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### Short comment

Great to read that people with disability are being considered. Particularly around design rules, haptic technologies and guidelines for CAV manufacturers. Advocacy WA would like to remind government of only a couple of issues (that may have already been considered):

- consider the costs of making adjustments to CAVs for people with disabilities. These costs have skyrocketed over the past 15 years. For example, manual handcontrols (attached to accelerator and brake) are no longer an option. They used to cost around \$400. Modern handcontrols are now often over \$2000. People with disability are some of the lowest paid, lowest socio-economic group in Australia.
- consider the way people with disability drive and haptic technologies. For example, some people can only have one hand on a steering wheel, some people have random eye movements.
- CAVs need to have software that driving aids can integrate with while not costing large sums of money for the integration. Software that is 'locked down' may result in people with disability not being able to purchase some vehicles.
- any road strategy needs to consider that people with disability are often on the road more than others as it is the only way they have of moving from A to B. They should not be punished via road user taxes and charges.
- cost burden in regions. There is already a disadvantage for people living with disability in the regions regarding public and taxi transport. Many have no choice but to buy a vehicle as other transport options are not available to them. If vehicle costs increase there will be less taxis in regions and an inability to afford own vehicle. Shared transport is often not an option for this cohort.

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