

# Media Release

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## New Disability Parking Scheme

On 26 May 2009 the Parliamentary Secretary for Disability and Children's Services, the Hon Bill Shorten MP, launched a discussion paper and national public consultations for the Australian Disability Parking Scheme.

This follows an announcement by the Government in the 2009-10 Federal Budget to provide \$3 million to develop the scheme across Australia by the end of 2010.

Over the years many permit holders have told government that some people use disability parking permits when they are not eligible, making it difficult to access parking when it is needed.

The Australian Disability Parking Scheme will provide consistent national eligibility criteria, parking concessions and a new national permit to replace more than 100 different permit types currently issued across Australia.

### **How can I take part?**

During June 2009 the Government is holding public information sessions about the scheme in each capital city, plus Alice Springs, Cairns and Townsville.

To attend a session and/or obtain a copy of the discussion paper you need to contact 1800 630 740, 1800 555 677 (TTY) or visit [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)

Alternative versions of the discussion paper are also available from the call centre in Easy English, on CD, in Braille or in another language.

### **Give your feedback**

The discussion paper includes a submission form for providing feedback. You can email your completed submission to [accessparking@fahcsia.gov.au](mailto:accessparking@fahcsia.gov.au) or post it to:

Australian Disability Parking Scheme submissions (East Wing)  
FaHCSIA  
PO Box 7576  
Canberra Business Centre ACT 2610

Submissions must be received by 5pm AEST Friday, 31 July 2009.

A summary of the feedback from the consultations and submissions will be published on the Department of Families, Housing Community Services and Indigenous Affairs website [www.fahcsia.gov.au](http://www.fahcsia.gov.au)