



23 October 2020

The Hon. Gladys Berejiklian MP  
Shop 26, 145-151 Sailors Bay Road  
NORTHBIDGE NSW 2063

Dear Premier,

**RE: Your Ref: 20/2-4979**  
**Inaccessible east side access to Artarmon train station**

Thank you for your letter dated 18 September 2020 which included the reply from Minister Constance.

We are disappointed in both his and your replies.

In our letter dated 17 June 2020, the APA asked the NSW Government to provide Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) compliant access to Artarmon train station via Wilkes Avenue by either installing a lift or creating a DDA compliant walkway. An illustration of a DDA compliant walkway was included and again provided below.

Minister Constance's reply does not appear to have considered the walkway suggestion. Such a walkway could be installed at either the northern or southern end of the station (east side) with minimal excavation, little if any disruption to utility services and at a significantly lower cost than a lift.

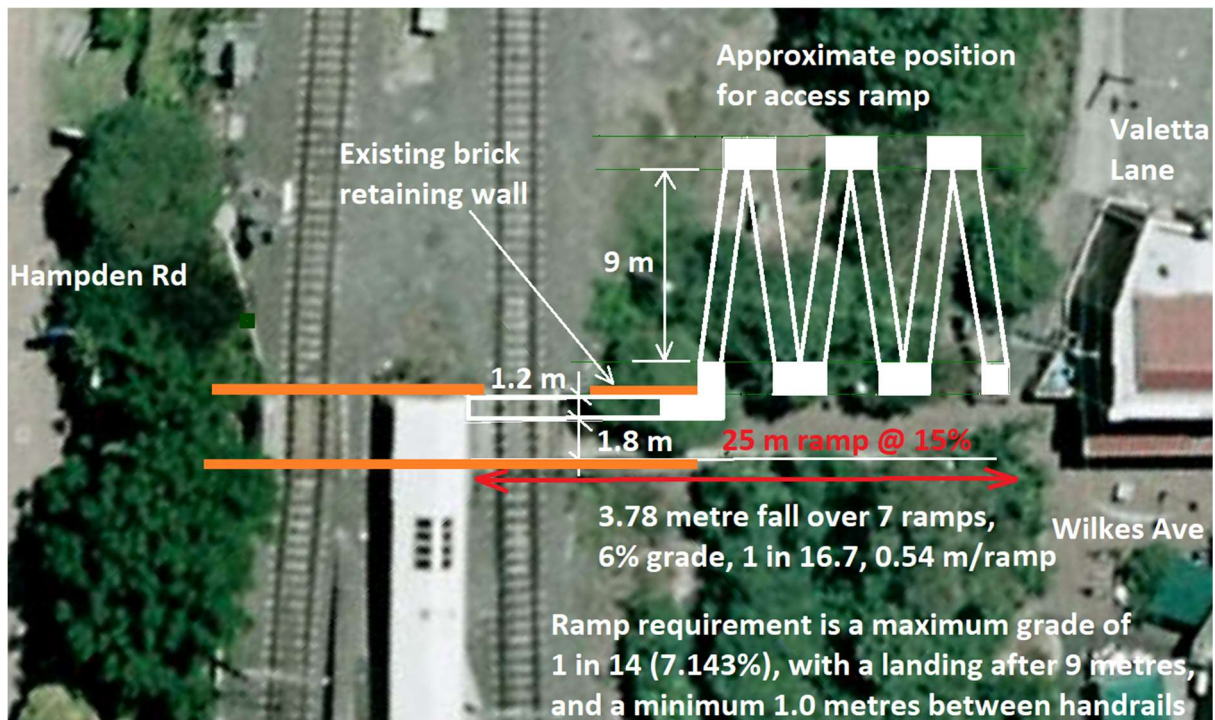
The current non-DDA compliant ramp between Wilkes Ave and the station not only restricts access to the station but acts as a barrier for the elderly and disabled between the east and west sides of Artarmon and prevents them from accessing local shops and services.

We would greatly appreciate it if you could revisit this matter and provide us with some guidance as to how this significant problem can be addressed.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Roussac".

Georgina Roussac  
President  
Artarmon Progress Association



### Who we are

The Artarmon Progress Association, Inc. (APA) was founded in 1906 as a not-for-profit group and our objectives are to promote the welfare, physical and intellectual advancement of the suburb of Artarmon and the City of Willoughby, to protect the interests of the residents, and to encourage a keener spirit of citizenship and mutual help amongst residents.

Our newsletter, the Artarmon Gazette, is distributed quarterly to over 5,000 homes and businesses in Artarmon. We regularly communicate with residents and act as a conduit between local residents and elected representatives on matters concerning our local community.