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**Profile**

I am a Food Technologist with a processed meats background from a manufacturing perspective. I initially worked for Australia's largest smallgoods company as a Food Technologist prior to my commencement with Woolworths. At Woolworths I began my career as a Quality Technologist in Fresh Food assisting in the management of products through the Fresh Departments from conception to the product being put on shelf and beyond. As the department and our Business grew this role became more specific and I was responsible for the Seafood and Deli categories as a Quality Specialist.

In the beginning of 2011 I took up the role of Lead Quality Specialist Fresh/Chilled and Perishable. In this role I lead a team that look after private label products and liaise extensively with suppliers supplying our Fresh departments (Produce, Meat, Poultry Seafood and Deli). As a part of my role I have been involved in various standard developments as part of the Woolworths Quality Assurance Standard.