

Wheelchair Accessible Buses Haraksin v Murrays Australia Limited

IMF provided Ms Julie Haraksin with financial assistance in relation to Ms Haraksin's successful proceedings against Murrays Australia Limited ("Murrays"). IMF identified this pro-bono opportunity with the assistance of the Public Interest Advocacy Centre Ltd (PIAC).

Ms Haraksin is a wheelchair user. In August 2009 Ms Haraksin attempted to book a return journey on a wheelchair accessible coach with Murrays from Sydney to Canberra. A representative of Murrays informed Ms Haraksin that they did not have any wheelchair accessible coaches in their fleet

On 14 March 2013, the Federal Court found Murrays had directly discriminated against Ms Haraksin when the bus company refused to accept a booking from her because none of its buses were wheelchair accessible and had breached national Disability Standards for Accessible Public Transport.

A link to the Court's decision is below:

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/FCA/2013/217.html>

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