

ABCB ACCESSIBLE HOUSING PROJECT

Key messages for your response to the Options Paper

We ALL need accessible housing—let's regulate NOW.

Why?

There are three imperatives:



Human Rights



Social



Economic

Human Rights



The UNCRPD promotes equal access to all aspects of the physical and social environment.

The National Disability Strategy supports the aspirational target that all new homes will be of agreed universal design standards by 2020.

Without regulation in the National Construction Code, this target will not be met.

Economic



Access features are inexpensive to provide at design stage. They cost 19 times more to add after the building is built.

Most dwellings can expect to have a disabled resident or visitor in its life. Governments want people to remain at home as they age for as long as possible because it is cheaper and better for everyone.

Social



Our home is where we pass on family values and traditions, raise children, provide support to each other, and solve everyday problems.

Everyone has something important to contribute.

So we must ask ourselves: **Who can come? Who can stay? Who does our home exclude today?**

We need Livable Housing Design **Gold level** access
in all new housing construction.

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The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) has released the Accessible Housing Options Paper and planned a series of National Consultation Forums for a national Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) regarding accessible housing for private residences.

The RIA will examine the silver and gold performance levels as options for a minimum accessible standard; use a sensitivity approach; and be informed by appropriate case studies.

Options Paper

The ABCB's [Accessible Housing Options Paper](#) has been released for public consultation. The Options Paper provides a preliminary menu of options and costings on the possible inclusion of a minimum accessibility standard for housing in the NCC.

The intention is to seek broader stakeholder input and refine the details of the objectives, options and terminology that will be considered in a formal [Regulatory Impact Statement](#).

Providing feedback

Feedback on the Options Paper is due on Friday 30 November 2018.

Send your response to NCCawareness@abcb.gov.au. Please include 'Accessible Housing' in the subject line.

[Click here for Options Paper](#)

National Consultation Forums

National Consultation Forums will be held in each capital city. The forums allow for people to have their say in-person, and have questions answered by ABCB representatives.

City	Date	Venue
Canberra	Monday 15 October	National Convention Centre
*Adelaide	Tuesday 16 October	Adelaide Convention Centre
Perth	Friday 19 October	Perth Convention Centre
*Sydney	Thursday 25 October	Sydney Masonic Centre
*Hobart	Friday 26 October	Hobart Grand Chancellor
Brisbane	Tuesday 30 October	Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre
Melbourne	Wednesday 31 October	Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
*Darwin	Thursday 1 November	Darwin Convention and Exhibition Centre

* These dates have been changed from the original ABCB notice.

[Book here](#)

Following the final forum, a video recording will be available from the ABCB [Resource Library](#).

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