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Dear Sir or Madam

Re: review of transport standards and submission by the Ashfield Access Committee

Please accept this submission as part of the review process for the disability transport standards being conducted by Allen Consulting. The Ashfield Access Committee is proud to represent the interests of the community and it recognizes that there has been progress in terms of public transport accessibility.

However the Committee in regards to the review has raised the following issues:

1. Many bus stops are not accessible and federal funding is required to assist Councils to upgrade these stops to become accessible/ compliant.
2. Some bus routes in Sydney such as the 492/499 and 413 do not have low floor bases buses running preventing access.
3. The current system of discrimination prevention is based on a complaints mechanism and while this has some merit, it also holds limitations in terms of standardizing compliance with operators.
4. Carers accompanying travellers with a disability should be able to travel free of charge on public transport.

Please contact the committee with any additional information you may require.

Regards,

Via Email
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