**Government response to Access to Premises Standard Review**

**Recommendation 1**

Make changes to the Premises Standards so they:

* are clearer and easier to understand
* keep up to date with the National Construction Code (NCC)
* work well with the Transport Standards.

The Government’s response was: supported **in principle**.

The Government will make some of the changes to the Premises Standards we suggested.

**Recommendation 2**

Help people who will be affected the most to:

* understand the Premises Standards
* understand why we need the Premises Standards. These people include:
* people with disability
* families and carers
* building owners
* architects and designers
* building and construction workers.

The Government’s response was: **noted**.

The Australian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) have written information about how the Premises Standards should be used.

This information can be found on their website.

The Government wants:

* state and territory governments to use this information
* people who work in building and construction to use free training about disability access from the Australia Building Codes Board (ABCB).

**Recommendation 3**

Improve education and training about the Premises Standards so people:

* know more about the Premises Standards
* understand the Premises Standards better.

The Government’s response was: **noted**. The Government wants:

* state and territory governments to use the information on the AHRC website
* people who work in building and construction to use free training about disability access from the ABCB.

**Recommendation 4**

Develop a good system so we can do a better job when we review the Premises Standards in the future.

The Government’s response was: supported **in principle**.

The Government wants to set up a Data Framework. The Data Framework will collect information that will help us when we do the next review. We need to do 2 projects to set up the Data Framework:

* set up a group of experts who can tell us what information we need for reviews we do in the future
* talk to an expert who can tell us the best way for the Data Framework to work.

**Recommendation 5**

Set up a way of managing things that will guide what we do next.

The Government’s response was: supported **in principle**. The Government thinks the Data Framework will be a good way to manage things.

**Recommendation 6**

Set up groups of experts who can give us advice when we need it. The people in the groups would need to be experts on things in the Premises Standards.

The Government’s response was: supported **in principle**.

The Government thinks we should set up 1 group of experts who can give us advice when we need it. We don’t need to get advice from experts about everything we need to do.

**Other changes**

There were 30 small changes we wanted to make to the Premises Standards. We wanted to improve what we had written by:

* changing some of the words we used
* adding extra information.

The Government’s response was: supported **in principle.**

The Government said we should make 21 out of the 30 changes. We need to do some extra work before we can make any of the other changes.

**Next steps**

We need to do a new review every 5 years. We will do our next review in 2021.