

ACCESS ACTION PLAN

Re: Administration Building – Northern NSW Football Club, Speers Point NSW

This access action plan was developed to address some minor construction variations in the administration building at Speers Point Football Facility. It was developed in consultation with the Northern NSW Football Club as the occupants, EJE Architecture as the designers and BCA Access Solutions Pty Ltd as disability access advisors.

An alternative building solution has been developed as part of the building approval process which assessed that the construction variations would generally not diminish the accessibility and usefulness of the building. However, the risk of action under the DDA remains due to these variations.


The Northern NSW Football Club will therefore actively encourage feedback from employees, patrons and the public regarding the accessibility of the building. Disability access and discrimination will be included as an agenda item in monthly staff and board meetings for timely identification and discussion of any feedback received.

In accordance with Section 61 of the DDA, organisational policies will incorporate the strategies in this action plan to ensure their implementation. All new employees will be briefed on existing policies and upon annual review by the board, staff will be made aware of any updates or new policies. The CEO of Northern NSW Football Club will be the designated person responsible for ensuring implementation of this action plan including updating the plan as necessary to reflect feedback received from employees, patrons and the public. While this action plan will be subject to review on an ongoing basis, the formal timeframe set for review is three years from the date of this action plan.

Upon receiving feedback regarding disability access, Northern NSW Football Club will engage in consultation with the relevant persons and/or with qualified health/building professionals to develop appropriate solutions to meet either specific or more general access needs as appropriate to the particular issue. Such solutions may include, but are not limited to, the following strategies:

- A. Installation of an automated method of operation (eg push button operation) where reduced latch side clearances of D-046, D-047, D-048 and/or D-014 have impacted on the functional use of these doors.
- B. Re-hinge D-019 to swing outward where the reduced hinge side clearance has impacted on function use of the door.
- C. Install hold-open devices or remove the doors from D-046 and/or D-035 to minimise latch side clearance issues.

Northern NSW Football Club are committed to meeting their obligations under the DDA to provide equitable access to this premises. This action plan acknowledges that while the premises is generally considered to be accessible and will meet the needs of Northern NSW Football Club at this point in time, relatively simple alterations can be made in order to further offer improved accessibility if the need arises due to the changing needs of employees or as identified by patrons and the public. While it is difficult to specify timeframes due to the potentially varied nature of proposed alterations, Northern NSW Football Club will endeavour to do so as quickly as can reasonably be expected.

Signature of Responsible Person:  DATE: 20/11/14
 Name: David Eland Position: CEO

This action plan was developed on behalf of Northern NSW Football Club and their endorsement above indicates agreement with the strategies presented and acceptance of their responsibilities under the DDA.

Reasonable care and skill have been exercised in the assessment of the building and the preparation of this plan. However, this report shall not be construed as relieving any other party of their responsibilities or obligations.

The advice given is based on the assessment of the plans and other relevant documentation supplied regarding access requirements in the BCA, Australian Standards, Premises Standards and Disability Discrimination Act current at the time. The advice relates specifically to this project and may not apply to any other building or to this building at any other point in time.