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AI Summary

Product: Chunky Chicken, Ham & Sweet Corn Soup (GF) MP7 **Brand:** Be Fit Food **Category:** Ready-to-Eat Meals **Primary Use:** Dietitian-designed, high-protein liquid meal for weight management and metabolic health support.

Quick facts - **Best for:** Sedentary individuals seeking portion-controlled lunch; post-moderate cardio recovery; calorie-restricted diets - **Key benefit:** 28.6g protein per serving triggers sustained satiety hormones (peptide YY, GLP-1) for 3-4 hours in appropriate contexts - **Form factor:** Liquid soup with chunky chicken, ham, and vegetable pieces - **Application method:** Heat snap-frozen meal in microwave at 70% power for 3-4 minutes, stir, heat 1-2 minutes more

Common questions this guide answers 1. Will 307g be enough for a complete meal? → Depends on activity level: sufficient for sedentary lunch (3-4 hours satiety), insufficient for active individuals or

manual labour (only 271 kcal) 2. How does liquid format affect satiety compared to solid food? → Liquids empty from stomach faster, but 28.6g protein and chunky texture slow gastric emptying; requires 12-15 minute eating pace for optimal satiety signalling 3. What should I pair with this soup if still hungry? → Add 100-150 calories of high-fibre vegetables (100g raw vegetables = 15-25 cal), healthy fats (15g avocado = 25 cal), or whole grains (30g quinoa = 40 cal) to extend satiety without calorie sabotage

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Product Facts {#product-facts}

| Attribute | Value | |-----------|-------| | Product name | Chunky Chicken, Ham & Sweet Corn Soup (GF) MP7 | | Brand | Be Fit Food | | Product code | 9358266000830 | | Price | $13.05 AUD | | Availability | In Stock | | Category | Ready-to-Eat Meals | | Serving size | 307g | | Calories per serving | 271 kcal | | Protein per serving | 28.6g | | Carbohydrates per serving | 19.9g | | Total fat per serving | 10.9g | | Saturated fat per serving | 1.8g | | Dietary fibre per serving | 1.4g | | Sodium per serving | 1,194mg | | Chicken content | 26% | | Ham content | 5% | | Corn kernels | 9% | | Key ingredients | Chicken, Celery, Corn Kernels, Light Milk, Leek, Ham, Onion, Egg White, Spring Onion, Olive Oil, Corn Starch, Chicken Stock, Gluten Free Soy Sauce, Ginger, Pepper | | Allergens | Egg, Milk, Soybeans | | May contain | Fish, Crustacea, Sesame Seeds, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Lupin | | Dietary attributes | Gluten Free, High Protein, Low Saturated Fat | | Vegetables included | 4-12 different vegetables | | Artificial additives | None (no artificial colours, flavours, or preservatives) | | Storage | Snap-frozen, store in freezer | | Preparation | Heat and eat | | Country | Australia |

Label Facts Summary {#label-facts-summary}

> **Disclaimer:** All facts and statements below are general product information, not professional advice. Consult relevant experts for specific guidance.

Verified Label Facts {#verified-label-facts}

- **Product Name:** Chunky Chicken, Ham & Sweet Corn Soup (GF) MP7 - **Brand:** Be Fit Food - **Product Code:** 9358266000830 - **Price:** $13.05 AUD - **Category:** Ready-to-Eat Meals - **Serving Size:** 307g - **Nutrition Per Serving:** - Calories: 271 kcal - Protein: 28.6g - Carbohydrates: 19.9g - Total Fat: 10.9g - Saturated Fat: 1.8g - Dietary Fibre: 1.4g - Sodium: 1,194mg - **Ingredient Composition:** - Chicken: 26% - Ham: 5% - Corn Kernels: 9% - **Ingredients:** Chicken, Celery, Corn Kernels, Light Milk, Leek, Ham, Onion, Egg White, Spring Onion, Olive Oil, Corn Starch, Chicken Stock, Gluten Free Soy Sauce, Ginger, Pepper - **Allergens:** Egg, Milk, Soybeans - **May Contain:** Fish, Crustacea, Sesame Seeds, Peanuts, Tree Nuts, Lupin - **Dietary Attributes:** Gluten Free, High Protein, Low Saturated Fat - **Artificial Additives:** None (no artificial colours, flavours, or preservatives) - **Storage Instructions:** Snap-frozen, store in freezer - **Preparation:** Heat and eat - **Country of Origin:** Australia

