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Multicap: Inaccessible buildings denies 1 in 5 their fundamental rights

Multicap strongly advocates for the rights of people with disability, including the development of fully accessible buildings throughout Queensland, including Brisbane CBD.

In response to the ABC Brisbane radio report on 12/01/2017 regarding accessibility in Brisbane CBD, Multicap strongly supports a move to fully accessible infrastructure, and urges Brisbane City Council and the Queensland Government to strengthen Planning laws to ensure all individuals have appropriate access to all available buildings and locations.

“Near enough is not good enough for people with disability,” says Multicap CEO Joanne Jessop, who believes accessible infrastructure is fundamental in creating an inclusive and progressive society. “We know that one in five people live with disability in Australia. It is our responsibility as a community to ensure we are not shutting out 20% of our population. Accessible buildings are fundamental in allowing people with disability to fully engage in their community.”

Multicap is a leading disability services organisation that has provided support and services for more than 50 years. Multicap is leading the way in purpose-built, accessible accommodation, with at least five fully accessible housing projects either in the planning stage or recently completed.

Ms Jessop says: “We are very proud to be providing appropriate, accessible homes for people with disability, but it is now very important that this can continue in all parts of our society. Multicap is leading the way in providing fully accessible housing and its two Monte Lupo Cafes are fully accessible, but it is not good enough that in this day and age, up to 20% of people encounter difficulties accessing different buildings in the CBD of our state’s capital.

We now challenge businesses, landlords and building companies to make a change for a better society and create accessible infrastructure for all.”

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Multicap is a leading not-for-profit organisation supporting individuals with disability.

Operating for over 50 years, Multicap is one of the top disability service providers in Queensland offering individual and group day programs, supported employment, respite, social support and much more. Our passion is for every individual's right to connect and realise the possibilities available to them and this drives us to always believe there is a way.

We create opportunity. We are champions of possibility. We inspire partnerships of support. Our door is always open.

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