

An advisory Council to the  
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Via email

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Ms Janet Watson  
Regional Planning and Transport Division,  
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Room 301, Clarence Court  
10-18 Adelaide Street  
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Dear Ms Watson,

The Historic Monuments Council welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Accessible Transport Strategy Draft Action Plan 2009-12.

The vision of the Accessible Transport Strategy to have an accessible transport system that enables older people and people with disabilities to participate more fully in society, enjoy greater independence and experience a better quality of life is very much in line both with the Council's and the NIEA's objective of highlighting the value of the historic environment to peoples' enjoyment and quality of life and to facilitate access to it.

The Council wishes the Department success in forwarding the Strategic Objectives of the Accessible Transport Strategy through this Draft Action Plan 2009-12 in the confidence that the statutory provisions for the protection of the historic environment will be fully taken into account in any material action arising from the plan.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gabriel Cooney'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Professor Gabriel Cooney

Chair