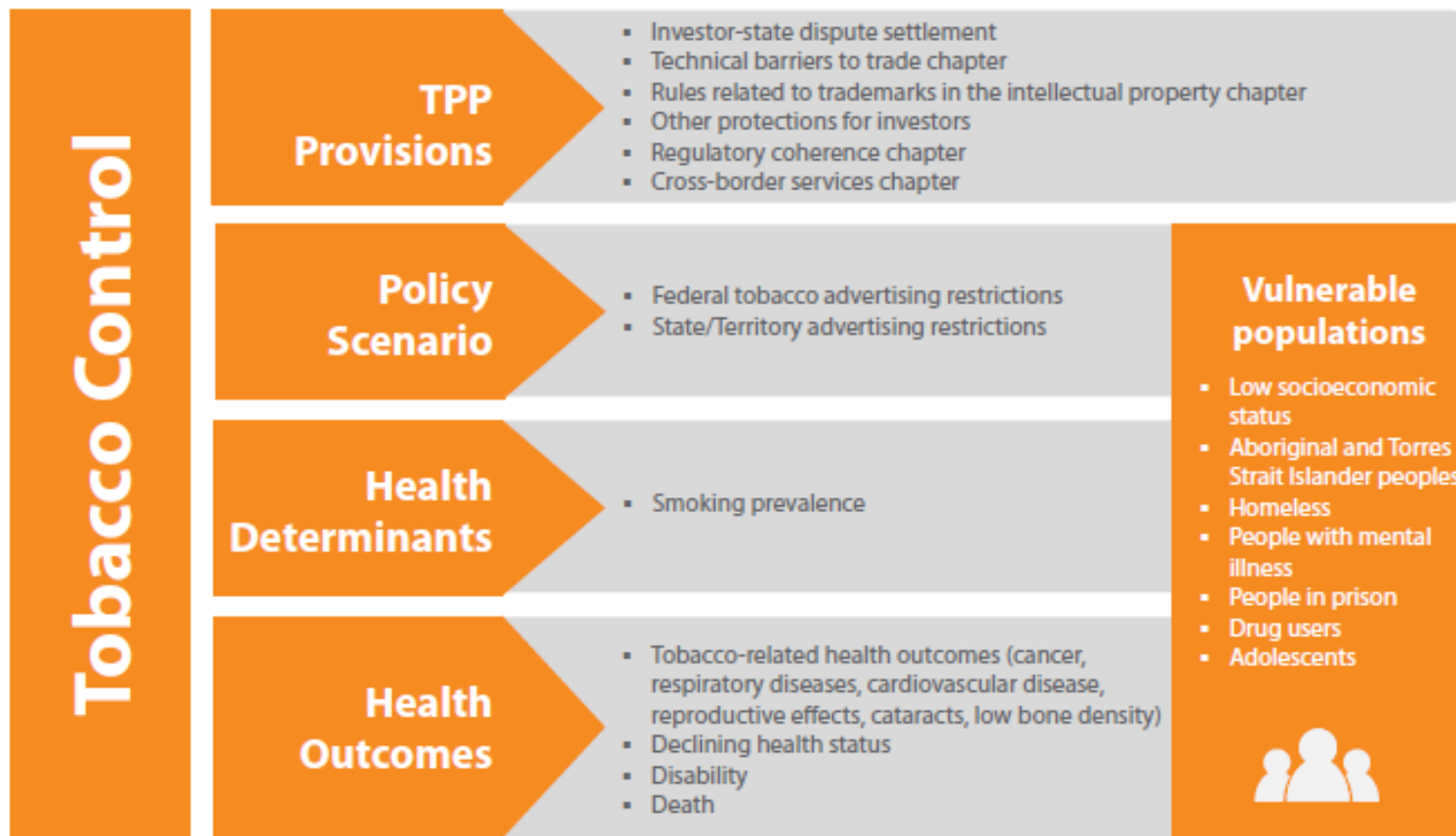


# How the TPP could affect the Cost of Medicines

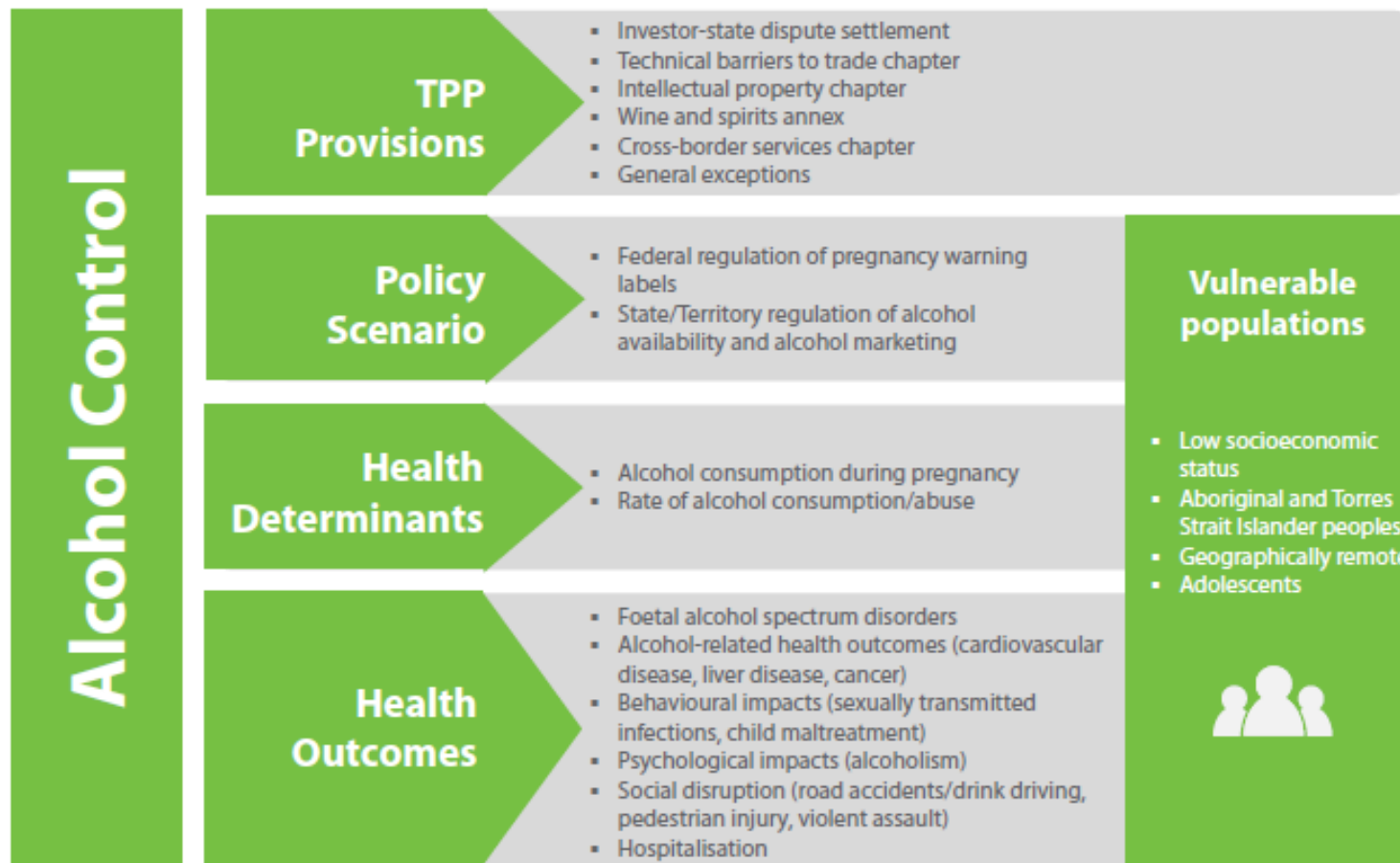




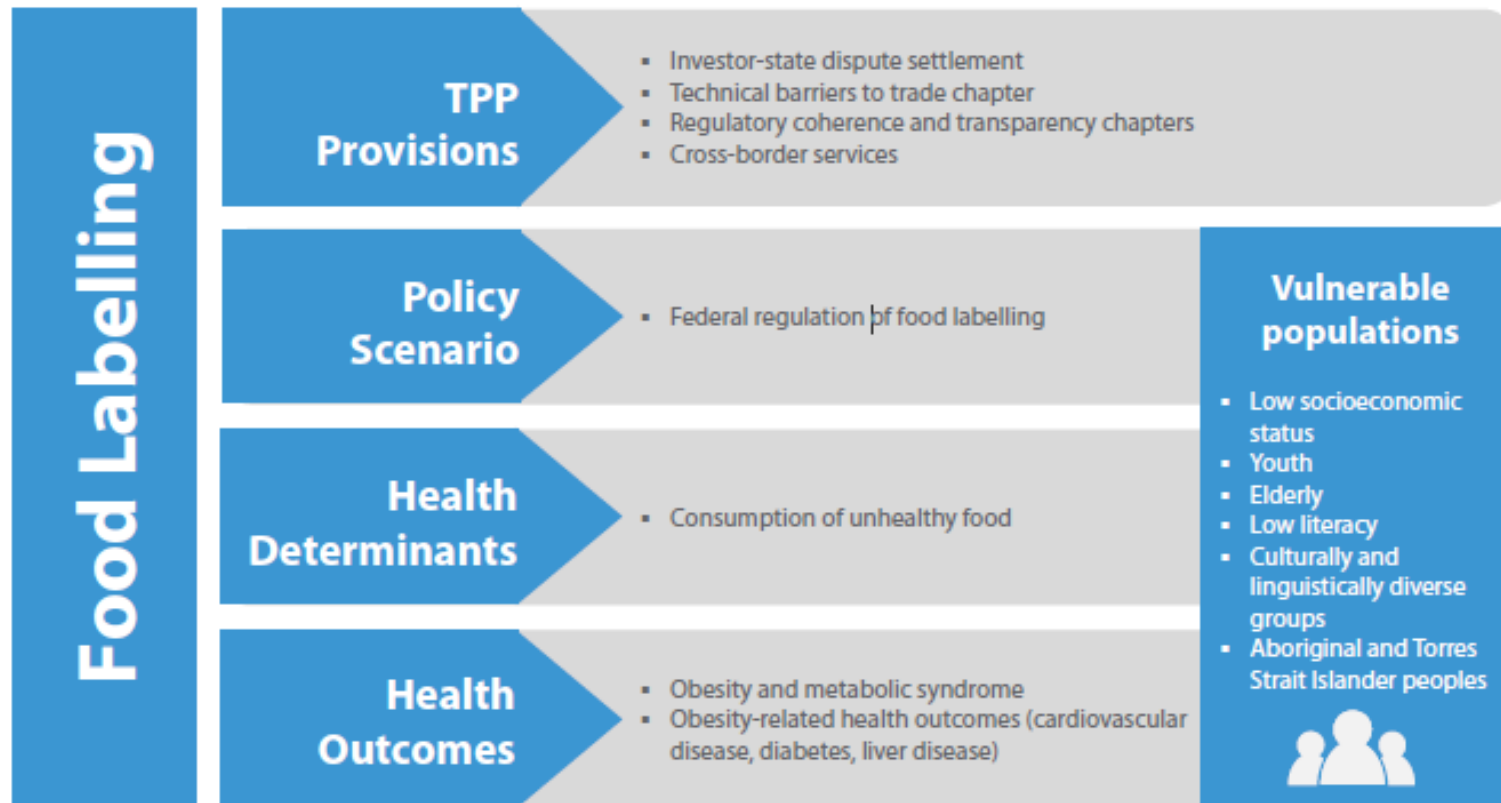
# How the TPP could affect Tobacco Control



# How the TPP could affect Alcohol Control



# How the TPP could affect Food Labelling



# Recommendations

- to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and Government regarding **TPP provisions**;
- to the Australian Government regarding the **TPP negotiating process**;
- Broader **policy recommendations** to Government in the areas of medicines, alcohol, tobacco and food



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# The HIA's impact

TPP not released yet



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# Some reflections on challenges

- Lack of proposal to assess
- Unclear changing timeframes
- Working with advocacy groups

# Some reflections on 'success' factors

- Outstanding project officer
- Skilled and experienced management / working group, with mix of HIA and trade expertise
- Skilled and networked advocacy expertise (Deb Gleeson and Michael Moore) – esp links to the media

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