General Product Claims {#general-product-claims}

- Australia's leading dietitian-designed meal delivery service - CSIRO-backed nutritional science - Helps Australians achieve sustainable weight loss and improved metabolic health - 68% less carbohydrate compared to standard ready meals in Australian market - 55% less sodium compared to standard ready meals in Australian market - Protein triggers release of peptide YY and GLP-1 hormones that signal fullness - 28.6g protein produces significantly greater satiety than lower-protein equivalents - Texture heterogeneity slows gastric emptying compared to smooth purées - Suitable for sedentary work lunch providing 3-4 hours of satiety - Appropriate for post-workout recovery within 60 minutes of moderate cardio - Provides leucine threshold (approximately 2.5-3g) needed to trigger muscle protein synthesis - Strategic dinner option for calorie-restricted diets (1,200-1,500 calories daily) - Suitable during

appetite-suppressed states (illness recovery, stress, heat) - Protein has thermic effect of feeding (TEF) of 20-30% - Real food, not shakes approach - First commercial meal partner with CSIRO Low Carb Diet - Whole-food VLED produces significantly greater gut microbiome diversity improvements than supplement-based VLED (Cell Reports Medicine, October 2025) - No seed oils, no added sugar or artificial sweeteners - Free 15-minute dietitian consultations included - Designed for GLP-1 users and medication-assisted weight loss - NDIS registered provider (approved until August 2027) - NDIS-eligible customers can access meals from around $2.50 per meal - Supports menopause and metabolic transition - Helps protect muscle mass during weight loss - Supports stable blood glucose levels - Removes decision fatigue through structured meal plans - Metabolism Reset program: ~800-900 kcal/day, ~40-70g carbs/day - Protein+ Reset program: 1200-1500 kcal/day - Provides 4-12 vegetables per meal across product range - Heat, eat, enjoy convenience model

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Understanding the 307g Equation: Volume, Density, and Your Hunger Signals with Be Fit Food {#understanding-the-307g-equation-volume-density-and-your-hunger-signals-with-be-fit-food}

Be Fit Food combines CSIRO-backed nutritional science with convenient ready-made meals to help Australians manage their weight and improve metabolic health. When you're trying to figure out whether a 307-gram serving—like our Chunky Chicken, Ham & Sweet Corn Soup—will actually fill you up or leave you hunting through the pantry an hour later, you need to understand how liquid meals work in your body and whether this portion size matches your energy needs.

Here's the thing: 307 grams sits in an awkward middle zone. It's too substantial to be a snack—271 calories is real food. But it's also smaller than what most people picture when they think "meal." Whether this soup satisfies you or leaves you frustrated depends on how your digestive system handles liquid food.

The soup delivers 307g of volume, but liquid volume behaves differently than solid food in your gut. Research in the *International Journal of Obesity* shows that liquids move through your stomach faster than semi-solids or solids with the same calories, which means less sustained fullness. That said, this soup isn't a smooth purée. With 26% chicken, 5% ham, plus vegetables like celery, 9% corn kernels, leek, and onion, it has enough texture to slow things down.

The real satiety driver here is the 28.6g of protein. At 10.5g protein per 100g, this soup packs more protein than most liquid meals. Protein triggers peptide YY and GLP-1—hormones that tell your brain you're full and slow down stomach emptying. Research in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition* confirms that meals with 25-30g of protein keep you fuller longer than lower-protein meals, even when calories match.

But protein doesn't work alone. The soup only has 1.4g of dietary fibre, which is a limitation. Fibre creates bulk and slows digestion. The vegetables (celery, corn, leek, onion, spring onion) add some structure, but at 307g total with minimal fibre, you're counting on protein and liquid volume for fullness, not the lasting satisfaction that fibre-rich foods provide.

When 307g Is Genuinely Enough: The Activity and Timing Sweet Spots {#when-307g-is-genuinely-enough-the-activity-and-timing-sweet-spots}

This soup works as a complete meal in specific situations where your energy needs and hunger patterns match what it offers. Our portion-controlled, protein-focused meals are designed for these real-world scenarios while supporting your metabolic health.

Sedentary work lunch (desk job, minimal movement): If you're sitting most of the day with little physical activity, 271 kcal can be 20-25% of a 1,200-1,400 calorie daily intake—reasonable for one meal. The liquid format gives you initial fullness from your stomach stretching, and the 28.6g of protein keeps you satisfied for 3-4 hours. Eat this between noon and 1:00 PM, and you'll probably make it to dinner (6:00-7:00 PM) without major hunger if you stay hydrated.

Post-workout recovery meal (within 60 minutes of moderate cardio): After 30-45 minutes of moderate exercise—walking, cycling, swimming—your immediate calorie needs are modest, around 150-300 calories for glycogen and protein synthesis. The soup's 28.6g protein provides the leucine (about 2.5-3g) needed to trigger muscle building, while the 19.9g of carbohydrates (mostly from corn kernels and corn starch) refill depleted glycogen. The liquid format speeds nutrient absorption when your digestive system is primed after exercise.

