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**Submission from the Dietitians Association of Australia
Application A577
CALCIUM IN CHEWING GUM CONTAINING NO MORE THAN
0.2% RESIDUAL SUGARS**

The Dietitians Association of Australia (DAA) is the national association of the dietetic profession. DAA represents over 3400 members, with branches in each State and Territory. DAA is a leader in nutrition and advocates for better food, better health, better living for all. DAA welcomes the opportunity to comment on Application A577.

DAA supports Option 2 presented in the draft assessment report for Application A577 which recommends preparation of a draft Standard for chewing gum in Part 2.10 of the Code that permits the addition of calcium to chewing gum ($\leq 0.2\%$ residual sugars) at a maximum claim level of 200mg releasable calcium per serve. DAA is pleased to see that the serving size specified has been reduced to a more realistic quantity and that 'a claim to the effect that applicable chewing gum is a good source of calcium or releasable calcium may not be made'.

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