

Maguire v SOCOG — the 2000 Ruling That Made an Inaccessible Website Unlawful Discrimination in Australia

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

In 2000 Australia's Human Rights Commission ruled the Sydney Olympics website unlawfully discriminated against blind complainant Bruce Maguire, one of the world's first web-accessibility legal rulings - though SOCOG only partially complied.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

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Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission \(now Australian Human Rights Commission\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Australian Human Rights Commission](#) — official decision text — accessed 2026-08-23

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