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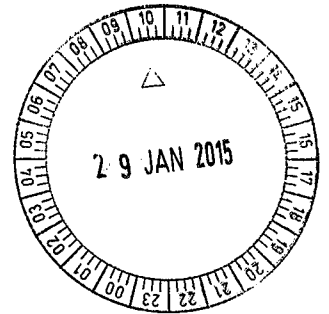
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Mr David Driscoll
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Dear Mr Driscoll

INQUIRY INTO ACCESS TO AUSTRALIAN STANDARDS ADOPTED IN DELEGATED LEGISLATION

I refer to the letter from the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (dated 4 December 2014) in regard to the above inquiry into Australian Standards. The City provides the following response in respect of the terms of reference established for this particular inquiry:

1. The level of free public access to adopted Australian Standards in metropolitan and regional Western Australia.

The City recognises the free access to Australian Standards by members of the public is limited as direct purchase is required through the worldwide distributor of Australian Standards, SAI Global Limited.

Many of the City's delegated legislation instruments, such as local laws and planning documents (such as R-Codes) refer to particular Australian Standards, which should be freely available to members of the public to ensure compliance with the relevant requirement.

2. Whether amendments to legislation are required to improve public access to Australian Standards.

The City does not consider amendments to legislation are required if the free public access is granted to members of the public for all Australian Standards, through a central online library or through the State Library of Western Australia. However legislation change would be supported to put this free access into effect if required.

3. Other measures to improve public access to adopted Australian Standards.

Due to the number and breadth of Australian Standards that are available to members of the community as well as government agencies, it is suggested that free access to these standards be made available through a dedicated on-line library, the State Law Publisher's website, and/or through the State Library of Western Australia.


It is not supported that access to Australian Standards occur or be obtained through local government offices or facilities due to the breadth of standards that are available and the additional expenditure and resources required for local governments to maintain their own library of current Australian Standards.

4. Measures to improve access to adopted Australian Standards provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

Should free access be granted to members of the public as detailed in 3 above, the Joint Standing Committee would be able to access the required standards without hindrance.

I thank you for the opportunity provided to the City in response to the recent inquiry. Should you have any further questions, please contact the City's Manager Governance, Mr Brad Sillence on 9400 4509 or brad.sillence@joondalup.wa.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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