

Proposed activity

Field	Content
Name of Division/Office	Classification, Human Rights and Copyright Division
Title	Five year review of the <i>Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002</i> .
Description of issue	<p>The <i>Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002</i> (Transport Standards) and accompanying Guidelines, were formulated by the Attorney-General, and commenced operation on 23 October 2002.</p> <p>The purpose of the Transport Standards is to enable public transport operators and providers to remove discrimination from public transport services.</p> <p>The Transport Standards (Part 34) require that the Minister for Transport and Regional Services, in consultation with the Attorney-General, is to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Standards within five years after they take effect, and carry out a subsequent review every five years after the initial review.</p> <p>The review will consider whether discrimination has been removed as far as possible according to the compliance requirements set out in the Transport Standards, and whether any amendments to the Transport Standards are necessary.</p> <p>Allen Consulting Group is conducting the review. The Terms of Reference and other information relating to the Review such as the timetable for the Review can be found at the Review website: http://www.ddatransportreview.com.au/</p>
Date of effect	<p>The Department of Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development, in consultation with the Attorney-General's Department (AGD), will oversee the review.</p> <p>Any proposed amendments to the Transport Standards that may result from the review would need to be agreed to and formulated by the Attorney-General, and would be subject to tabling and parliamentary procedures applying to the making of Disability Standards under the DDA.</p>
Consultation Opportunities	<p>The Accessible Public Transport National Advisory Committee (APTNAC) provides a consultative framework to progress specific national accessible transport issues. (APTNAC comprises representatives of the Department of Transport and Regional Services, State and Territory transport or equivalent departments, the Australian Local Government Association, peak transport</p>

	<p>industry bodies and the disability community. The Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission and AGD have observer status at meetings.)</p> <p>In the context of the five year Review, a series of public hearings were held in most major metropolitan centres in each State and Territory during 2007 (details can be found at the Review website). These hearings provided an opportunity for stakeholders to speak directly with members of the review team, and for the review team to ask questions in response. A draft report was also released for comments to 31 March 2008 and a final report is being finalised by Allen Consulting.</p>
Expected timetable	<p>It is expected that the final report on the Review will be provided to the Minister in October 2008.</p> <p>Any proposed amendments to the Transport Standards that may result from the review would need to be agreed to and formulated by the Attorney-General, and would be subject to tabling and parliamentary procedures applying to the making of Disability Standards under the DDA.</p>
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