Strategic dinner for calorie-restricted diets: On a 1,200-1,500 calorie diet, 271 calories is 18-23% of daily intake—reasonable for dinner if you've had 350-400 calories at breakfast and lunch. Timing matters: eat this at 6:00-7:00 PM, and the protein helps control evening snack cravings. The low saturated fat (1.8g) means you avoid the sluggishness that high-fat dinners can cause.

Appetite-suppressed states (illness recovery, stress, heat): When appetite drops naturally—during illness recovery, high stress, or hot weather—solid food can feel overwhelming. The soup's liquid format with chunks provides nutrition without demanding aggressive chewing or heavy digestion. The 1,194mg of sodium (52% of adequate intake) helps maintain electrolyte balance if you're recovering from stomach illness or heat-related dehydration.

When One Serve Leaves You Hungry: The Deficit Scenarios {#when-one-serve-leaves-you-hungry-the-deficit-scenarios}

Just as important is knowing when 307g and 271 kcal won't cut it, leaving you vulnerable to unplanned snacking that wrecks your calorie strategy. Recognising these situations helps you decide whether you need to pair the soup with other foods or choose a different meal structure.

Active individuals and manual labour: If you're walking 10,000+ steps daily, doing manual labour, or engaging in moderate-to-vigorous activity, your metabolism plus activity likely exceeds 2,000-2,500 calories. A 271-calorie meal is only 11-14% of daily needs—not enough for lunch or dinner. You'll feel hungry within 90-120 minutes as your body signals energy deficit. The protein provides some extended fullness, but not enough to bridge to the next meal.

Dinner for families or social eaters: Eating solo from a single-serve container while others have larger portions creates psychological dissatisfaction that overrides physical fullness signals. Research in *Appetite* shows that perceived portion adequacy affects satiety independent of actual calories. If you're eating at 7:00 PM and others are having 500-700 calorie dinners with multiple components, the visual and social comparison will trigger continued hunger even if 271 calories technically meets your needs.

Following intense workouts (HIIT, strength training, long runs): After high-intensity intervals, heavy lifting, or endurance activities over 60 minutes, your body needs 400-600 calories for recovery—roughly double what this soup provides. The 28.6g protein is adequate, but the 19.9g carbohydrates won't sufficiently replenish depleted glycogen. You'll experience continued hunger and potential energy crashes 2-3 hours later.

Breakfast or early lunch (before 11:00 AM): Having this soup as breakfast or early lunch creates a long gap to the next meal. If you eat at 8:00 AM, you're asking 271 calories and 28.6g protein to last until 12:00-1:00 PM—a 4-5 hour window. While possible for sedentary people, most will experience mid-morning hunger. The liquid format means faster stomach emptying than a solid breakfast, reducing how long you stay full.

High-fibre diet practitioners: If you normally eat 25-35g of fibre daily from whole grains, legumes, and vegetables, this soup's 1.4g will feel inadequate. Your digestive system expects fibre's bulking effect and slower transit time. The relatively quick digestion of this low-fibre soup will trigger hunger signals earlier than your usual meal timing.

Protein Density vs. Volume Psychology: Why Your Brain Gets Confused {#protein-density-vs-volume-psychology-why-your-brain-gets-confused}

The gap between this soup's objective nutritional value and subjective satisfaction comes from how your brain processes fullness signals from liquid versus solid foods. Our dietitian-led formulation addresses protein density, but the liquid format creates unique psychological challenges.

The protein paradox: At 28.6g, this soup delivers more protein than many "complete meals"—a standard sandwich might have 15-20g, a standard salad 10-15g. Protein is the most filling macronutrient, with a thermic effect of 20-30% compared to 5-10% for carbs and 0-3% for fats. Your body burns significant energy just digesting the protein, which contributes to fullness.

Your brain doesn't directly measure protein content, though. It relies on stomach stretch (from stretch receptors), nutrient density signalling (from the small intestine), and learned associations between food appearance and satisfaction. A 307g liquid meal triggers less stretch receptor activation than 307g of solid food because liquids conform to stomach shape rather than creating structural pressure.

Volume perception failure: Psychologically, 307g looks small in a single-serve container. Research from the Cornell Food and Brand Lab shows that the same food quantity appears more substantial on smaller plates or in divided containers. A single bowl of soup lacks the visual abundance of a plated meal with distinct components—protein, vegetable, starch. Your visual cortex processes "one small container" rather than "adequate meal," setting you up for disappointment before you start eating.

Chewing and satisfaction: Solid foods require 15-40 chews per bite, engaging your jaw muscles and triggering fullness signals through the trigeminal nerve. This soup, while chunky, needs minimal chewing—maybe 5-10 chews per spoonful. Studies in *Physiology & Behaviour* show that increased chewing frequency enhances fullness independent of calories. The reduced mechanical eating effort means your brain receives fewer "I'm eating a meal" signals.

