



**Create a more  
inclusive world**

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## **Parallel Session B**

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**An outline of key elements of accessibility and  
inclusion from an Australian perspective – A044**

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# Conference Theme

- The Conference theme – Create a More Inclusive World
- Global history and influence of RI – central to discussion about accessibility and inclusion
- **RI website – *Empowerment, Inclusion & Access***
- ISA, Charter of the 80s – IYDP
- Charter for Third Millennium – CRPD 2006  
166 ratifications/accessions and 160 signatories to the CRPD
- This presentation will provide an outline of the key elements of accessibility and inclusion from an Australian perspective



# Accessibility

- Australia adopted the DDA in 1992 and ratified the CRPD in 2008
- Accessibility – CRPD Article 9 – requires access on an equal basis to the physical environment, housing, transportation, information and communications – in both urban and rural areas.
- **2010 to 2020 National Disability Strategy – clear response to CRPD obligations. NDS Policy Area 1 is *Inclusive and Accessible Communities***
- NCC / BCA provide comprehensive requirements for accessibility
- The one exception is housing – current priority to include mainstream accessible housing requirements in Australian building legislation
- Housing accessibility is part of the ‘process of access’



# Access & equity legislation

## DDA 1992

Clause 23 requires access to premises the **public** can enter or use

## AS4299 Adaptable Housing 1995

Criteria for adaptable and visitable housing

## CRPD Ratified by Australia 2008 / 09

Requires access to **housing**



## Access to Premises Standard 2010 / BCA annual updates

Primarily access to public buildings & environments

**Livable Housing 2011** – voluntary code and Guidelines – Silver, Gold and Platinum performance levels – 2020 compliance goal

**National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) 2013** – supporting a better life for Australians with a disability and their families

**APS review 2015 / 2016** – Regulating for ‘overall net benefit’

# Inclusion



- Inclusion central to the CRPD – referenced in many of 50 CRPD Articles
- **Full inclusion and participation in all aspects of life – CRPD encapsulates essential link between accessibility and inclusion**
- Nora Groce 2002 *From Charity to Disability Rights – Articulate RI vision: better information and communications: appropriate regional structure*
- Michael Fox Oslo 2004 RI President – *Focus on rights and inclusion: strengthen global networking: funding opportunities: promote membership knowledge base: implement the CRPD:*

# RI Global

- The RI mission is to advance the **rights and inclusion** of people with disabilities around the world
- RI major role in CRPD drafting and adoption – actively involvement in CRPD implementation
- **RI adopted the name *Rehabilitation International* in 1972 – and continues to be a leader in the changing global agenda**
- The CRPD includes 50 Articles, with one Article about rehabilitation – all Articles progress a global rights based agenda
- RI has the opportunity to continue a history of leadership – by evolving the RI name to reflect global **Rights and Inclusion**

