

# CHANGING PLACES

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## Universal Access: People living with disability

Since 2002, Modus has designed and successfully integrated public restrooms which are compliant with AS1428 standards allowing for ease of wheelchair access and adequate circulation space. With the introduction of AS1428.1 in 2009, Modus Australia has continued to provide strictly compliant universally accessible restroom facilities. However, the freedom of lifestyle for those living with severe disabilities is affected by limited or no suitable restroom facilities being available in public places.

## More Changing Places restroom facilities for public spaces

With more than 200,000 Australians living with a severe disability, the Australian Changing Places initiative was established in 2012<sup>1</sup>. The first major investment was made by the Victorian Government of \$750,000 for six new Changing Places facilities across a variety of locations<sup>2</sup>. The West Australian Government has followed, with a \$2 million funding commitment in 2015 to fund a network of Changing Place facilities across local councils' public open spaces<sup>3</sup>. Local Government NSW is working with councils to identify suitable Lift & Change sites and will provide up to \$35,000 on a trial basis to promote an inclusive environment in local communities in 2016<sup>4</sup>.

The importance of Changing Place facilities is increasing and the combined efforts of government, consultants and organisations representing people living with severe disabilities are ensuring proactive improvements are made within public architecture.

While there are no current standards for these facilities under the Building Code of Australia, the implementation of Changing Places is considered best practice and it firmly remains a social responsibility of local government, planners, designers, architects, industry and community to integrate the Changing Places initiative.

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## Purpose built Changing Places restroom buildings

Changing Places restrooms offer a clean facility which is private and provides extra space for carers to manage the needs of people living with a severe disability. It is important to note that Changing Places restrooms do not replace standard AS1428.1 compliant accessible restrooms.

Changing Places have a range of extra standard specifications and features that include: a height adjustable adult-sized change table, a tracking hoist, automated key entry sliding door and an optional shower.