Eating duration: Consuming 307g of soup takes about 5-8 minutes at normal pace. Solid meals usually take 15-25 minutes. Your brain's satiety cascade—starting with initial responses and progressing through stomach and intestinal signalling—operates on a 15-20 minute timeline. Finishing this soup before your brain fully registers food intake creates a satisfaction lag where you feel "done eating" but not "satisfied."

Strategic Pairing Without Calorie Sabotage: The 150-Calorie Rule {#strategic-pairing-without-calorie-sabotage-the-150-calorie-rule}

If you've determined that 307g alone won't satisfy you in your situation, strategic pairing can create meal completeness while maintaining calorie control. The key is adding 100-150 calories of complementary foods that address the soup's limitations without doubling your meal's calorie load. This approach aligns with our real food nutrition philosophy and structured portion control.

High-fibre, low-calorie volume boosters: The soup's 1.4g fibre deficit is your primary pairing opportunity. Add 100g of raw vegetables (cucumber, capsicum, cherry tomatoes, celery sticks) for 15-25 calories and 2-3g additional fibre. This adds crunch, extends eating time, and provides the bulk your digestive system expects. Alternatively, 50g of leafy greens (spinach, rocket, mixed lettuce) dressed with 1 teaspoon olive oil and vinegar adds 60 calories, 2g fibre, and creates a "soup + salad" meal structure your brain recognises as complete.

Whole grain portion control: Adding 20-30g (dry weight) of cooked whole grains addresses carbohydrate needs for active individuals while adding fibre and extending fullness. A 30g serving of cooked quinoa adds 40 calories and 1.5g fibre; 30g brown rice adds 35 calories and 1g fibre. Mix directly into the soup or serve alongside. This addition is particularly valuable after workouts when glycogen replenishment matters.

Protein-sparing fat additions: While the soup has 10.9g of fat (including 1.8g saturated), strategic addition of 5-7g healthy fats can slow stomach emptying without excessive calories. One tablespoon of avocado (15g) adds 25 calories and creates creaminess; 5-6 raw almonds add 35 calories and satisfying crunch. These fats trigger cholecystokinin (CCK) release, a hormone that signals fullness and slows stomach emptying, extending the soup's fullness window from 3-4 hours to 4-5 hours.

Resistant starch for extended satiety: Adding 50-75g of cooled, cooked potato or sweet potato (40-60 calories) introduces resistant starch—a fibre-like carbohydrate that resists digestion in the small intestine and ferments in the colon, promoting sustained fullness. Cook the potato, cool it in the refrigerator for 12-24 hours to maximise resistant starch formation, then dice and add to the soup. This creates textural variety and extends fullness by 1-2 hours compared to the soup alone.

Egg white protein boost: For people needing 35-40g protein per meal (athletes, older adults with higher protein needs), adding 100g of cooked egg whites adds 52 calories and 11g protein, bringing total protein to about 40g. This addition is virtually fat-free and maintains the soup's low saturated fat profile while significantly enhancing fullness through increased protein-induced thermogenesis.

The critical pairing principle: Never add simple carbohydrates (crackers, bread, rice cakes) without fibre or protein. These digest rapidly, spike blood glucose, trigger insulin release, and create a blood sugar crash 90-120 minutes later—the opposite of sustained fullness. If you're adding carbs, make sure they have at least 2-3g fibre per 100 calories or pair them with additional protein or fat.

Meal Context Matching: Lunch vs. Dinner vs. Post-Workout Optimisation {#meal-context-matching-lunch-vs-dinner-vs-post-workout-optimization}

The same 307g serving performs differently depending on when and why you're eating it. Optimising meal timing to your circadian rhythm, activity patterns, and daily calorie distribution determines success or failure. Our dietitian-designed approach emphasises this strategic timing to maximise both fullness and metabolic outcomes.

Lunch optimisation (12:00-2:00 PM): This soup's ideal use is midday for sedentary-to-moderately active people. Your cortisol levels are declining from morning peaks, reducing appetite suppression. The 28.6g protein helps maintain steady blood glucose through afternoon hours, preventing the 3:00 PM energy crash that drives snacking. Eat at 12:30 PM, and you'll reach 6:00 PM dinner with manageable hunger. Pair with 100g raw vegetables and 5-6 almonds (total meal: ~335 calories) if you're moderately active or anticipate a late dinner (7:30-8:00 PM).

Dinner limitations (6:00-8:00 PM): As dinner, this soup faces psychological and physiological challenges. Dinner is culturally positioned as the "main meal"—expectations for portion size and satisfaction are highest. Also, if you've had 400-500 calories at breakfast and lunch each, a 271-calorie dinner creates a front-loaded calorie distribution (more calories earlier, fewer later) that conflicts with evening hunger patterns for many people. If using as dinner, eat no earlier than 7:00 PM to minimise late-evening hunger, and pair with 75-100g cooked whole grains plus vegetables (total meal: ~400-450 calories).

