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**disability action**  
Including all people

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To Whom It May Concern

## Changing Places

As an organisation supporting disabled people and their families, we are very aware there is a section of our society for whom basic needs are not regularly met.

After a history of neglect, the needs of disabled people with significant needs and their families are being slowly addressed with a network of purpose-built public bathroom facilities in the community. These facilities will fill a long-term gap in community resources to support disabled people being able to access the community with confidence. As an organisation supporting these families, we are delighted about this, but concerned that offering any less than these standards will risk losing any of the gains already made.

Changing Places NZ has set the bar for these highly functional facilities and our organisation fully endorses their standards for space, equipment and design. These standards represent an opportunity to provide the very best facilities for disabled people and those supporting them in the community.

Please contact us - or Changing Places NZ directly - if you would like to discuss this issue further and especially before any decisions are made in the communities you connect with.

Yours sincerely

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