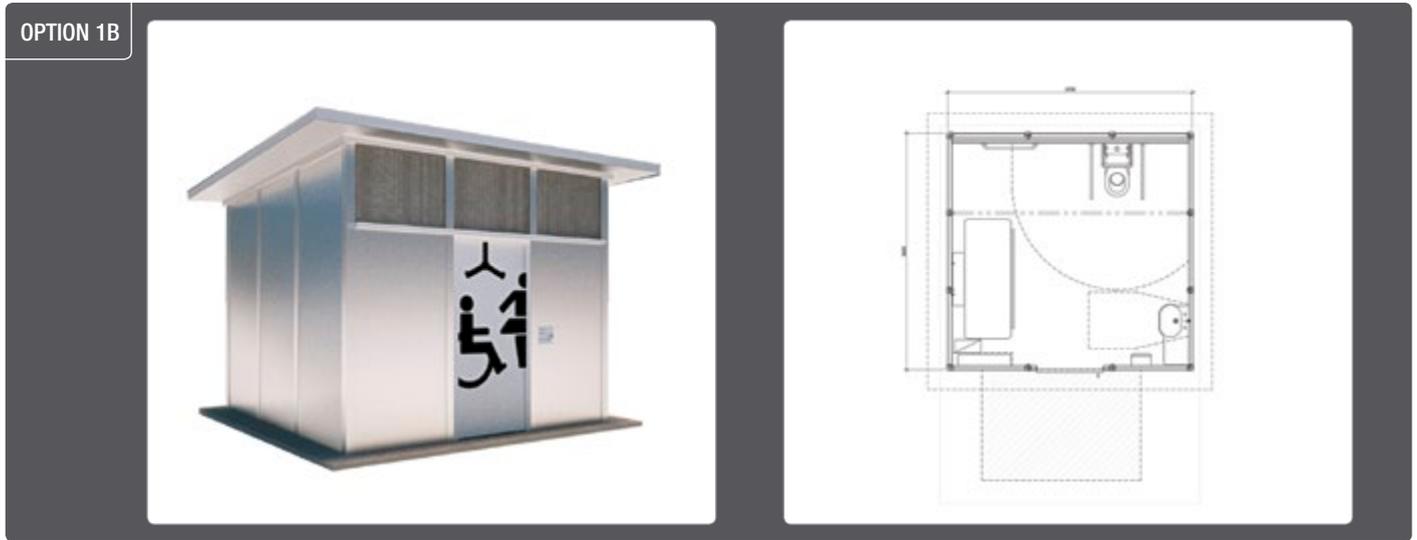


# Modus Australia Changing Place Building Designs

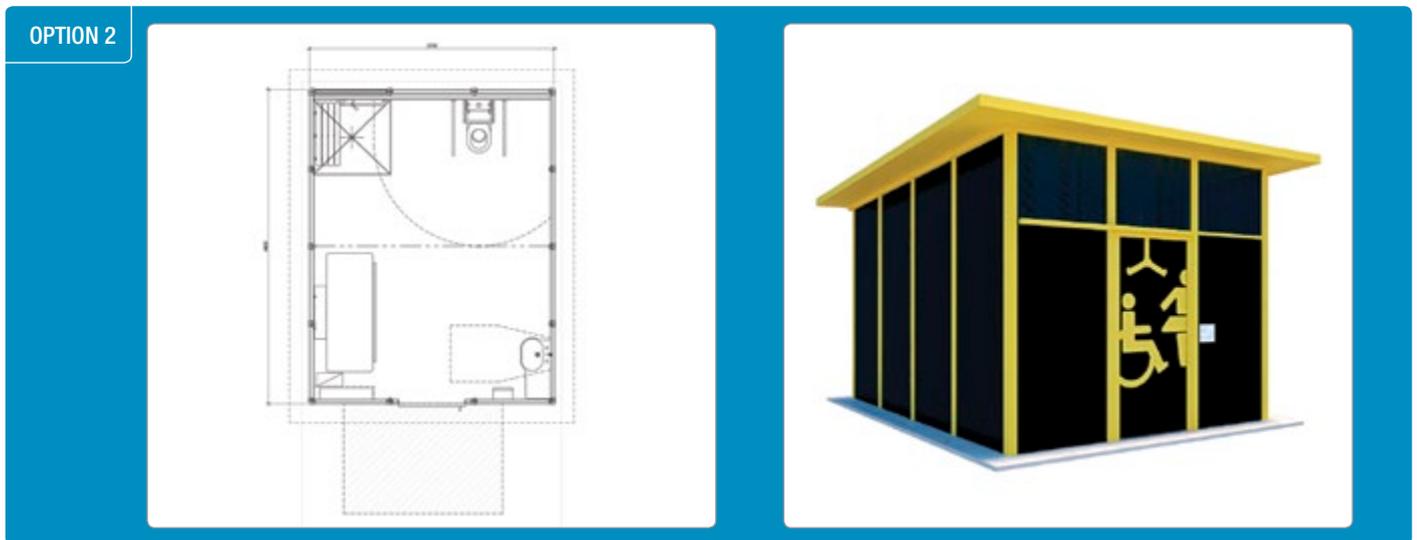
Modus Australia is offering two floorplan options, with the difference between them being an extended length of 4.8m to accommodate a shower facility.