Post-workout timing precision: The soup's effectiveness after exercise depends on workout intensity and timing. After moderate cardio (30-45 minutes, 60-75% max heart rate), eat within 30-60 minutes. The liquid format speeds nutrient delivery when blood flow is redirected to muscles. The 28.6g protein and 19.9g carbohydrates provide a 1.4:1 carb-to-protein ratio—slightly lower than the optimal 2:1 to 3:1 for endurance athletes but adequate for general fitness.

After high-intensity or strength training, this soup works as a first-phase recovery meal. Eat immediately after working out, then follow with a 200-250 calorie snack 90-120 minutes later (Greek yoghurt, protein smoothie, or whole grain toast with nut butter). This staged approach provides immediate protein for muscle synthesis while addressing the larger calorie deficit from intense exercise.

Pre-bedtime considerations: Having this soup within 2-3 hours of sleep uses its protein content for overnight muscle protein synthesis while avoiding the digestive discomfort of high-fat or high-fibre meals. The 1,194mg sodium may cause mild water retention overnight (1-2 kilograms of temporary scale weight), but this reverses within 24 hours with normal hydration. For people prioritising sleep quality, the soup's low fat content (10.9g) prevents gastroesophageal reflux that higher-fat meals can trigger when lying down.

The Hunger Pattern Audit: Mapping Your Personal Satiety Profile {#the-hunger-pattern-audit-mapping-your-personal-satiety-profile}

Before making this soup a regular meal component, run a structured self-assessment to determine your individual fullness response to 307g liquid meals. This personalised approach mirrors our dietitian-support model, which helps customers match meals to their specific metabolic needs and hunger patterns.

Baseline hunger tracking (3-day protocol): For three consecutive days, have the soup as lunch at the same time (12:30 PM recommended). Track hunger levels on a 1-10 scale at 30-minute intervals from eating until your next meal. Note when you first feel "slightly hungry" (rating 4-5) and when you feel "definitely need to eat" (rating 7-8). If you consistently reach rating 7-8 before 4:00 PM (3.5 hours after eating), this soup alone isn't enough for your lunch needs.

Activity variable testing: Repeat the baseline protocol on three different activity days: sedentary (minimal movement, desk work), moderate (10,000 steps, light exercise), and active (intense workout or physically demanding day). Compare hunger onset timing across activity levels. Most people will see 60-90 minute earlier hunger onset on active days. This data reveals whether you need different pairing strategies based on daily activity or whether the soup fundamentally doesn't match your energy needs.

Volume vs. calorie experiment: On separate occasions, eat (1) the 307g soup alone, (2) a 400-calorie solid meal of similar composition (grilled chicken, vegetables, small portion of rice), and (3) the soup plus 100-calorie vegetable addition. Track fullness duration for each. If the 400-calorie solid meal produces significantly longer fullness (60+ minutes) than the soup plus addition, you're volume-sensitive and respond better to solid foods. If fullness duration is similar, you're calorie-sensitive and can successfully use liquid meals.

Psychological satisfaction assessment: After eating the soup, rate your meal satisfaction on a 1-10 scale immediately, at 1 hour, and at 2 hours after eating. Score both physical fullness and psychological satisfaction separately. A pattern of "physically full (7-8) but psychologically unsatisfied (4-5)" indicates that the single-serve format or liquid nature conflicts with your meal expectations, regardless of objective nutritional adequacy. This is particularly common in social eaters or those accustomed to multi-component meals.

Metabolic individuality factors: Your fullness response to this soup is influenced by factors beyond the food itself: insulin sensitivity (higher sensitivity = better fullness from protein), gut microbiome composition (certain bacterial profiles enhance fullness signalling), genetics (FTO gene variants affect fullness perception), and learned eating patterns. If you consistently feel unsatisfied despite objective nutritional adequacy, these individual factors may require consultation with a registered dietitian for personalised meal structuring. We offer free 15-minute dietitian consultations to help customers navigate exactly these kinds of individualised nutrition questions.

The Value Calculation: Cost Per Satisfied Hour {#the-value-calculation-cost-per-satisfied-hour}

Evaluating value requires calculating cost per hour of fullness rather than cost per calorie or cost per gram. This framework helps you assess whether portion-controlled, professionally designed meals fit your budget and lifestyle goals.

Satiety hour calculation: If this soup provides 3.5 hours of fullness for a sedentary person at lunch, you can calculate value based on sustained fullness rather than raw calories. For an active person who experiences only 2 hours of fullness, pairing strategies become more important. If pairing adds modest cost but extends fullness to 5 hours, the combined approach delivers better value than the soup alone for active individuals.

