

## Changing Places Facilities

To increase access to suitable facilities for a different user group beyond the current BCA requirements, as an act of best practice, consideration should be given to Changing Places facilities.

The provision of Changing Places facilities into a building will cater for people with a profound disability, who are often confronted by social isolation due to not having adequate toilet facilities to meet their needs.

Changing Places facilities have been introduced to provide suitable facilities for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets. A Changing Places facility allows people to enjoy the day to day activities that many of us take for granted and is considered best practice under the Disability Discrimination Act.

Each Changing Places facility provides:

- A height adjustable adult-sized changing bench
- A tracking hoist system
- Enough space
- Safe and clean environment<sup>1</sup>

The Changing Places information kit is available via the following link

<https://www.disabilityaccessconsultants.com.au/accessible-adult-change-facilities-vs-changing-places/>

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<sup>1</sup> Cowell, Tanisha, 2020. Disability Access Design Guidelines; Equal Access