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Dear Secretary

Submission on the DRAFT Disability Access to Premises Building Standards

With an aging population, access is becoming increasingly important in society's quality of life, I refer to the above draft matter and write for serious consideration to be given to the introduction of a full tax concession directly relating to any direct building and associated costs for the provision of access where the access works/alterations are not required by statutory regulations.

This action would help provide an incentive for the provision of access for all, including wheelchairs users, parents with prams and the aged and frail.
The need for full and open access is growing with our aging population.

A tax concession of 100% (or other %) or an accelerated depreciation allowance would greatly assist all the community.

David Bradbury MP Federal Member for Lindsay (my local member) is a wonderful local advocate in Access for all.

Would you kindly follow up with the Assistant Treasurer's and the Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Children's Services' staff in relation to the matter. As a paraplegic (result of car accident) I have over the last forty years lived with the difficulty of open access in my day to day living. I know there is a great need for this through out Australia and this action would assist property owners in providing open access to all.

Whilst my submission does not go to the DRAFT directly, I ask the Standing Committee to seek appropriate assistance and expertise from the government so that my proposal can be subject of discussion and hopefully implementation, even if by another government department.

Please feel to contact me by phone about this matter.

Yours sincerely

David Currie BBus FCPA

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