



Association for Children with a Disability

ACD welcomes Victorian Government investment in Changing Places toilet facilities

The Association for Children with a Disability welcomes the announcement made today by Minister for Disability Services and Reform, Mary Wooldridge, of the investment of \$750,000 towards fully accessible 'Changing Place' toilet facilities in key locations across Victoria.

"This is a wonderful day for thousands of people with severe or profound disability in Victoria," commented Elizabeth McGarry, CEO of the Association for Children with a Disability, the auspicing body for the Changing Places project.

"Changing Places in public spaces will open up a whole new world to people who need a change table and hoist to comfortably use the toilet. It will mean that they are able to work, go to the footy, take in a movie and do many of the things others take for granted," continued Ms. McGarry.

"This is a significant step which will enhance the richness of our diversity by breaking down a fundamental barrier to social inclusion and for recognising the value of the disability consumer dollar."

"We congratulate the Victorian government for taking the lead and the MCG, the Melbourne Zoo and the managers of Rod Laver Arena for recognising that the patronage of people with a disability and their families is good for business."

The Changing Places project is a national project to advocate for fully accessible toilet facilities in major public spaces across Australia. Visit www.changingplaces.org.au for further information.

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