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Mark Tamplin is Leader of the Food Safety Centre (FSC) in the University of Tasmania's, Tasmanian Institute of Agriculture. The FSC conducts research and training programs in predictive microbiology, supply chain management, risk assessment, and systems biology of food-borne pathogens and spoilage microorganisms. The FSC translates this information into tools used by industry and government to manage safety and quality.

Prior to joining the University of Tasmania, Mark led the USDA-ARS Predictive Microbiology program from 2000-2006. He was also an Associate Professor at the University of Florida from 1990-1999, and researcher with the US FDA from 1987-1990. Mark has held Adjunct appointments at Purdue University, Rutgers University, and the University of Maryland.

He holds a PhD in Medical Sciences, with a speciality in Medical Microbiology & Immunology, from the University of South Florida. His service on committees and panels includes the World Health Organization, Food & Agricultural Organization, US Centers for Disease Control, and three terms on the US National Advisory Committee on Microbiological Criteria for Foods. He is currently serving a third term as Fellow with Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ).

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