



PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA

Senate Community Affairs References Committee

More time for submissions to inquiry into building inclusive and accessible communities

The Senate Community Affairs References Committee is inquiring into the delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities.

The inquiry will examine the planning, design, management and regulation of the built and natural environment, transport services and infrastructure, and communication and information systems, including barriers to progress or innovation in these areas. It will also look at the impact of restricted access for people with disability on inclusion and participation in all aspects of life.

The date for submissions to the inquiry has been extended to **Friday 28 April 2017**.

"The additional time will ensure that groups and individuals can make a contribution to the inquiry" said committee chair, Senator Rachel Siewert. "The committee is very keen to hear directly from people with disability and their families and carers, as well as representative organisations. We would also welcome submissions from service providers and innovators who have improved accessibility in their communities or online."

"The committee encourages people to visit the committee's website to get some more information about the inquiry and how to make a submission. There are a number of ways to make a submission and the needs of people with disability who wish to provide information to the committee will be accommodated as far as possible," Senator Siewert said.

The committee will also hold public hearings at locations around Australia. A program of hearings will be released after the close of submissions.

DATE REFERRED

29 December 2016

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE

28 April 2017

NEXT HEARING

To be advised

REPORTING DATE

13 September 2017

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Making a submission

Written submissions have been requested by Friday **28 April 2017** and can be lodged online via the committee's website: www.aph.gov.au/senate_ca

If you would like to make a submission you may find it helpful to read the guide to making a submission available on the Senate website: [Preparing a submission to an inquiry](#)

If you have questions, or need more time to write your submission, contact the secretariat.

Further information about the inquiry, including published submissions and hearing programs, is available on the committee website: www.aph.gov.au/senate_ca.

Inquiry Terms of Reference

- a. the planning, design, management, and regulation of:
 - i. the built and natural environment, including commercial premises, housing, public spaces and amenities,
 - ii. transport services and infrastructure, and
 - iii. communication and information systems, including Australian electronic media and the emerging Internet of things;
- b. potential barriers to progress or innovation and how these might be addressed;
- c. the impact of restricted access for people with disability on inclusion and participation in economic, cultural, social, civil and political life; and
- d. any other related matters.