# Executive Summary

## Problem Statement

The Australian Department of Health and Aged Care has identified significant gaps in the availability and quality of public toilets across Australia. These deficiencies impact traveler access, accessibility for disabled individuals, inclusivity for all gender identities, public health, and environmental sustainability.

## Purpose of the Communication

This report, titled "Toilets in Australia," aims to inform policy decisions and infrastructure improvements to enhance public hygiene facilities nationwide. It provides a comprehensive analysis of the current state of public toilets and offers actionable recommendations to address identified issues.

## Summary of Results

1. Central Australia Needs More Toilets: There is a critical shortage of public toilets in central Australia, particularly those equipped with essential amenities such as showers, parking, and dump points.

2. Accessibility Issues: A notable deficiency in accessible toilets for disabled individuals exists, both in central and some coastal areas.

3. Health and Hygiene: No direct correlation was found between the number of toilets and the spread of diseases, but further research is needed.

4. