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NSW Government renegs on 2016 promise to provide lift access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge for people with disabilities

A year after standing alongside the then Ministers for Roads and Disability, Duncan Gay & John Ajaka as they announced the Step Free Access to the Sydney Harbour Bridge, President of The Physical Disability Council of NSW (PDCN) Peter Simpson, is bitterly disappointed by the news that the 10 million dollars promised to fund this much needed access project has been re allocated to other Roads priorities.

PDCN's CEO, Ms Serena Ovens, says the NSW Government should honour their promise to build the lifts, stating that with the recently announced surplus there should be no need to pull out of the project.

"To think that one of the world's most iconic structures, and major national and international tourist attraction is still not able to be accessed by the 1.4 million NSW citizens with a disability, let alone the many millions more who travel half way round the world to see it, is an embarrassment" said Ms Ovens.

"PDCN has real concerns with this government's divulging itself of anything to do with disability" comments Ms Ovens. At a time where they are supposedly implementing Disability Inclusion Action Plans, and committing to improving access it's appalling to think that true inclusion seems to be the last thing on their agenda."

"It's a disgrace, and once again people with disabilities have been left wanting" stated Ms Ovens.

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