

Submission on the Stage 2 Reform of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002



The [Public Transport Association of Canberra](#) (PTCBR) welcomes the opportunity provided by Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Developments, Communication and the Arts to make a submission on the **Stage 2 Reform of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002**.

The PTCBR is the peak public transport lobby group for the Canberra region, with members from all sectors of our community. We are focused on improving access to public transport and making the passenger experience better. We lobby government, business groups and stakeholders associated with public transport and planning and play a key role in the consultation process on these matters.

PTCBR has a strong interest in improving the travel options for people living and visiting the Canberra region, particularly the many that commute around Canberra for work, study or recreation.

We are pleased that the Department is engaging widely on the **Stage 2 Reform of the Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002** project. We have canvassed our membership, engaged directly with members with experience of living with a disability, reviewed the documentation published by the Department so far (including the Regulation Impact Statement) and a representative participated in the webinar hosted on 21 July 2022. We have found the work to date to be comprehensive and have not identified any further issues to contribute to the consideration.

We strongly support the reform focus on uniformity of design and the end-to-end travel experience (“whole of journey”). This approach will assist with the identification and resolution of systemic and specific issues that limit the routine use of public transport by disabled Australians. Implementation of uniformity of design and whole of journey as fundamental principles in the design and delivery of public transport will benefit all Australians with disabilities, including Australians with silent or invisible disabilities whose need for assistance or support is often not recognized.

PTCBR will encourage the ACT Government to incorporate the proposed reforms into the design, development and delivery of Light Rail Stage 2 (City to Woden) as well as the other planned improvements to public transport in the ACT, such as electrification of the bus fleet.

Thank you for the opportunity to support this important reform process.

Sincerely,



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