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**RE: SUBMISSION FOR REVIEW OF DISABILITY STANDARDS FOR
ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

As a member of the disabled community, I am interested in improving access for people with a disability and for the general community. I joined the Liverpool Access Committee last year.

At our meeting on 12 March 2008, the Review of Disability Standards for Public Transport was tabled and I have now read through the whole report. I am very interest in the areas that are covered in the report, though I am disappointed with many of the outcomes.

1. INFORMATION

The information available to members of the disabled community is very limited and there has been very little publicity on the review.

2.1 DDA AND DISABLITY STANDARDS TO ACCESSIBLE PBULIC TRANSPORT

The draft report discusses what has and hasn't been done after the introduction of the Transport Standards 5 years ago. I also found that providers of transport seem to keep saying how hard it is to implement these Standards. As a member of the disabled community, I find it very disappointing the there has been a lack of progress in reaching this so called milestone, especially since the DDA was introduced 15 years ago.

2.2 This report really doesn't show the true extent of the problem because most people with disabilities do not know their rights under the DDA or Transport Standards. Even if people know their rights under the DDA or Transport Standards they find it hard to complain about discrimination, as they find it so hard or costly and don't want to carry on with the complaint. The system needs to be made simpler to allow more people to register their complaints.

3. TIME FRAME FOR TRANSPORT STANDARDS

As a person who has a disability, I think that providers are still reluctant to put in place systems and equipment to assist people with a disability to travel on public transport. It is the same old story, it is in the "too hard basket" while people with a disability still have problems using public transport.