



## What is the Can't Wait Campaign?

People living with Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis, two debilitating conditions which bring on an urgent need to use the toilet, endure difficulty every day in gaining access to toilets causing pain and embarrassment.

ACCA is launching a national Can't Wait Campaign whereby petrol stations, supermarkets, retailers and cafes will be asked to provide better access to toilet facilities to members with Can't Wait Cards.

The scheme aims to help ACCA members to have the confidence to undertake normal activities such as shopping by allowing them, in an emergency, to ask to use the private toilet facilities in retail outlets.

### How does the Can't Wait Card work?

The 'Can't Wait' card can be shown to retailers, identifying them as a member of the Australian Crohn's & Colitis Association and requesting the holder be given access to toilet facilities.

The supermarket chain, Ritchies, this week announced that it will recognise the 'Can't Wait' card in its stores and offer access to a toilet if there are no public facilities nearby.

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### What are Crohn's disease & ulcerative colitis?

Crohn's and colitis are inflammatory bowel conditions that affect the gastrointestinal tract. They are chronic conditions lasting a lifetime. They are not yet preventable or curable.

The Australian Crohn's and Colitis Association is the peak patient body offering help and advice to people living with Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis.

## Draft Organic Standard

Consumers can soon be confident that the organic products they choose are truly organic as the development of an Australian Standard for the organic and biodynamic industry nears completion.

Developed by a broadly based committee of key stakeholders, the draft Australian Standard stipulates requirements for the production, preparation, transportation, marketing and labelling of organic and biodynamic products. It places particular emphasis on farming and management practices which promote the use of renewable resources and conservation of soil, water and energy resources.

Unprocessed products from plants, animals and fungi such as fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry, mushroom and fibres, as well as processed products such as processed food, cosmetics and skincare products which are labelled 'organic' are covered in the draft Standard.

Currently consumers looking to buy organic products have no uniform guarantee of quality and integrity. At the same time, legitimate organic farmers have no protection against the minority of growers misinterpreting or falsely claiming to follow organic agricultural practices.

The draft Australian Standard for Organic and Biodynamic Products:

- Provides a national, consistent framework for the organic industry from the paddock to point of sale.
- Sets out minimum requirements for growing products which can be labelled as 'organic', 'biodynamic'.
- Provides clear definitions about what is organic and what is not.
- Protects consumers against unsubstantiated claims and misleading labelling.
- Protects growers against misinterpretation and misleading use of organic agricultural practices and the term 'organic'.
- Provides a guide for farmers considering conversion to organic farming.

The draft Australian Standard for Organic and Biodynamic Products and supporting material are now available for public comment. Members of the public and interested parties are encouraged to review the documents and provide feedback to Standards Australia by 22 September 2008.

Standards Australia is working towards publishing the Australian Standard by December 2008.