



Australian Government

Submission cover sheet

Your answers to the following questions will help us determine which area of the community you represent. Inclusion of your personal information is optional.

1. In which state or territory do you live?

2. Where do you live? Tick the relevant box below

Capital city Regional centre Rural Remote area

3. Do you belong to any of the following groups?
(tick more than one box if appropriate)

- A member of the public, that is, you are not a permit holder
- A permit holder (and/or a carer)
- Type of permit held (e.g. a red permit in Qld) – please specify:
- Support organisation (to people with mobility impairment)
- Peak organisation that represents people with disability
- Small to medium business enterprise
- Large company
- Local government
- State or territory government
- Commonwealth Government
- Medical profession
- Other – please specify

Your contact details (OPTIONAL)

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Internet privacy consent form

Send in with your submission

Consent to publish contact details and submission for the harmonisation of disability parking schemes in Australia consultation

I, _____ of _____

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Dated this _____ day of _____ 2009

(Signature) _____

Feedback about the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme

1. Australian Disability Parking Scheme

Do you support all aspects of the proposed scheme? Yes No

If no, please comment on each of the proposals below.

Consistent eligibility criteria: permanent permit

Information: Under the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme, you would be eligible for a permanent permit if:

- ▶ **Criteria 1:** You are unable to walk and always require the use of a manual wheelchair or powered mobility device, or
- ▶ **Criteria 2:** Your ability to walk is permanently and severely restricted and you sometimes require the use of a mobility or medical aid. This does not include a walking stick, shopping trolley or pram, or
- ▶ **Criteria 3:** You do not use a mobility or medical aid but your ability to walk is permanently restricted by a significant medical condition or disability, which sometimes requires the physical assistance of another person and limits your access to the community.

2. Which statement best describes your view about the eligibility criteria for the proposed scheme?

- I fully support all these eligibility criteria
- I support one or more of these eligibility criteria, with minor amendments
- I do not support any of these eligibility criteria

Please describe your concerns:

How could the eligibility criteria be amended to meet your needs?

Consistent eligibility criteria: temporary permit

Information: Under the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme, you would be eligible for a temporary permit if:

- ▶ **Criteria 1:** Your ability to walk is significantly restricted on a temporary (rather than permanent) basis and you sometimes require use of a mobility or medical aid. This does not include a walking stick, shopping trolley or pram, or
- ▶ **Criteria 2:** You do not use a mobility or medical aid but your ability to walk is restricted by a significant medical condition or disability, which requires the physical assistance of another person and limits your access to the community for the temporary period.

Temporary permits will be issued for a minimum of six months and a maximum of 12 months. Arrangements for extending permit eligibility will continue to be managed separately by state and territory administrators.

3. The minimum period for temporary permits of six months is:

- Just right Too short Too long

Please explain the reason for your choice and describe your suggested alternative:

3.1. The maximum period for temporary permits of 12 months is:

- Just right Too short Too long

Please explain the reason for your choice and describe your suggested alternative:

4. Consistent eligibility criteria, all permits

The following statements apply to the proposed eligibility criteria overall. Please select only one response to each statement.

4.1. The eligibility criteria are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

4.2. The proposed eligibility criteria will help the right people.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

4.3. There is a need for consistent eligibility criteria across Australia.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

National minimum standards for disability parking permit concessions

Permit holders may park in reserved parking spaces displaying the International Symbol of Access (ISA).

The following concessions would apply in other parking spaces:

1. If the parking sign is up to and including 30 minutes—up to one hour.
2. If the parking sign is more than 30 minutes - twice the time limit.
3. Parking meters – After the maximum period indicated on the meter has been reached, the time limits in points 1 and 2 apply.

Points 1 and 2 relate to territory and/or local government operated parking areas.

5. Select the (one) response that best describes your view about the disability parking permit concessions.

- I fully support the proposed minimum standards for parking concessions
- I support these concessions, with minor amendments
- I do not support these concessions
- I would prefer that concessions are consistently applied across all states and territories

Please describe your concerns:

How could the concessions be amended to meet your needs?

6. Parking concessions

The following statements apply to parking concessions. Please select only one response for each statement.

