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To: DisabilityTransport@infrastructure.gov.au

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Department's Stage 2 reform process for the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002*.

Inclusion Australia is the national voice for Australians with intellectual disability. We bring together groups across Australia who are connected to people with an intellectual disability and who share the vision of inclusion in all parts of Australian life. Our strength comes from our diverse state members who use their combined experience and expertise to increase the inclusion of people with intellectual disability in all levels of the community. As a well-respected Disability Representative Organisation, all of our work is guided and informed by people with an intellectual disability.

Inclusion Australia is pleased to endorse in full the submission provided to this consultation by our member organisation, the NSW Council for Intellectual Disability (CID), on 9 August 2022. This includes the findings and recommendations made in CID's submission.

We echo CID's important point that the proposed reforms and the Stage 2 Regulation Impact Statement do not specifically include access provisions for people with intellectual and other cognitive disabilities, but that this is essential. Many people with intellectual disability rely on public transport for access to services and to be part of our community. Any reforms must include people with intellectual disability from the beginning, ensuring that their needs are considered at every stage of the process.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter, and I am happy to discuss this further with you.

Kind regards,



**Catherine McAlpine**  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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