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To address the special needs for people with disabilities and to form part of the Department's draft Disability plan, *DS32 Improved Access for Health Care Facilities* has been produced by Capital and Infrastructure Services. The provisions of the new publication will be utilised for all new or refurbishment health care building projects.

To assure it's relevance the project was monitored by a steering committee which included in its composition, representatives of various government interests and the Australian Quadraplegic Association.

The document is in three parts. The first sets out the special requirements of people with different types of physical disability. The second part puts forward specific design solutions and is complemented by helpful diagrams and floor layouts. The third part sets out an easy-to-follow evaluation methodology and format to help identify the access constraints in buildings and to cost and rectify them as part of routine maintenance strategies.

The publication has comprehensively set out and will be of special assistance to Area and District Health Service personnel, architects, health facility planners, and other professional groups involved in the planning and design of public and private health care facilities.

Whilst a complimentary distribution of this 105 page document has already been made available to key groups, other copies may be purchased from the Better Health Centre, 162 Blues Point Road, North Sydney (Tel: 954 1193; Fax: 955 5196) at \$45.00 per copy.

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