



Organisations to Comment on Public Building Access for People with Disabilities Public hearing in Melbourne on 30 March 2009

The House Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee will hear from the Victorian Human Rights Commission, the Tourism and Transport Forum, access consultants and disability discrimination legal groups as part of its inquiry into disabled access to public buildings.

The Committee Chair, Mr Mark Dreyfus, QC MP said "The Committee held a very informative and successful public hearing in Sydney. We are now looking forward to hearing the views of Victorian-based organisations on the Draft Premises Standards."

"The Committee expects to receive over 100 submissions to its Inquiry and while most are supportive of the Standards, there are clearly some areas that people feel can be improved," he added.

"We will be exploring these issues further at the Melbourne public hearing," the Chair concluded.

Details of the hearing:

Date: Monday 30 March 2009
Time: 9:15 am – 5:00 pm
Location: Queen Victoria Women's Centre
Level 4, 210 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne

Program:

9.15am – 10.00am	Tourism and Transport Forum – submission 52
10.00am – 10.30am	Access Australia – submission 49
10.45am – 11.15am	TBC
11.15am – 12.00pm	Blythe-Sanderson Group – submission 47
12.45pm – 1.30pm	Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission – sub 22
1.30pm – 2.15pm	Disability Discrimination Legal Service – submission 78
2.15pm – 3.00pm	Victorian Disability Advisory Council – submission 80
3.15pm – 3.45pm	Latrobe City Council – submission 79
3.45pm – 4.15pm	Australia Federation of Disability Organisations – submission 83
4.15pm – 5.00pm	Victorian Access Consultants Network and Association of Consultants in Access, Australia (submissions 28 and 107)

Full program details available at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/laca>

Members of the public are welcome to attend the public hearing or listen via webcast on the APH website: <http://webcast.aph.gov.au/livebroadcasting/>.

Accessibility: Please contact the Committee Secretariat for information about accessibility at public hearings.

For interview:

Contact the Committee Chair, Mr Mark Dreyfus QC, MP on (02) 6277 4305 (Canberra) or in his electorate on (03) 9769 1955. Or Mr Dreyfus' media adviser, Tim Lisle-Williams on 0431 178 280.

For background information, including the full terms of reference, please visit the inquiry website at www.aph.gov.au/laca or contact the Committee Secretariat on ph (02) 6277 2358 or fax (02) 6277 4427.