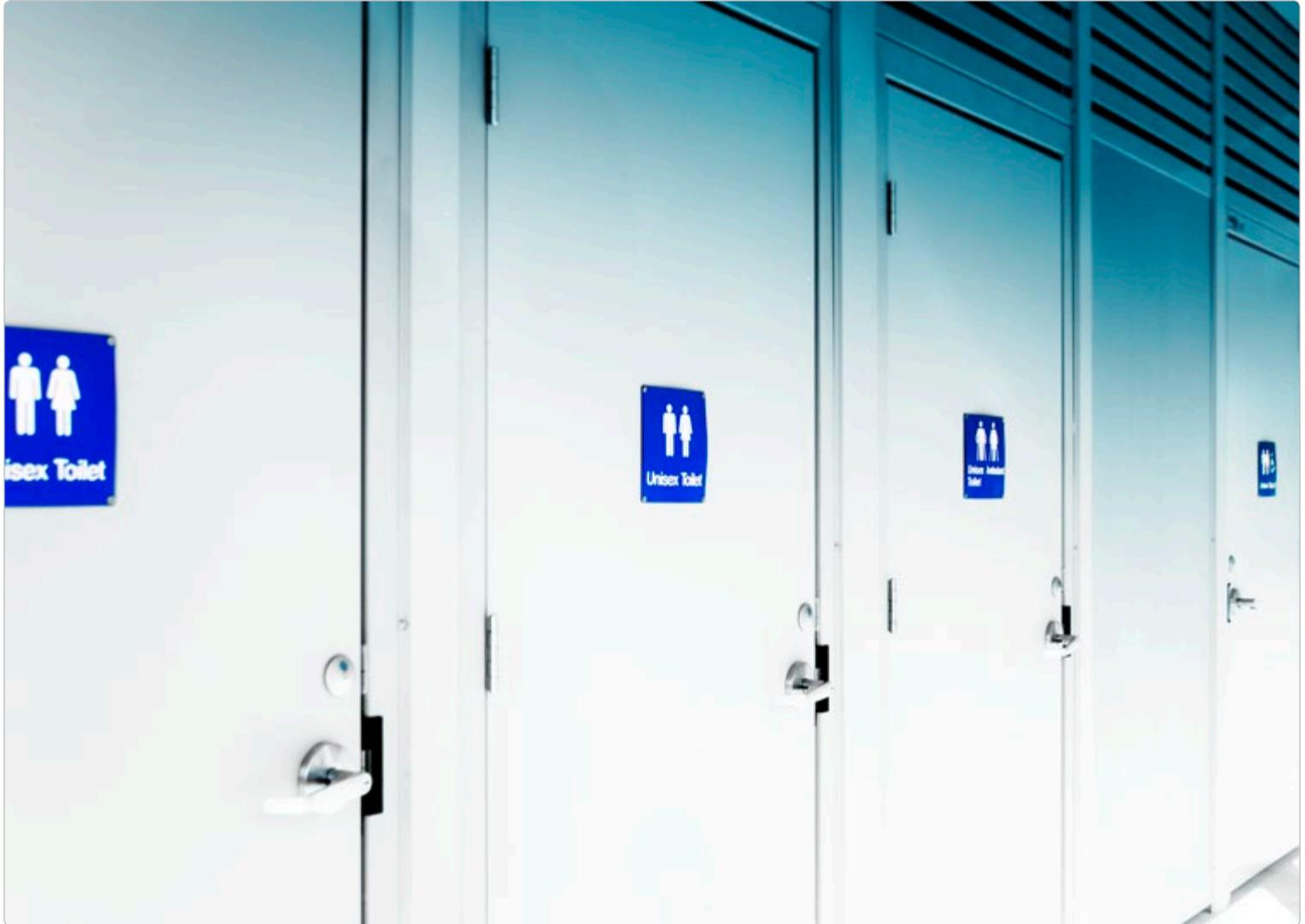
There are a number of advantages from Modus Australia’s modular panel system including:

- The stand-alone building system allows the building to be located near an ACROD parking bay, as per Changing Place Guidelines.
- The building design can be extended to include additional facilities such as: Universal, Ambulant and Standard cubicles to allow for all levels of mobility.
- A comprehensive package and a complete solution, compliant with Changing Places Guidelines.



CHANGING PLACES RESTROOM OPTION 1B CHANGING PLACES TOILET BUILDING	CHANGING PLACES RESTROOM OPTION 2 CHANGING PLACES TOILET BUILDING
Room coverage hoist	Room coverage hoist
Accessible pan and cistern including back rest, grab rails	Accessible pan and cistern including back rest, grab rails
Two 800mm long horizontal grab rails mounted at 800mm and 1000mm above floor level for adjusting clothes	Two 800mm long horizontal grab rails mounted at 800mm and 1000mm above floor level for adjusting clothes
Adjustable height change table, 1800mm long with side safety rail	Adjustable height change table, 1800mm long with side safety rail
Disposable change table cover dispenser with shelf over	Disposable change table cover dispenser with shelf over
Integrated hand washbasin, hand drier and/or paper towel dispenser and rubbish bin	Integrated hand washbasin, hand drier and/or paper towel dispenser and rubbish bin
Automatic door with a minimum 900mm clear opening, 1000mm is recommended	Automatic door with a minimum 900mm clear opening, 1000mm is recommended
Automatic door control	Automatic door control
	Accessible shower





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