

- **Subject: Minor / Major upgrade or total lift / escalator / moving walk Replacement under the Design and Building Practitioners Regulation**

The Australian Elevator Association (AEA) has been seeking clarification for lift / escalator / moving walk modernisation works, either upgrade or replacement and our responsibilities under the Design and Building Practitioners (DBP) Regulation.

The AEA contacted, *Mr Angus Abadee Director, Building and Construction Policy, Policy & Strategy, Better Regulation Division, Department of Customer Service*, and the following question was posed to him in relation to the Regulated Design Guidance Material and Modernisation / Upgrades / Replacement requirements under the new DBP Regulation.

The question posed to Mr Abadee was:

“Would a Design Practitioner - Vertical Transport be required to submit a “declared design” where there was a Minor / Major upgrade or total lift / escalator / moving walk Replacement.”

Mr Abadee responded with the following statement:

“The lift product itself is regulated by the WHS Act, with the DBP dealing with the interface of the lift product into the building. If the lift meets the same specs and does not change the interface, then it does not need a declared design.”

It is therefore our opinion based on the above response that if there is no alteration to the building i.e., there is no Development Application (DA) for the building involving a Building Practitioner (see note) being appointed for the project, then the upgrade / replacement would not require a Design Practitioner Vertical Transport to register it as a “declared design”.

Note.

For a Design Practitioner Vertical Transport (DPVT) to submit a ‘Regulated Design Statement’ they have to submit such documentation to the appointed Building Practitioner.

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