1. The Australian Government is considering reforms to the *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport 2002* (DSAPT). DSAPT is commonwealth legislation made under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cwlth) (DDA). It applies to public transport services including infrastructure, premises and conveyances and aims to remove and mitigate discriminatory practices.
2. The DSAPT reform process is being undertaken in two stages. Stage 1 involves consultation with the disability community and transport industry on amendments that aim to increase flexibility and clarity of DSAPT via a Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (Consultation RIS).
3. In March 2021, the Australian Government sought input from operators of public transport services to inform a cost benefit analysis on the proposed options.
4. The stage 1 Consultation RIS focuses on 16 areas of reform with targeted questions for consideration specific to the disability community, and separately, providers and operators of public transport services. Generally, the options proposed for consideration include: a) maintain the status quo; b) non-regulatory change; or c) regulatory change.
5. All areas of reform will likely have implications for the Queensland Government. However, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) considers the following areas to present the most significant impacts: Mobility aid safety; priority seating; allocated spaces; lifts; assistance animal toileting facilities; and passenger loading areas.
6. The Consultation RIS does not provide sufficient information about the application or timeframes for compliance. TMR considers that application of the amended DSAPT should only apply to new and upgraded assets and should not impose any changes to existing projects currently under development.
7. Overall, TMR supports regulatory change for the majority of reform areas. Where TMR has indicated a position of support for regulatory or non-regulatory change, this is preliminary and subject to further detail and transparency from the Australian Government about the proposed application of DSAPT, timeframes for compliance and cost impacts.
8. Cabinet approved the Department of Transport and Main Roads response to the Australian Government's *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport: Consultation Regulation Impact Statement*.
9. *Attachments*:
* [Department of Transport and Main Roads response to the Australian Government's *Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport: Consultation Regulation Impact Statement*](Attachments/QG%20Response.PDF)