6.1. There is a need for consistent parking concessions across Australia.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
- Strongly agree Agree Don't know

6.2. The proposed concessions are clear and easy to understand.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
- Strongly agree Agree Don't know

6.3. The proposed concession of twice the time limit on the parking sign will adequately meet the needs of permit holders.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
- Strongly agree Agree Don't know

6.4. The proposed ticket/meter parking concession where the time extension occurs after the maximum time limit is reached is fair and reasonable.

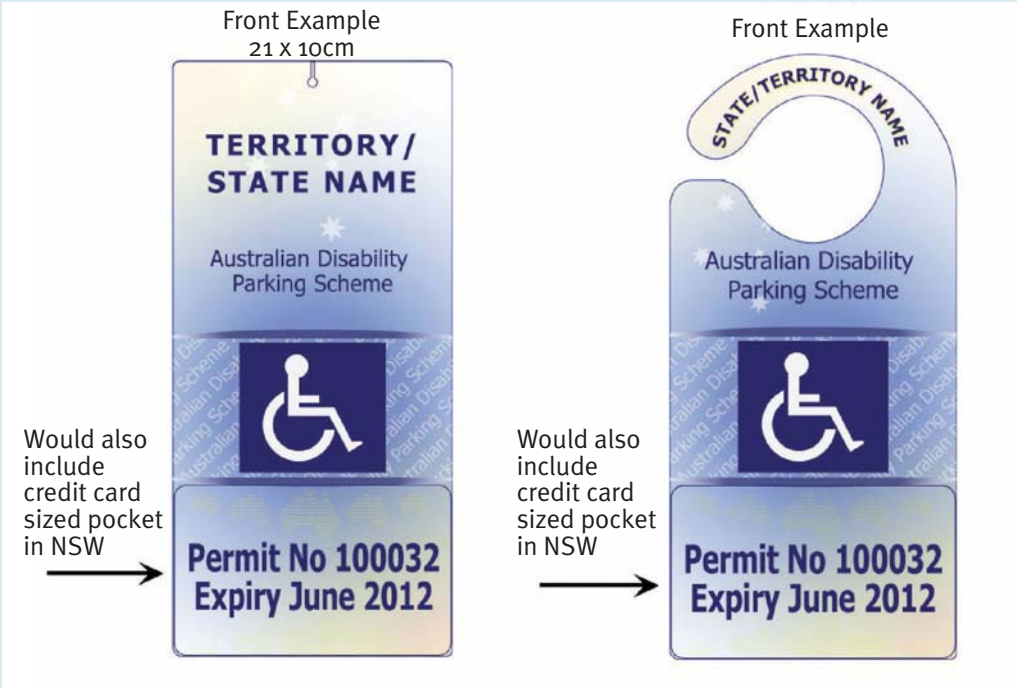
- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

National disability parking permit design

Information: Proposed options for the disability parking permit design
 Under the proposed Australian Disability Parking Scheme, there would only be one style of parking permit for eligible disability parking permit holders recognised throughout Australia.

The disability parking permit would include two options, namely:

- ▶ **Option A:** A permit fixed to the inside of the windscreen.
- ▶ **Option B:** A permit to be hung from the rear view mirror once the car is parked.



Option A

Option B

7. Choose the response that best describes your views about the disability parking permit designs.

- I fully support Option A design for the disability parking permit
- I fully support Option B design for the disability parking permit
- I support one of the proposed designs for the disability parking permit with minor amendments
- I do not support any of the proposed designs for the disability parking permits

Please provide your reasons for your view and suggested amendments:

8. Disability parking permit design

The following statements relate to permit design.

Please select only one response for each statement.

8.1. The proposed disability parking permit design will be easier to use than my current permit.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
- Strongly agree Agree Don't know

8.2. The proposed design will make it less likely to lose the permit.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
- Strongly agree Agree Don't know

8.3. The proposed design will reduce the opportunity for fraud.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
- Strongly agree Agree Don't know

8.4. There is a need for a common disability parking permit design across Australia.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
- Strongly agree Agree Don't know

9. Australian Disability Parking Scheme

The following statements relate to the proposed scheme overall.
Please select only one response to each statement.

9.1. The proposed scheme will be less confusing for people who travel or move interstate.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

9.2. The proposed scheme will increase the availability of disability parking for those who really need it.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

9.3. The proposed scheme will limit abuse by those who should not really have a permit.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

9.4. Overall, the proposed scheme will be more effective than the current schemes.

- Strongly disagree Disagree Neutral
 Strongly agree Agree Don't know

