

## **Building Regulation**

# **News Update**

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### **SEMINAR ON NEW DISABILITY ACCESS STANDARDS FOR BUILDINGS**

A half-day seminar will be held in Hobart in September 2010 to provide building surveyors, building designers, architects, builders, building owners or managers, access consultants and other interested stakeholders with an overview of the new Commonwealth Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards (Premises Standards) and their effect. The seminar will also provide an opportunity for participants to discuss questions of interpretation.

The Premises Standards are expected to deliver significant improvements in the level of access for new buildings and existing buildings undergoing renovation. Corresponding changes are proposed to the Building Code of Australia to commence at the same time.

Note that the new Premises Standards will come into force on 1 May 2011 and the usual transitional provisions for design work performed before a new version of the Building Code of Australia comes into force will not apply.

The Hobart seminar will cover:

- the objectives behind the Premises Standards
- who is responsible for complying with the Premises Standards
- the main features of the Premises Standards, including exceptions and concessions
- areas of buildings and levels of access required.

The seminar will be presented by the Australian Human Rights Commission and the Australian Building Codes Board. Both organisations have been closely involved in the development of the Premises Standards for a number of years.

- The Hobart seminar will be held on Thursday, 9 September 2010 from 9:30 am to 1 pm
- The venue is the auditorium, Baha'i Centre of Learning, 1 Tasman Highway, Hobart
- The cost of attendance is \$100 for online registration or \$115 for other forms of registration
- For registration, visit the Human Rights Australia website at [http://humanrights.gov.au/disability\\_rights/buildings/ps\\_registration.htm](http://humanrights.gov.au/disability_rights/buildings/ps_registration.htm)