

Report food for thought

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ALTHOUGH a greater number of them are categorised "high-risk", Campbelltown eateries have fared worst in the Macarthur area for food safety.

The NSW Food Authority's report card on inspections in 2009-10 revealed Campbelltown food businesses, 492 of which were high-risk and 69 medium-risk, were served 35 notices which required improvements be made.

Four businesses received warning letters, one was prohibited from trading, and 49 penalty notices were dished out.

Four food safety officers operated in the Campbelltown area during the period and carried out 975 inspections.

From those inspections, 206 businesses were deemed satisfactory in follow-up visits, while 79 complaints were made against Campbelltown food businesses.

Camden food businesses, 215 of which were high-risk and 28 medium-risk, were served four notices which required them to make improvements.

Twenty-three businesses – considerably more than in Campbelltown – received warning letters, but no business was pro-

UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT

■ **SCOPE:** Just over 50,000 inspections were carried out on the 37,960 high- to medium-risk food businesses in NSW

■ **RESULT:** The overall compliance rate was 92.2 per cent

■ **ONLINE:** Visit the website foodauthority.nsw.gov.au

ties were served. Three food safety officers operating in the Camden area conducted 346 inspections. Sixty-three were deemed satisfactory in follow-up visits, and 17 complaints were made against Camden food businesses.

Wollondilly food businesses, including 83 high-risk and six medium-risk, attracted five notices to make improvements, 21 warning letters, one order to suspend trading and four penalty notices.

There were 89 inspections, with five businesses found to be satisfactory after follow-ups.

NSW Primary Industries Minister Steve Whan said across the state, satisfactory compliance with food safety standards had risen from 69 per cent of premises in the primary inspection in the previous reporting period to 73.7