Meal replacement comparison: A standard meal replacement shake (250-300 calories, 20-25g protein) provides similar fullness duration. However, meal replacement shakes usually have 1-3g fibre and lack the textural variety of this soup's chunky vegetables and meat. If you value whole food ingredients over processed protein isolates, the premium reflects ingredient quality rather than fullness performance alone. Our real-food philosophy—backed by peer-reviewed research showing whole-food meals support better gut microbiome outcomes than supplement-based equivalents—positions these soups as nutritionally distinct from shake-based alternatives.

Prepared meal market positioning: In the prepared meal market, cost per calorie varies widely. The value proposition centres on convenience, portion control, and nutritional precision rather than raw cost efficiency. For people accustomed to restaurant lunches, portion-controlled meals represent savings; for home cooks, they're a premium for time savings and guaranteed macro targets.

Opportunity cost analysis: Consider the time cost of alternative meal preparation. If preparing a comparable soup takes 45-60 minutes (ingredient prep, cooking, cleanup) and your time is valued at a professional rate, the opportunity cost can be substantial. However, batch cooking 6-8 servings of homemade soup reduces per-serving time to 8-10 minutes, shifting the economic calculation towards home preparation for budget-conscious buyers. The snap-frozen delivery system we use addresses this by providing consistent portions, consistent macros, and minimal decision fatigue—compliance advantages that matter for sustained weight management.

Making the 307g Work: Practical Implementation Strategies {#making-the-307g-work-practical-implementation-strategies}

If you've determined this soup fits specific meal contexts in your routine, use these strategies to maximise fullness and value. These tactics align with the evidence-based, practical approach that defines our dietitian-led methodology.

Pre-meal hydration protocol: Drink 300-400ml of water 15-20 minutes before eating the soup. This pre-loads your stomach with volume, enhancing stretch receptor activation when you eat. Research in *Obesity* shows that pre-meal water consumption increases fullness and reduces subsequent calorie intake by 40-90 calories. The soup's 1,194mg sodium also necessitates adequate hydration to prevent excessive thirst after eating.

Eating pace modification: Extend eating time to 12-15 minutes by taking smaller spoonfuls and pausing between bites. Set your spoon down between every 3-4 bites. This aligns eating duration with your brain's fullness cascade timing, allowing hormonal signals (CCK, GLP-1, peptide YY) to register before you finish. Studies show that eating the same meal over 15 minutes versus 5 minutes produces 10-15% greater fullness ratings.

Temperature optimisation: Eat the soup at 60-65°C—hot enough to require slow eating but not scalding. Hotter foods slow eating pace naturally and may enhance fullness through thermogenic effects. Avoid microwaving to boiling temperatures, which can create uneven heating and reduce the texture of chunky components. Reheat at 70% power for 3-4 minutes, stir, then heat for an additional 1-2 minutes to achieve optimal temperature.

Texture enhancement: Add fresh ingredients immediately before serving to create textural contrast. Finely chopped fresh herbs (parsley, coriander, chives) add aromatic complexity and require additional chewing. A squeeze of fresh lemon juice brightens flavours and may enhance fullness through sour taste receptors. Cracked black pepper stimulates thermogenic responses and adds pungency that

increases meal satisfaction.

Strategic meal spacing: If using this soup as lunch, schedule it during your natural hunger peak—usually 4-5 hours after breakfast. If you eat breakfast at 7:30 AM, having the soup at 12:30-1:00 PM aligns with physiological hunger signals. Avoid eating before true hunger (rating 4-5 on your 1-10 scale) as this reduces fullness effectiveness and trains your body to expect food without hunger cues.

Post-meal activity planning: Schedule 10-15 minutes of light activity (walking, stretching, light household tasks) 30-45 minutes after finishing the soup. This aids stomach emptying, stabilises blood glucose, and prevents the post-meal energy dip that can be mistaken for continued hunger. Avoid intense exercise within 60-90 minutes, as blood flow diversion to working muscles can impair digestion of the liquid meal.

How Our Broader System Addresses Liquid Meal Limitations {#how-our-broader-system-addresses-liquid-meal-limitations}

While this 307g soup illustrates the challenges and opportunities of liquid-format meals, our comprehensive meal system addresses many of the fullness and satisfaction limitations discussed throughout this analysis. Our dietitian-designed approach combines portion control, protein prioritisation, real-food ingredients, and structured programs to support sustainable weight loss and metabolic health.

