

INSERT DATE

Dear **name of contact**,

RE: CHANGING PLACE TOILETS IN **COMMUNITY NAME**

The Changing Places project is a national campaign to advocate for fully accessible Changing Places toilets with hoists, adult-sized changing benches and sufficient space to be installed in major public places across the country.

Over 200,000 Australians with disability require assistance to use the bathroom with many requiring facilities not provided by standard accessible toilets. Without the appropriate space and equipment, carers are often forced to change severely disabled family members on a dirty toilet floor with little or no privacy. This is dangerous, unhygienic and undignified. However the alternative is to limit outings to a couple of hours or to not go out at all.

You can change lives

I am writing to ask you to consider installing a Changing Places toilet in your venue, which would help to change the lives of many thousands of disabled people and their families in [insert state, region or city].

> **Insert your personal story or information about local circumstances which you consider relevant.**

Now is an ideal time to install a Changing Places toilet in your venue

Currently there are only a small handful of toilets with hoists and change tables available across Australia, causing a major barrier to social inclusion. In the United Kingdom, where the Changing Places program originated, there are now over 700 Changing Place facilities located in parks, zoos, shopping centres, leisure facilities and other convenient locations and these have had a major impact on the lives of thousands.

Some of the benefits of installing a Changing Places toilet include:

- Opening up your venue to many thousands of disabled people and their families who are currently unable to visit.
- Being at the forefront of accessible toilet provision, making you a leader of your industry.
- Being prepared for potential legislative changes when the Building Code of Australia is revised in 2016

I would like to meet with you to discuss this further in person. You can find further information on the program on the Changing Places Australia website

www.changingplaces.org.au or by contacting the Association for Children with a Disability on
03 9818 2000

Yours sincerely

> Insert your name