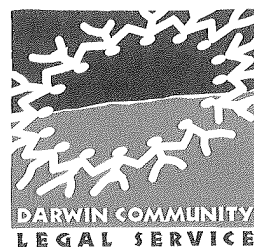


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Re: Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standards

Dear Sir/Madam

The Darwin Community Legal Service (DCLS) provides a range of advice on issues including welfare rights and disability discrimination law and practice. In this context DCLS has consulted with other community legal services on the effect of the draft Disability (Access to Premises- Buildings) Standards and is pleased to make the following comments:

DCLS welcomes the development of the Standards which will provide a degree of clarity and transparency for developers, building owners, certifiers, architects and most importantly people with disabilities accessing and using buildings covered by the Standards.

DCLS supports and endorses the submission prepared by the NSW Disability Discrimination Legal Centre which we consider addresses the particular concerns of people with disabilities living in rural and remote areas. This is an important issue in the Northern Territory with its relatively large number of indigenous people in remote areas.

We wish the Committee well in its deliberations on this important matter.

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