

INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC TOILETS

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Hi all.

First of all, let's face facts... Gov departments aren't the best at efficient running of services. Keeping cost low, but keeping standards up.

If a private business is open to the public, then they should provide basic public services. If a cafe or restaurant wants to put food and drink into you, they should be obligated to supply services where these products exit you.

If I go out late at night for a walk thru the main street, places are open. 24/7 convenience stores, restaurants, bars etc. the public toilets are locked. But I have to be a paying customer to use those facilities.

Private businesses could do a better job keeping facilities up to standards as there is staff right there. Make it a requirement or give tax breaks for offer public facilities if they are open to the public.

Beach toilets. Over the years, we have moved away from a male / female rooms with a urinal and multiple stalls. Now it's like every toilet is its own room designed for disabled. They are open to everyone. But in high traffic areas like beaches, with no regular cleaning.. . They are gross.

I don't feel comfortable sharing the same toilet as women. The ladies aren't the cleanest with paper all over the ground, I need to touch a seat, etc. In my 20 going to gay night clubs, we used to use the ladies room as it was a gay club. With less traffic, more disgusting.

For guys... the world is our toilet. But giving us a urinal, and only a few stalls is all we really need. Most guys keep their thing very clean, we know where it's been, and that's all we have to touch. Now we have to touch a gross seat, covered in paper, then we need to lock and unlock a door, plus the door handle. With a urinal, we only touch ourselves, and that is the cleanest part on a guy.

Stalls should have lower height. They are not there to stand and piss, greater chances of missing and making a mess no one wants to use after. The old style ones were really short door and walls, that cover you while sitting. Yeah it was awkward the thought someone could looked over, but if you are not doing anything inappropriate, then you are just sitting there. The more privacy you give, the more weird things happen. They used to have one of them at Wanda beach, it was awkward but everyone knew it was in use, and no one looked over or knocked. When I was kid, I went there, never had a problem.

Public showers. At beaches, showgrounds, and sports grounds. These are also handy while on a road trip if you need to freshen up. This move to have every shower in a tiny cubicle, is very difficult. First of all. After you shower, you put your clothes back on, right next to the wet area. So your pants are wet. Try putting socks on, you can't. The old styles communal wet area and separate dry / changing area, was a lot easier to dry your self and get changed.

Also with cubicle showers people seem to take longer and use more water, where in open shared, people are in and out. Not to mention cubicles promote weird things... I have seen huge turds in cubicles, needles, and people sharing. The open shared style showers, keeps everyone on their best behaviour.

Also you need to think that most kids learn a lot in open shared change room environments. I remember when I was a kid, it showed me everyone was different, and helped be more comfortable in my own skin. It was honest. Now kids these days are going weird, no one is

happy in their own bodies, things are backyards. We all went through that stage, but in all honesty in my younger years I was self conscious, I found going to a nude beach helped me overcome my issues. After a few minutes you forget about it and start looking people in the eyes.

Also older style showers and change rooms, were accessible to people in chairs, because there was no walls. The long benches, adults who need to get changed could lay down on the bench if they had any special requirements.

For thousands of years human bodies and functions, were normal. Only now since 2012, things have gotten weird. You have given us all small private rooms, and no one is happy, they are gross. Just go back to proven methods, as you guys are not good at innovation. Leave that to the private sector.

Disabled toilets. I saw the response from the anti discrimination people.

HAVING CHILDREN IS NOT A DISABILITY.

Its a blessing, your lucky you can.

I don't feel comfortable sharing facilities anymore with women. Or the ones the ones who are on meds to change their hormones. They can become very aggressive and scary not being used to and growing up with testosterone, then they are giving a huge dose. I don't feel comfortable when they come in trying to make a statement. Maybe they should be encouraged to use the disabled facilities. No one should be exposed to their unstable aggression. I once was very accepting person, but value safety after being exposed to what they can do.

Public pay per user. In Sydney, we are all used to pay per use with our roads. So why charge a dollar or two to use fancy public facilities. From the submissions, everyone wants a \$800k toilet, so let them pay. Have a free basic option, but pay for the one with all bells and whistles. Same with showers. My local pools used to charge 20c for a hot shower, free if cold. You are quicker when. You know there is a timer. Think about how quickly you can wash your wash your car at a self service place where you have a time limit. Vs at home with your free tap, you go for ages.

Highway truck stops. OMG who ever is responsible for them should resign. They are not a good public servant. It's not that hard to install a water tank, black water tank and treatment system. In all honesty, I use a tree over those gross pits.

Locking toilet at night.

We don't have a curfew, we are aloud out at night. If you don't want people pissing in the street, then leave them open. Sure that might get a higher usage at night by some guys, but they are easily identified. If a remote park has heaps of cars, yeah you know if you go in there, things might be weird. But when you go in their to do a dump, while others are doing other things, the smell quickly spoils the mood for them.

Better ply and soap. WTF is with those boxes of shit tickets? We are a rich country thanks to Gina, can't we at least afford 2 or even 3 ply? And soap... I just had my hand in my arse, with the most thinnest paper. I want to wash my hands. A few years ago, you had hand sanitizer at every door, can't you give us nice smelly soap at least. I think there should be a policy, the paper and soap used for public toilets, should be exactly the same that is used in gov offices, buildings, etc. Then we would get the good stuff, quick smart.