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Accessible housing

The NCC / BCA includes minimum accessible housing requirements for Class 2 buildings, and access criteria for public buildings. AS4299 and LHA provide advisory and voluntary criteria for adaptable and 'livable' housing.

In October 2017 the Building Ministers Forum agreed that – *'in consultation with Disability Ministers, (the BMF) will undertake a national Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) regarding accessible housing for private residences.'*

This RIA will be managed by the ABCB (Australian Building Codes Board) and ABCB Accessible Housing Forums were held nationally in October and November 2018.

The ABCB Accessible Housing Options Paper and Video are available at www.ABCB.gov.au.

Responses may be emailed to: nccawareness@abcb.gov.au with the subject line 'Accessible Housing'. Please send response as an attachment to the email, either as a Word or PDF file. Alternatively, responses may be posted to

Accessible Housing
Australian Building Codes Board
GPO Box 2013 Canberra ACT 2601.

The due date for responses is close of business (AEST) on **30 November 2018**.

NCC / BCA 2019

The 2015 – 16 APS (Access to Premises Standard) Review resulted in agreement to 21 NCC / BCA technical amendments, increased awareness of educational and training materials, establishment of a data framework for collecting information and evidence across state and territory jurisdictions, and putting in place a cohesive structure for progressing future reforms of the APS.

The ABCB intent is to incorporate these amendments into the 2019 NCC / BCA.

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