

Dear sir/madam,

We note the release of the Reform of Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport: Consultation Regulation Impact Statement and we support the proposals indicated with a qualification as detailed below.

However we are concerned that the base document still fails to be consistent with best practice for access for people with disabilities. The references to AS1428.2 should all be deleted and substituted with AS1428.1 where possible and where AS1428.1 does not cover a situation then the required detail be researched and best practice documented. This could be in association with Standards Australia and a replacement standard to cover the fit out and other items that are not covered by AS1428.1. Until this is actioned the standard will continue to cause confusion in the industry and not be the best outcome for people with disabilities which is the objective of the standard.

Regards,

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