

# **Accessibility and Inclusion Statement**

# **Venue Information**

The Legislative Assembly is located at 196 London Circuit, Canberra, ACT. The public entrance is accessed from Civic Square.

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# www.parliament.act.gov.au

Have an accessibility question or concern about visiting? Grant Kinsella (Manager, Security and Building Services) can be contacted via the main number above.

# **Getting to the Legislative Assembly**

### **Public transport**

The Assembly is a 6-minute walk from the Alinga Street light rail station and Civic interchange. There are also two bus-stops outside the Assembly building (stops 3003 and 3356) serviced by Transport Canberra routes R2 - R7, R10, S4 - S8, S4 - S8, and S4 - S8, are also as a second and S4 - S8, and S4 - S8

The Transport Canberra website includes accessibility information for buses and light rail.

School or charter buses can set down visitors in the designated stop on Civic Square, but availability of these spaces cannot be guaranteed.

#### **Taxis**

- Wheelchair Accessible Taxis are available in the ACT via a centralised booking service.
- Contact details: www.13wats.com.au | 13 9287 | bookings@13wats.com.au

#### **Parking**

- There is no public parking at the Assembly.
- Theatre Lane Parking and 300 Constitution Ave Parking are close to Civic Square, both accessible from London Circuit.
- Taxis, cars, school, or charter busses can set down visitors in the designated stop on Civic Square, but availability of these spaces cannot be guaranteed.



# **Arriving at the Legislative Assembly**

#### **Entrance**

The automatic double entrance doors to the Assembly are behind the statue 'Ethos'.

#### Information desk

- Inside the Assembly building, there is clear and level access to the front desk which is staffed by our attendant team.
- The front desk is 840mm high.
- Visitors are required to sign-in on an electronic tablet. Our attendants can assist you. The application used— Sine—is also available as an app for download on smart devices.

### **Security procedures**

- All visitors are required to go through security—the process is like that of an airport. Our friendly
  attendants will help you through this process.
- Our walkthrough scanner is 750mm wide. Our attendants can provide alternative screening if a wheelchair or mobility device cannot fit through the scanner.

# **Inside the Assembly**

#### **Indoor Surfaces**

- All public areas are wheelchair accessible. Please note, the floor coverings vary and consist of wood, carpet, and tiles.
- Most public areas are on the ground floor, except our exhibition space on Level 1.

#### Lifts

- Our exhibition space, and members' offices, are on levels 1 and 2 and accessible by lift.
- Lift dimensions: door width 890mm; lift depth 1400mm; lift height 2100mm.

#### **Public toilets**

- There is an accessible, unisex public toilet available in our Committee Corridor. It is accessible from all public areas. Our friendly attendants can direct you.
- It contains a toilet, sink, baby change facility, and space for mobility equipment.

### Assistance/guide dogs

 Guide dogs and other assistance animals accompanied by their handler are welcome in our public areas.



#### **Hearing Loop**

- Hearing loops are available in the Assembly chamber and committee rooms. The magnetic induction loops provide listening assistance to compatible hearing aids.
- FM radio personal assisted listening devices are also available on request. They consist of a personal hearing loop connected to a battery powered receiver pack. This device provides a volume controllable signal to induction loop compatible hearing aids and can also be used with regular headphones.

# Ways to participate at the Assembly

#### **Tours**

- We offer a weekly public tour and welcome all members of the public to join us.
- If you have an accessibility need not covered here, please contact us for assistance.
- We offer a range of education programs and can tailor them to suit individuals or groups. Please contact us to discuss: <u>laeducation@parliament.act.gov.au</u>

### Attending a sitting day

- Members of the public are welcome to attend and watch proceedings on Sitting Days (you can find the schedule here)
- The Chamber is wheelchair accessible, and a hearing loop is available.

#### Attending or participating in a committee hearing

- We encourage individuals and community groups to participate in Assembly Committees. More information is available <a href="here">here</a>.
- Members of the public are welcome to attend and watch public hearings (you can find the schedule here)
- Our committee rooms are wheelchair accessible, and a hearing loop is available.
- Please contact the Committee Support Office if you have a query about attending a committee hearing—committees@parliament.act.gov.au

## Attending a meeting with a member

- Members can be contacted via our website.
- If you have a meeting scheduled with a Member of the Legislative Assembly, you are welcome to contact us to discuss your accessibility requirements.
- Our members' offices are located on Levels 1 and 2, with lift access available.

