Who may **stop** here?

Shared Access Area　　**Disability Parking Bay**

NOBODY EVER![1]

This is the **#1** *most tightly-regulated* **road surface area** in Australia.

This is **#2** →

ONLY people issued with a *valid, visible* **Disability Parking Permit** *by a relevant* **State** *or* **Local Government Authority**[2]

VICTORIA
Disabled Persons
Parking Permit - Category 1
Permit No. and Code
Expiry Date

Mobility Parking Scheme
New South Wales, Australia
INDIVIDUAL
31 DEC 2010

Australian
Disability Parking Permit
Display this side

Both types of Disability Parking Permit are valid ***throughout Australia*** when displayed properly.

This is an Australian **Accessible Parking Module**. (AS/NZS 2890.6-2009.)

Shared Access Area

The **Shared Access Area** is a *statutory component* of any **Accessible Parking Module**. It's governed by **two** sets of laws: **State Road Safety laws**, incorporating the **Australian Road Rules** (as regulations) and the **Commonwealth Disability Discrimination 1992 (DDA)** (enacted under the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of People With Disabilities**, to which Australia is a signatory.)

Obstruction of this space is **illegal** *and **NO** person or organisation has authority to allow any obstruction, including **vehicles of any kind, bins, shopping trolleys, barriers, fund-raising stalls, product storage or display, parked mobility scooters, portable toilets, trailers, signs, motorbikes** or **bicycles**.*

Disability Discrimination Act complaints are heard before the **Australian Human Rights Commission**.

Disability Parking Bay

These spaces are restricted to holders of ***valid, clearly displayed*** Disability Parking Permits issued by either **Local Councils** or by **State Government Departments** *authorised by law to do so*.

Emergency vehicles — *ONLY while attending an emergency* — are also authorised to stop here.

*Shopping centre managements, private property owners, police officers, school principals, security personnel, body corporates, parking managers – or anyone else – have **NO authority** to permit or direct any obstruction of these bays by anyone or anything.*

If property owners/managements direct or allow ***removal*** of Accessible Parking, causing the ratio to ***fall below*** the minimum mandated by their ***Planning Permits***, they may be *prosecuted* for such breaches. *Penalties are severe (eg: NSW — up to **$5 million**.)*

1. Some authorised vehicles are exempt under *very specific* circumstances.
2. Permits are issued ONLY by **Local Councils** or **specific State Government Agencies** *authorised by law to do so*. NOBODY else may issue *any kind of permit or authorisation to stop in either of these spaces.*

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