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NEUROSCIENCE RESEARCH AUSTRALIA
ADDITIONAL FITOUT STAGE 2A – LEVEL 3
Review of access for people with a disability

Access Associates Sydney has reviewed the proposed alterations to the approved scheme (Stage 2A) of the Neuroscience Research Precinct Randwick, for compliance with the access requirements for people with a disability.

The accessibility provisions have been reviewed to assess whether they meet the intent of the Disability Discrimination Act's obligations of equitable and dignified access for people with a disability.

Review of compliance of the access provisions has been undertaken with the following:

- The Building Code of Australia 2015- Part D3
- AS1428.1 (2009) Design for access and mobility Part 1: General requirements for access – New building work.
- AS1428.2 (1992) Design for access and mobility Part 2: Enhanced and Additional requirements-Buildings and facilities
- The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA)
- Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010
- Guideline on the Application of the Premises Standards Version 2 2013
- Randwick Council Access and Mobility requirements

Drawing reviewed as received from Cox Richardson 21/01/16:

PA-203-2A December 2015 Level 3 Floor Plan
PA-203-2B December 2015 Level 3 Floor Plan
PA-203-2C December 2015 Level 3 Floor Plan
PA-203-2D December 2015 Level 3 Floor Plan
PA-204-2A December 2015 Level 4 Floor Plan
PA-204-2B December 2015 Level 4 Floor Plan
PA-204-2C December 2015 Level 4 Floor Plan
PA-204-2D December 2015 Level 4 Floor Plan
PA-302 December 2015 Elevations
PA-303 December 2015 Elevations
PA-304 December 2015 Elevations
PA-305 December 2015 Elevations
PA-401 December 2015 Sections
PA-402 December 2015 Sections

The new area of construction fitout on Level 3 is proposed to be developed as an Administration area which includes:

- An open entry via the existing foyer adjacent to the existing staff Administration area and board room
- 3 larger offices with space for a desk and small conference table
- 3 smaller offices with a space for a desk
- An open plan office space with space for 20 desks
- Double outward opening doors linking to a closed verandah space

To meet the requirements of the Access to Premises Standards and the BCA part D3.1 for new building work, continuous accessible paths of travel meeting the requirements of AS1428.1 (2009) are proposed to and within all areas normally used by the occupants of the new administration area, with the exception of the link to the verandah.

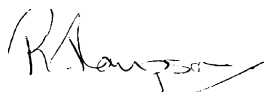
We recommend

- a level threshold (maximum lip 5mm) be provided at at least one set of double doors on the path of travel to the eastern verandah. Installation of a threshold ramp compliant with AS1428.1 would provide an acceptable alternative link.
- Ensure a minimum 850mm clear door opening is provided at the active leaf of the accessible doorway.
- To meet the BCA part D3.12 (2015), ensure unframed glazed doors and walls are provided with visual indicators to fully comply with AS1428.1 clause 6.6 (2009) and that doorways are provided with luminance contrast to meet the requirements of AS1428.1 (2009) clause 13.1.
- The force required to activate door closers, glazed or pivot action doors meet as closely as possible the requirements of AS1428.1 (2009) clause 13.5.2(e).
- All door handles and related hardware shall allow the door to be unlocked and opened with one hand and be such that a hand of a person who cannot grip will not slip from the handle during the operation of the latch as per AS1428.1 (2009) clauses 13.5.1 - 3 and figures 35 – 37.

In conclusion having reviewed the listed architectural drawing for this proposed Administration area, it is our opinion that with the inclusion in ongoing design of the **recommendations** the access provisions for people with physical and sensory disabilities will comply with the requirements of: the Access to Premises Standards and the BCA (2015) part D3 and; AS1428.1.

Consequently, it is our opinion that with the inclusion of the recommendations as detailed above, the proposed new work on Level 3 of the Neura Building will meet the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act through its intention to provide non - discriminatory access and the equitable and dignified use of all proposed new facilities.

I also certify that I am an appropriately qualified and competent person practising in the relevant area of work. I have recognised relevant experience in the area of work being certified. My company is holding appropriate current insurance policy to the satisfaction of the building owner or the principal authorising the installation work being certified.



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