

COMPANY PROFILE

EQUAL ACCESS PTY LTD DISABILITY ACCESS CONSULTANTS

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1. BACKGROUND AND EXPERIENCE

Equal Access Pty Ltd are one of Australia's leading Accredited **Disability Access Consultants**. We are registered with the Association of Consultants in Access Australia Inc and provide a specialist consulting service throughout Australia to enhance the built environment and to provide "**Equal Access**" for members of the community with a disability.

The key disability access services we provide Australia wide are;

- Review of new and refurbishment building plans and surrounding environs for compliance with disability access regulations.
- Carry out building access audits of existing properties to identify potential barriers to access for people with disabilities.
- Provide practical, sensible advice on disability access issues.
- Design, Documentation & Permit consultation.
- Design and prepare Mobility Maps
- Accessibility Courses and Workshops
- Comprehensive online resource of products to improve access to the built environment.

Equal Access was born from our passion for creating an environment that is accessible to all.

The **DDA, BCA & Australian Standards** are highly complex and subject to constant change. Litigation over property access and compliance is increasing at an astounding rate. Property and business owners are subject to substantial and often unexpected liability.

Equal Access Pty Ltd can assist in all areas of Disability Access Consulting and would welcome the opportunity to work with you.

Ensure you use the services of Accredited Disability Access Consultants on your projects.

2. CLIENTS

Due to client confidentiality we do not list current and previous clients online. Please contact us directly and we can provide you with this information.

3. KEY PERSONNEL

BRUCE BROMLEY

Accredited Disability Access Consultant.

Association of Consultants in Access Australia, Inc.

Registration No MN187 Assessment, Auditing & Design

Bruce is one of Melbourne's leading Access Consultants. He has over 23 years experience in Architectural Design, Documentation & Project Management on range of projects including Educational, Commercial, Retail and Industrial for both the public and private sector.

Bruce has extensive experience in disability access & functionality. His experience has been gained initially whilst designing a large number of Specialist Schools throughout

Victoria in addition to consulting on accessibility on many Local/State Government projects and a varying range of commercial projects.

AFFILIATIONS

- Accredited Member, Association of Consultants in Access Australia inc. Practice category; Advisory, Auditing & Design. Membership #MN187
- Member - Australian Institute of Building Surveyors. Membership #4225
- Member, Centre for Accessible Environments UK. Membership #2600
- Member – Fire Protection Association Australia. Membership #17022
- Registered Building Practitioner. DP-AD 27678
- Completed Vic Roads DDA design workshop for Road & Public Transport design.

4. PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Professional services provided will be based on:

- The current Building Code of Australia, together with (if required) its proposed revisions under the draft Premises Standard;
- The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 amended;
- The Equal Opportunity Act 1995 (Vic);
- The proposed Access Code for Buildings;
- The federal Disability Discrimination Act 1992;
- Australian Standard AS1428.1 (2001) - 'Design for Access and mobility Part 1: General Requirements for access – New building work';
- Australian Standard AS1428.2 (1992) - 'Design for access and mobility Part 2 Enhanced and additional requirements – Buildings and facilities';
- Australian Standard AS1428.4 (2002) - Design for access and mobility: Tactile indicators;
- Australian Standard AS1735.12 (1999) - Lifts, escalators and moving walks: Facilities for persons with disabilities;
- Draft DR 04020 Australian Standard AS1428.4 - Design for access and mobility: Tactile indicators (revision of AS 1428.4-2002);
- Draft DR 04019 Australian Standard AS1428.1 (2001), - 'Design for Access and mobility Part 1: General Requirements for access – New building work' (revision of AS1428.1-1992);
- Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission Advisory Notes

5. CONSULTING

Access Consultants form a critical part of a projects team ensuring no member of the community is unable to use the facilities either for safety reasons, independence, hearing and communication. Most importantly enable them to maintain their dignity.

The following outlines areas, which will be assessed during our typical consultation.

- **External Environments and Approach** - this may include access from site boundary, vehicle setting down, parking facilities, pedestrian routes, public spaces and pathways. Features are likely to include wayfinding, surfaces, ramps, steps, handrails, external lifts, lighting, general safety.
- **Wayfinding** - signage, pathways, tactile ground surface indicators, tactile/audio maps
- **Doors** - vision panels/glazing manifestation, entrance matting, lobby sizes, entry control/security systems, automatic/manual operating systems, safety controls, thresholds, clear widths, closer strengths and door furniture
- **Horizontal Circulation** - corridor widths, circulation areas, obstructions, clearance widths , TGSI's and hazards
- **Vertical Circulation** - platform lifts, stairlifts, passenger lifts, control locations, stairs, step nosing's, ramps, handrail profiles and pitch heights

- **Facilities** - reception desks, information, communications, seating, refreshment and vending areas, sports and leisure facilities, classrooms, interactive displays, showcases
- **Sanitary Facilities** - accessible and general WC's, sizes, location, fittings, dispensers, doors, alerting systems, shower rooms and wash facilities
- **Means of Escape** - refuge spaces, accessible escape routes, evacuation arrangements, alarm call points, visual, acoustic and tactile alerting systems
- **Lighting** - glare control, switch positions and assistive aids
- **Acoustics** - general quality, echo, assistive equipment
- **Finishes** - walls, ceilings, decor, light reflectance, contrast, absorbency, floor finishes, slip resistance, visual/tactile properties
- **Fixtures** - display of notices, clarity and simplicity of information to meet the widest possible range of diverse user needs, collections and exhibits
- **Information/communication** - telephones, videophones, inductive couplers, textphones, sound enhancement systems, induction loops, infrared, radio, TV/video, PA systems

6. PROJECT TEAMS

Increasingly Local, State & Federal Government Departments in addition to the corporate sector are addressing access and integration issues for people with disabilities.

Equal Access Pty Ltd has extensive experience working as part of the project team throughout all phases of a project from design through to final inspection.

7. LEGISLATION

We are driven by the desire to deliver a high quality consultancy service to the professionals that will shape this environment.

We specialise in providing practical, sensible advice on disability access issues, including the Disability Discrimination Act, Building Code of Australia and Suite of Australian Standards, to a variety of organisations in both the public and private sectors.

The Objectives of the DDA (Disability Discrimination Act) is to make it unlawful to discriminate against persons with a disability in connection with employment, the provision of goods, facilities and services or the management of premises. The legal requirements of the Act affect the majority of existing commercial and public building occupiers.

Discrimination occurs if, because of a person's disability, the person is, or is proposed to be treated less favourably than a person without the disability.