



POLICY MANUAL

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| Policy title: | EQUITY IN ACCESS AND PROVISION OF FACILITIES TO PUBLIC SPACES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY AND SPECIFIC NEEDS POLICY |
| Policy number: | 5.2.10 |
| Objective: | To provide for reasonable equity in access and provision of facilities to public spaces and public buildings for people with disability and specific needs. |
| Link to community vision/service: | Quality of Life, Infrastructure |
| Program Area: | Environmental Health & Building Services; Planning Services; Roads and Parks |
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STATEMENT OF INTENT:

The needs of people with a disability are to be considered in all Council works and approvals.

DEFINITIONS:

For the purposes of this policy the following definitions apply:-

- "developer" includes Council and private and public sector developers.
 - "Public Spaces" includes footpaths; carparks; public toilets; market places, plazas or the like; public and commercial swimming pools; parks and gardens; and pedestrian areas between these facilities; and areas external to buildings on non-public land that links any of the foregoing to the buildings on the land.
 - "Public Buildings" means buildings ordinarily accessible to members of the public and includes buildings in private and public ownership.
1. All new public buildings of all classes shall provide appropriate access and facilities for people with disability.
 2. When carrying out significant renovation or alteration works to public buildings, developers are required to provide access for the people with disability where it is reasonable to do so, having consideration for the Disability Discrimination Act and the requirements of the Building Code of Australia (BCA).
 3. All new public spaces shall be developed to the design standards provided in The Building Code of Australia and AS1428.

5. When carrying out reconstruction or significant maintenance works to public spaces, developers shall provide access for people with disability as contained in Item 3 of this policy unless it is unreasonable to do so and evidence to this effect is provided and approved by Council.
6. Accessible toilet facilities shall be unisex, and, if using MLAK system, add details to the NSW MLAK register.
7. Approved baby change facilities shall be provided within accessible toilet facilities and the facility shall be provided with appropriate signage.
8. If there are provisions within this policy which requires a lesser standard than required by the objectives or provisions of the Building Code of Australia (BCA) then the BCA requirements have priority.