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DISABILITY ACCESS TO PREMISES STANDARDS AUSTRALIAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION GUIDELINE

The purpose of this Building Note is to inform building practitioners and those concerned with access that Guidelines have been issued about the Commonwealth Disability Access to Premises Standards ("the Standards").

The Australian Human Rights Commission has issued the Guideline to clarify how the Standards may be applied to certain new and upgraded public buildings. A copy of that Guideline can be found at www.hreoc.gov.au under the tab headed "Disability Rights and by clicking on "Release of Premises Standards guidelines". Further information about the reforms is also available on that website.

On **1 May 2011** the Standards will commence. The Standards are Commonwealth legislation. The legislation will, however, apply in the Northern Territory. It is important that certifiers, developers, builders and property owners properly inform themselves about the Standards prior to their commencement as it is unlawful to fail to comply with the Standards from that date.

Industry has previously been informed about these reforms through Building Notes and information seminars (Building Notes 65, 69, 72 & 75 refer).



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