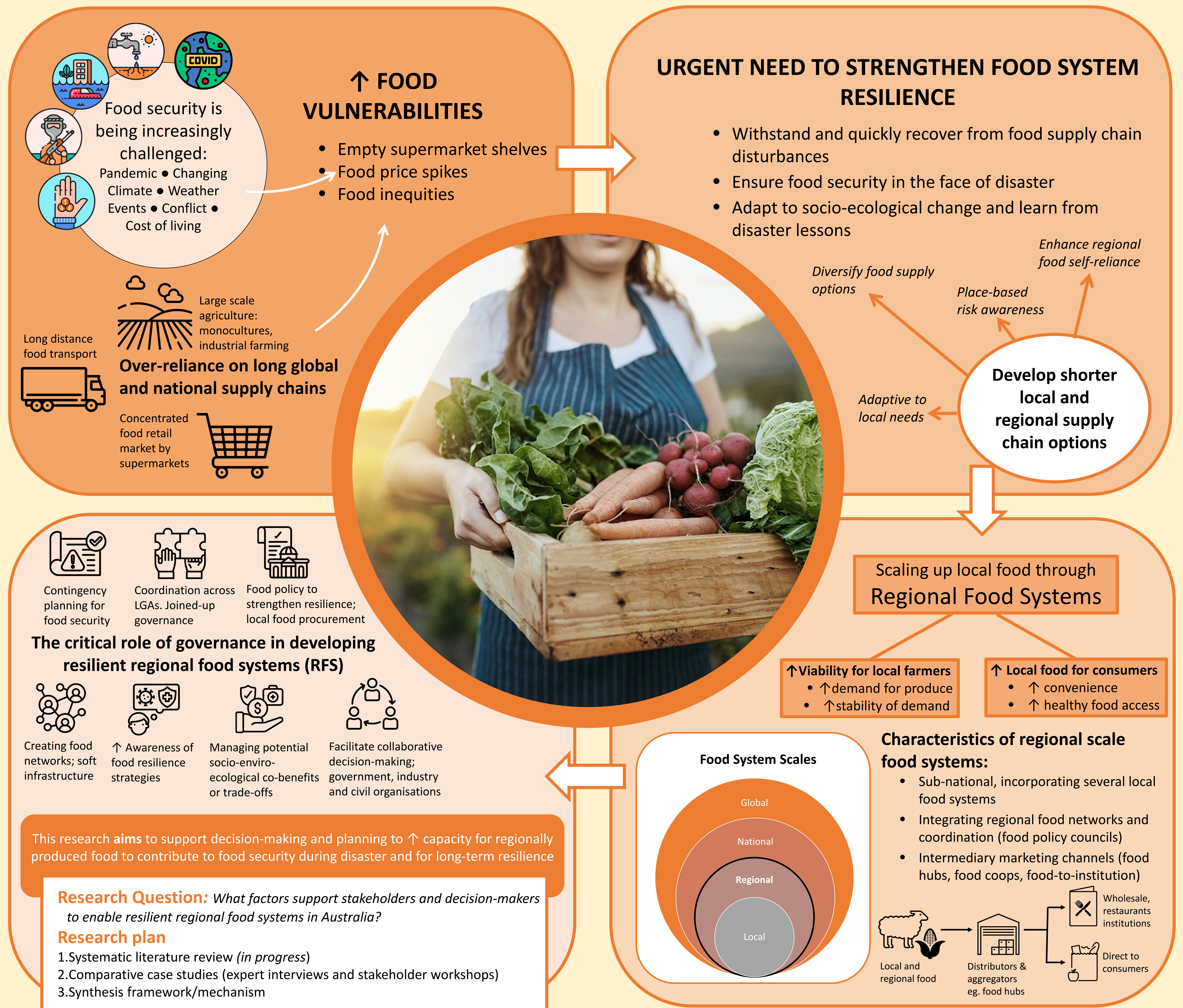


# Developing Resilient Regional Food Systems: Governance to enhance food security in the face of disaster

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**Method: Comparative Case Studies**

**Study regions:** Cairns and Northern Rivers

- Regions at high disaster risk
- Recent experience of severe disaster

**Question 1:**  
How have regional food supply chains contributed to food security during a severe natural disaster?

**Question 2:**  
What mechanisms would guide regional food system governance to ↑ resilience?

**Involving:**

- Expert interviews
- Stakeholder workshops
- Framework analysis

**Theory:**

- Food system resilience frameworks (1) UNDRR and (2) Vermont School of Law
- Collective Social Learning theory (3)

What should be? (1)  
 What is? (2)  
 What could be? (3)  
 What can be? (3)

**Research significance:**  
 Enhancing sustainable development through resilient regional food systems

*"We must urgently seize the current moment to fundamentally transform food systems in ways that improve their resilience in order to fully meet the SDGs" (High Level Panel of Experts, 2020)*

- ↑ Resilience of those in vulnerable situations and
- ↑ Smallholder farmer livelihoods
- ↑ Access to healthy, local food
- ↑ Economic productivity through diversification
- ↑ Regional community resilience
- ↑ Disaster resilience policy
- ↑ Public procurement policy
- ↑ Public, private and civil society partnerships