**DESIGN GUIDE - ASSISTED CHANGE ROOM**

*The access provisions of Premises Standards 2010 have been incorporated into NCC Volume 1 BCA, effective from 1 May 2011.*

*In all public buildings, access is required to and within all areas normally used by the occupants. Fit-out criteria for these spaces are not included in the BCA. Uninformed design of fit-out can render a space inaccessible, despite its compliance with the* [*BCA access provisions*](http://acumen.architecture.com.au/apps/notes/view/72)*. Inaccessible buildings and spaces are at risk to complaint under the DDAct.*

1. **APPLICATION**

In Class 6, Class 9a and Class 9b buildings access is required to and within all areas normally used by the occupants, which includes Sanitary Facilities. However, not all persons with disabilities are able to use toilets designed to AS1428.1. People in this group have higher levels of disability and often need the assistance of one or two support persons/carers to assist with transferring to use the toilet. Those persons who are unable to use the toilet require assistance to have their continence pad or soiled clothing changed.

All these users require a change facility which includes a toilet, a hoist, an adult sized change table and, at times, a shower.

Assisted change rooms should be installed in all major public places, such as:

* Leisure/Aquatic Facilities
* Community Facilities
* Shopping Centres
* Arts Venues
* Libraries
* Hospitals
* Education Institutions
* Major Service Stations
* Major Train and Bus Stations
* Airports.

1. **DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

Changing Places Victoria consortium has published a comprehensive Information Kit for this kind of facility, which includes 3 design options, design specification, and costing. It is available for free download from the following link [www.changingplaces.org.au/build-a-toilet/](http://www.changingplaces.org.au/build-a-toilet/)

Design Option 2, which includes a shower, is appropriate for leisure/aquatic facilities and major transport hubs.

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