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Business summary

Home Design for Living is a company that is a leading provider of specialist information and advice, education and consultation services to help people remain in their own homes and participate in community living.

Liz Ainsworth is an Occupational Therapist, a qualified and accredited Access Consultant, and a Livable Housing assessor. She has over 20 years experience providing assistance to older people and people with a disability.

She has skills and expertise in collaborating with a range of stakeholders to determine the most cost effective, functional and elegant design and equipment solutions to suit a person's short and long term environmental access and equipment needs in the home and community.

She has worked with people of all ages and abilities, who need assistance to improve their health, safety, independence and quality of life. She has had experience working in government and with staff from non-government agencies.

Our Capabilities

- 1. Consultation Services** - includes the provision of:
 - Quality housing needs assessments or home modification recommendations
 - Medico legal assessments detailing a person's current and future housing and home modification requirements
 - Advice on the requirements of the Disability (Access to Premises - Buildings) Standard and the intent of the Disability Discrimination Act
 - Advice on the requirements for a Livable Housing design.

Specific services include:

- An occupational therapy assessment to establish the individual's housing/home modification needs
- Advice on design, construction and product requirements to suit the person and the household's needs
- Advice on the suitability of homes to be purchased and then modified to suit the person, their equipment and carer's requirements
- Creation of a detailed design brief to inform builders, designers or architects of design/construction requirements to incorporate into the home modification/new home design
- Advice on the suitability of new home or proposed home modification designs developed, and a review of plans to check the fit of the person, their equipment and carer with the proposed layout
- A site inspection of the property prior to purchase to check the suitability

of the home and to discuss proposed modifications that may be required

- A site inspection at frame up stage or just before handover of a newly constructed property to check the plans against the built environment
 - A post occupancy or post modification evaluation to ensure the design/modification has addressed the person's needs that may have been identified at the time of assessment.
 - An assessment of plans and the built environment for Class 1 buildings for Livable Housing certification; an assessment of equipment to enable people to better manage around the home and in the community.
- 2. Education** - includes:
 - Equipping occupational therapists, builders, architects, and building designers with information about the access, housing and home modification requirements of older people and people with a disability
 - Providing students and clinicians with the most up to date information on theory, research and practice through the provision of lectures, workshops and conference papers
 - Providing general talks to community groups on issues relating to older people and people with a disability
 - 3. Information and Advice** - includes:
 - Assisting people to choose the most cost effective and useful products or designs for their home modification or new construction design

- Advising on suitable housing to rent or purchase to meet current and future needs
- Providing information about appropriate access to public buildings and facilities; and the requirements of Livable Housing for Class 1 building design and construction.

Credentials and Accreditation

- Occupational Therapist - Registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
- Member of Occupational Therapy Australia
- Accredited and Qualified Access Consultant
- Member of the Australian Access Consultants Association
- Member of Australian Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association
- Associate Member Australian Lawyers Alliance
- Associate Member Q Shelter
- Livable Housing Assessor
- Provider – National Disability Insurance Scheme

Insurance, Policies and Procedures

Staff possess:

- Professional Indemnity Insurance
- a White Card (visiting a construction site)
- Service provision reflects the intent of Disability Discrimination Act 1992, Anti-Discrimination legislation, the privacy legislation, and State/Territory based Work Health and Safety legislation.