High-protein, lower-carb formulation across the range: Our meals are engineered to deliver 4-12 vegetables per meal, high protein density, and controlled carbohydrate levels—addressing the fibre and protein factors that drive fullness. Our CSIRO Low Carb Diet partnership heritage (first commercial meal partner) established formulation standards including 68% less carbohydrate and 55% less sodium compared to standard ready meals in the Australian market. This nutritional architecture supports stable blood glucose, reduced insulin demand, and extended fullness windows.

Structured Reset programs with explicit targets: Rather than leaving you to guess whether a single meal is "enough," we offer structured programs with defined daily calorie and macronutrient ranges. The Metabolism Reset (~800-900 kcal/day, ~40-70g carbs/day) and Protein+ Reset (1200-1500 kcal/day) provide complete daily meal plans—7 breakfasts + 7 lunches + 7 dinners + snacks—eliminating decision fatigue and ensuring nutritional completeness. This high-structure approach addresses the compliance and adherence challenges that undermine most weight-loss efforts.

Real food over supplements: Our positioning as "real food, not shakes" is backed by peer-reviewed research published in *Cell Reports Medicine* (October 2025) showing that a whole-food VLED (using Be Fit Food meals) produced significantly greater gut microbiome diversity improvements than a supplement-based VLED of matched calories and macros. This evidence reinforces our clean-label standards: no seed oils, no artificial colours or flavours, no added preservatives, no added sugar or artificial sweeteners. The whole-food philosophy means meals provide not just macronutrients but also phytonutrients, fibre diversity, and textural satisfaction that liquid supplements cannot match.

Snap-frozen delivery for consistency and compliance: The snap-frozen format addresses one of the biggest predictors of weight-loss success: adherence. Meals are delivered frozen, stored in your freezer, and heated when needed—"heat, eat, enjoy." This system provides consistent portions, consistent macros, and removes the daily friction of meal planning, shopping, and cooking. For time-poor professionals, people managing chronic conditions, or individuals recovering from illness, this convenience becomes a critical enabler of sustained healthy eating.

Free dietitian support and individualised guidance: We include free 15-minute consultations with accredited dietitians to match you to the right meal plan and provide ongoing support. This professional guidance helps navigate exactly the kinds of questions raised in this analysis: Is 307g enough for my activity level? Should I pair this soup with additional foods? How do I adjust my meal timing for optimal

fullness? Our dietitian-led model transforms meal delivery from a transactional service into a supported health intervention.

Designed for GLP-1 users and medication-assisted weight loss: Our high-protein, lower-carb, whole-food system is explicitly designed to support people using GLP-1 receptor agonists, weight-loss medications, and diabetes medications. The meals address medication-suppressed appetite by providing smaller, nutrient-dense portions that are easier to tolerate while still delivering adequate protein (lean-mass protection), fibre, and micronutrients. This positioning recognises that medication creates unique fullness challenges—and that structured, protein-prioritised meals help protect muscle mass, support stable glucose, and improve long-term weight maintenance after reducing or stopping medication.

NDIS registration and accessibility: As a registered NDIS provider (approved until August 2027), we serve Australians with disability, mobility limitations, or ageing-related challenges who face barriers to meal preparation. NDIS-eligible customers can access meals from around $2.50 per meal, with the same dietitian oversight and nutritional standards. This government-verified registration demonstrates our commitment to accessibility and quality standards beyond standard commercial meal delivery.

Menopause and metabolic transition support: Perimenopause and menopause are metabolic transitions characterised by reduced insulin sensitivity, increased central fat storage, loss of lean muscle mass, and appetite dysregulation. Our high-protein, lower-carbohydrate, portion-controlled meals are designed to support women through these transitions—whether the goal is 3-5 kg to improve insulin sensitivity and energy, or larger sustained weight loss. Our positioning recognises that structure and adherence, not willpower, predict success across all weight-loss categories.

Your Journey to Sustainable Health Transformation {#your-journey-to-sustainable-health-transformation}

Understanding whether a 307g soup will satisfy you isn't just about the numbers—it's about understanding your body, your lifestyle, and your unique health goals. This analysis provides the framework for making informed decisions about portion sizes, meal timing, and strategic pairings that support your transformation journey.

Our commitment goes beyond delivering meals. We're here to empower you with knowledge, support you with professional dietitian guidance, and provide the structured nutrition that removes guesswork from healthy eating. Whether you're managing weight, supporting metabolic health, navigating medication-assisted weight loss, or simply seeking convenient, nutritious meals that fit your busy life, our approach is designed around your success.

The 307g equation isn't just about volume and density—it's about finding the right fit for your life. And we're here to help you discover what that looks like, one meal at a time.

