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Dear Ms Radcliffe

**Inquiry into the delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities**

Thank you for the opportunity to give evidence to the Committee yesterday morning in relation to the above inquiry. I appreciated the opportunity to discuss matters relating to this inquiry in detail.

During my evidence, I undertook to provide the Committee with further information on two matters, which are as follows.

**Review of the Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards 2010**

The review report was provided to the Minister for Industry, Innovation and Science and the Attorney-General by the legislated date of 1 May 2016. The Australian Government has provided its response to the recommendations made in the review report.

The Committee asked that I provide it with a copy of the review report. The review report and the government's response can be found [here](#).

The Committee also requested I include the Commission's response to the review report. This response is outlined in sections 35 – 46 of the Commission's submission to the inquiry. It also includes the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1: The Commission recommends that the Australian Government require that all funding for disaster recovery include provision for new buildings or buildings requiring refurbishment as a result of natural disasters to meet the *Disability (Access to Premises – Building) Standards 2010*.

Recommendation 2: The Commission recommends that the Australian Government develop, resource and implement specific measures to address the barriers that people with disability continue to face in accessing commercial premises, public spaces and amenities, including grants, and more comprehensive support for organisations to facilitate greater access for people with disability and compliance with the *Disability (Access to Premises – Building) Standards 2010*.

I will be working with the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science to monitor progress of the recommendations from the review report.

**Australian Government's *Make Local Communities more Accessible for all Australians* initiative**

The Committee requested I confirm whether this initiative is ongoing. This request for confirmation is best followed up with the Department of Social Services.

Please contact me if you require further information on these matters.

Yours sincerely

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