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Dear Ms Trickett

**Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement
for an access standard for housing in the National Construction Code**

The Australian Building Codes Board (ABCB) is developing a Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) or cost/benefit analysis into the possible inclusion of minimum necessary accessibility requirements for housing in the National Construction Code (NCC). These housing features should improve use by people either with disability or illness or transitioning through their life stages.

The ABCB will release the Consultation RIS in early April 2020 and will seek public comment over the following eight weeks.

The COVID-19 virus brings unprecedented challenges to our economy, our health system and our personal lives. We realise each day how important friends, family and home are to us. We also realise how critical the design of our home is to our wellbeing, whether we are working, looking after vulnerable people or trying to manage when we are unwell ourselves.

When the Consultation RIS is released we will ask you to make a submission, including case studies, that support the inclusion of minimum necessary accessibility requirements for housing in the NCC. We also ask that you forward this information to your networks. The ABCB wants to hear from the broadest cross-section of Australian society.

The ABCB has produced an [Options Paper](#) and [Consultation Report](#) to identify some of the complexities of this project. The [ABCB website](#) gives timelines and background information. You can read ANUHD's position on [our website](#) and receive ongoing updates on the Consultation RIS by clicking on the button below:

[Keep me informed on the Consultation RIS](#)

We will be in touch soon. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

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