

Media Release

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DELIVERING AMENITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY ACROSS VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government is building more amenities across the state for people with disability. Applications for grants to build new Changing Places toilets in Victoria are now open.

Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Lizzie Blandthorn today launched the latest round of grants, valued at up to \$180,000 each, that will support Victoria's network of Changing Places facilities to continue to grow.

Each Changing Place has a height-adjustable, adult-sized changing bench, a tracking hoist system and enough space for two people, making community spaces, including popular tourist destinations and events more accessible for people with disability.

The new grant round follows improvements to the national Changing Places website to make it more accessible, secure and functional for all users.

Funded by the Labor Government, the redeveloped website will make it easier to find:

- the nearest Changing Places facility in Australia
- information for organisations wanting to construct a Changing Places facility.

Visit the re-developed site at changingplaces.org.au

The Andrews Labor Government's 2022-2023 State Budget allocated \$5.4 million to construct 30 Changing Places facilities.

To apply for a grant visit www.vic.gov.au/changing-places-funding-round. Applications close 14 April 2023.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Disability, Ageing and Carers Lizzie Blandthorn

"We're ensuring that Victoria's most popular tourist destinations can be visited and enjoyed by everyone."

"This expansion of accessible places cements Victoria's status as the nation's most accessible and inclusive state."

Quotes attributable to Victorian Disability Advisory Council Chair Chris Varney

"We must do everything possible so that people with disability are fully included in all aspects of our community."

"These grants will help improve access so that more people have an easier time using and enjoying public spaces."