



FACT SHEET CHANGING PLACES

A STEP TOWARDS DEVELOPING AN INCLUSIVE ENVIRONMENT

Construction is well underway on the Parklands Project, one of the most significant urban renewal projects ever undertaken on the Gold Coast. Developer, Builder and Investor Grocon has committed to providing an accessible community, exceeding the National Construction Code, and has now included a “Changing Places” facility for people with special needs.

According to the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, around 200,000 Australians with a disability require assistance to use the toilet. Unfortunately, standard accessible toilets do not meet the needs of all people with a disability and as a result, carers are forced to change their disabled loved ones on the floors of public bathrooms or stay at home.

The Changing Places project is an initiative of the Association for Children with a Disability (ACD) and advocates for safe and hygienic fully accessible toilet facilities in recreational venues, transport hubs, shopping centres and other convenient locations across Australia.

Grocon will install a Changing Places facility at the Parklands Project to provide suitable toilets for people who cannot use standard accessible toilets. Changing Places toilets are different to standard accessible toilets as they have more space and extra features, including a height adjustable adult-sized changing bench and a tracking hoist system.

Project General Manager, Steven Grimes, believes the Parklands Project removes barriers to social inclusion and community participation by creating a public environment accessible to broader segments of the community.

“The objectives of Changing Places is aligned with Grocon’s vision for the Parklands Project of providing a progressive and inclusive community and the inclusion of the facility will provide a meaningful improvement to the lives of people with a disability,” Grimes said.

Changing Places toilets also enhance the carer’s physical wellbeing by removing the need to lift the person with a disability, increasing social opportunities and removing the everyday stress of planning around the bathroom needs of the person for whom they are caring.

While Changing Places toilets are considered best practice under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992, it is important to note they are ‘not required’ toilets under current legislative requirements. Consequently, Grocon are proud to promote our installation of a Changing Places toilet at the Parklands Project to be a demonstration of our awareness of community needs and commitment to social responsibility.



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