

## **2012 Review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport Terms of Reference**

### **Background**

The *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (Transport Standards) state that their purpose is to enable public transport operators and providers to remove discrimination from public transport services. Part 34 requires the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport, in consultation with the Attorney-General, to review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Transport Standards within five years of their taking effect, with subsequent reviews every five years.

The first review of the Transport Standards was initiated in 2007 and it and the accompanying Government response to the review were publicly released in June 2011. Implementation of the response is being progressed through the Accessible Public Transport Jurisdictional Committee (APTJC) and the Accessible Public Transport National Advisory Committee (APTNAC), which were reconvened for this purpose as part of the response. Implementation of the 2011 response is ongoing and will extend beyond 2012.

The 2012 Review will be undertaken by the Department of Infrastructure and Transport in consultation with APTJC and APTNAC and the Attorney-General's Department. The Department of Infrastructure and Transport will provide a final written report for consideration by the Minister for Infrastructure and Transport in consultation with the Attorney-General.

### **Scope**

1. As required by Part 34 of the Transport Standards, the 2012 Review will review the efficiency and effectiveness of the Transport Standards and will:
  - assess whether discrimination has been removed, as far as possible, according to the requirements for compliance set out in Schedule 1 of the Transport Standards; and
  - advise on any necessary amendments to the Transport Standards.
2. The review will focus on:
  - reporting public views of people with disability, and the community generally, on progress towards achievement of targets set out in the Transport Standards;
  - assessing compliance with the requirements set out in Schedule 1 of the Transport Standards, in particular those under Part 2 of Schedule 1;
  - identifying initiatives and actions with respect to removing discrimination from public transport services undertaken by state and territory governments since the 2007 Review; and
  - assessing the progress of the implementation of the response to the 2007 Review.

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