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No relief for local disabled commuters - NSW Budget 2018/19

The Illawarra Disability Alliance today expressed its disappointment that the NSW State Budget once again omitted any improvements to disability access at Unanderra Train Station.

The Illawarra Disability Alliance is a group of Not for Profit disability specific providers working together collegially and collaboratively to deliver better outcomes for people with disability in the local community.

“Local disability advocates have been lobbying for years to have lifts installed at Unanderra station” said Illawarra Disability Alliance member, and CEO of the Flagstaff Group, Roy Rogers “The station is inaccessible due to the large number of steep steps, and this is having major impacts for commuters, and for visitors one of the region’s most popular tourist destinations, the nearby Nan Tien temple.”

Mark Borg, Illawarra Disability Alliance member and Area Manager at Northcott Disability Services added “This year’s budget has a strong emphasis on employment and education, but we need to recognise that public transport is the vital link for many people with disability to access these opportunities.”

“Public transport can be life changing for people with a disability” Mr Rogers said “Affordable and accessible transport opens opportunities for social activities as well as to employment, which can ultimately change lives.”

The Illawarra Disability Alliance urges the NSW Government to upgrade facilities at the Unanderra Train Station as a matter of priority.

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