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Mayor Felicity-ann Lewis
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Dear Mayor Lewis

On 3 September 2012, your predecessor Mayor Genia McCaffrey, wrote to the former Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers, Senator the Hon Jan McLucas, about the National General Assembly's Resolution Number 83 seeking an access accreditation system for tourist accommodation. As the newly appointed Parliamentary Secretary for Disabilities and Carers I will be responding to your letter. I apologise for the lengthy delay in responding.

The aims of Resolution 83 appear consistent with the principles and objectives of the National Disability Strategy 2010-2020 (the Strategy). As you are aware, the Strategy sets out to guide public policy across governments and to bring about change in all mainstream and specialist services and programs, as well as community infrastructure, to ensure they are accessible and responsive to the needs of people with disability.

I have referred Mayor McCaffrey's letter to the Minister for Tourism, Minister for Resources and Energy, Minister for Small Business, the Hon Gary Gray AO MP, for his consideration.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

AMANDA RISHWORTH