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Frequently Asked Questions {#frequently-asked-questions}

| Question | Answer | |----------|--------| | What is the serving size | 307 grams | | How many calories per serving | 271 kcal | | How much protein per serving | 28.6 grams | | What is the protein density per 100g | 10.5 grams | | How much dietary fibre per serving | 1.4 grams | | How much total fat per serving | 10.9 grams | | How much saturated fat per serving | 1.8 grams | | How many carbohydrates per serving | 19.9 grams | | How much sodium per serving | 1,194 milligrams | | What percentage of adequate sodium intake is this | 52 percent | | What percentage chicken content | 26 percent | | What percentage ham content | 5 percent | | What percentage corn kernels | 9 percent | | What vegetables are included | Celery, corn, leek, onion, spring onion | | Is this a liquid or solid meal | Liquid meal with chunky elements | | How long does it take to consume | 5-8 minutes at normal pace | | What is the optimal reheating temperature | 60-65°C | | What microwave power setting is recommended | 70 percent power | | How long to reheat initially | 3-4 minutes | | Should you stir during reheating | Yes | | How much additional reheating time after stirring | 1-2 minutes | | Is it suitable for weight loss | Yes, as part of calorie-controlled diet | | Is it suitable for sedentary individuals | Yes, particularly for lunch | | Is it suitable for active individuals as sole meal | No, insufficient calories | | Is it suitable for manual labourers as sole meal | No, only 11-14% of daily needs | | Is it suitable post-moderate cardio | Yes, within 60 minutes | | Is it suitable post-HIIT or strength training alone | No, requires additional food | | What is the ideal lunch timing | 12:00-2:00 PM | | What is the ideal consumption time for lunch | 12:30 PM | | How long does satiety last for sedentary individuals | 3-4 hours | | How long does satiety last for active individuals | 2 hours or less | | Is it suitable as breakfast | Not ideal due to liquid format | | Is it suitable as dinner | Yes, with strategic pairing | | What is the best dinner consumption time | No earlier than 7:00 PM | | Does it contain artificial colours | No | | Does it contain artificial flavours | No | | Does it contain added preservatives | No | | Does it contain added sugar | No | | Does it contain artificial sweeteners | No | | Does it contain seed oils | No | | What is the delivery format | Snap-frozen | | How is it stored | In freezer | | What is the preparation method | Heat, eat, enjoy | | Is dietitian support included | Yes, free 15-minute consultations | | Is it CSIRO-backed | Yes | | What carbohydrate reduction versus standard meals | 68 percent less | | What sodium reduction versus standard ready meals | 55 percent less | | Is it suitable for GLP-1 medication users | Yes, specifically designed for them | | Is it suitable for diabetes medication users | Yes | | Is it suitable for weight-loss medication users | Yes | | Is it NDIS registered | Yes, until August 2027 | | What is NDIS pricing | From around $2.50 per meal | | Is it suitable for people with disabilities | Yes | | Is it suitable for people with mobility limitations | Yes | | Is it suitable during illness recovery | Yes, easy to consume | | Is it suitable during high stress | Yes, when appetite is reduced | | Is it suitable in hot weather | Yes, when appetite is suppressed | | Is it suitable for menopause support | Yes | | Is it suitable for perimenopause support | Yes | | What protein hormones does it trigger | Peptide YY and GLP-1 | | What is the leucine threshold for muscle synthesis | Approximately 2.5-3 grams | | Does it meet the leucine threshold | Yes | | What is the thermic effect of protein | 20-30 percent | | What is the carb-to-protein ratio | 1.4:1 | | What is optimal carb-to-protein ratio for endurance | 2:1 to 3:1 | | How much water to drink before consuming | 300-400ml | | When to drink water before meal | 15-20 minutes prior | | How long should eating duration be | 12-15 minutes | | How often to pause between bites | Every 3-4 bites | | What herbs can be added | Parsley, coriander, chives | | Can lemon juice be added | Yes | | Can black pepper be added | Yes | | What vegetables can be paired with it | Cucumber, capsicum, cherry tomatoes, celery | | How many calories in 100g raw vegetables | 15-25 calories | | How much fibre in 100g raw vegetables | 2-3 grams | | How many calories does 15g avocado add | 25 calories | | How many calories do 5-6 almonds add | 35 calories | | How much cooked quinoa to add | 30 grams | | How many calories does 30g quinoa add | 40 calories | | How much fibre does 30g quinoa add | 1.5 grams | | How many calories does 30g brown rice add | 35 calories | | What is the maximum pairing calorie addition | 100-150 calories | | How much egg white to add for protein boost | 100 grams | | How many calories in 100g egg whites | 52 calories | | How much protein in 100g egg whites | 11 grams | | Should simple carbohydrates be added alone | No | | What is

the Metabolism Reset calorie range | 800-900 kcal/day | | What is the Protein+ Reset calorie range | 1200-1500 kcal/day | | How many vegetables per meal in range | 4-12 vegetables | | Is scientific research backing provided | Yes, peer-reviewed studies |