

**Re: Review of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport**

I have received word that you are taking submissions, input etc for a re view of of disability standards for public transport.

My comments are very brief and concern the use of older style trams on certain routes that are not at accessible to users with disabilities. I am referring to the W (?) class trams that have no descending platforms nor assigned space for wheelchairs. I am amazed they are still in circulation and don't understand how they can meet industry regulations. Yes, they are great for tourists but are completely inaccessible for people with disabilities.

Looking at the categories outlined, I believe this would come under "the achievement of public transport accessibility and whether it has improved since the introduction of the Standards."

I'm not asure if this is thje forumn to express such opinions, but if so I'd very much appreciate my comments and disapproval/disappointment at the lack of progress in making our public transport disability friendly to be noted.

Regards,

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