

From: Blind Citizens WA
To: [Community Affairs Committee \(SEN\)](#);
Subject: Hansard corrections - Delivery of outcomes under the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 to build inclusive and accessible communities - 24 August Perth
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Dear Ms Radcliffe and Committee Members,

Thank you for providing a copy of Hansard. I believe it to be an accurate transcript. Please note, where I have referred to the 'National Drug Strategy' I intended to refer to the 'National Disability Strategy.'

Senator Carol Brown invited further recommendations from Blind Citizens WA Inc.

Blind Citizens WA inc. supports the recommendations of Blind Citizens Australia, made in its submission to this Inquiry, including those relating to audio-described television, accessible banking, and government procurement of ICT services and systems that are accessible.

In addition, Blind Citizens WA recommends -

- * That governments recognise the specific needs of people who are blind or vision impaired in relation to access and inclusion, and that consumer organisations that specifically represent people who are blind or vision impaired are adequately funded to work with their members, stakeholders, government and the wider community to meet these specific needs.
- * That the value of consumer-led disability organisations to achieving the aims of the National Disability Strategy be recognised with commensurate funding and support.
- * That a national transport subsidy scheme be introduced that is independent of the NDIS so that all people with disability are covered regardless of age or their engagement with the NDIS and that such a scheme use accessible technology.
- * That educational institutions are supported to meet the Disability Standards for Education and are accountable for meeting the Standards.

Question on Notice for Senator Rachel Siewert on Inaccessible Touch Screen Banking

Has anybody made any complaints to the Human Rights Commission yet over it?

Yes, complaints have been lodged by individuals direct to the Australian Human Rights Commission. These complaints are still in conciliation and the conciliation process is confidential. These complainants are supported by Blind Citizens Australia and the Public Interest Advocacy Centre.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to provide evidence to the Inquiry.

Sincerely,

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