



Australian Network
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Housing Design



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Position Statement

Australian Network for Universal Housing Design and *Rights and Inclusion Australia* believe that the homes we build for today should be fit for all of tomorrow's Australians.

Please support our call to the Australian Government to regulate **minimum access features in the National Construction Code for all new and extensively modified housing**. This should be supported by education and training for the housing industry.

Why?

- Current housing designs do not work for many people including older people, people recovering from illness or injury, mothers with prams and people who have mobility difficulties.
- Greater accessibility is cheap and easily achieved—with **three simple features**.
- An increased supply of accessible mainstream housing is critical to the success of the National Disability Insurance Scheme and the Aged Care Reforms.
- In 2010, Australian housing industry leaders agreed to provide these three simple features in all new housing by 2020. With a few exceptions, the housing industry has not responded. We anticipate that less than 5% of the 2020 target will be met unless these features are regulated.
- Regulating these **three simple features** will allow many more people to stay in their homes, and to visit others—regardless of their age, disability or life circumstances.
- Regulation in the National Construction Code will provide a “level playing field” for the Australian housing industry and cost and production efficiencies for everyone.
- Regulation will lead to more inclusive and sustainable communities now and in the future.

What are these three simple features?

1. An **accessible path of travel** from the street or parking area **to and within** the entry level of a dwelling.
2. Doors, corridors and living spaces that allow **ease of access for most people on the entry level**.
3. **A bathroom, shower and toilet that can be used by most people**, with reinforced wall areas for grab-rails at a later date.

Add your organisation's logo or your name to call for regulation. Simply fill out the attached form and email us at anuhd@anuhd.org, or reply@riaustralia.org.

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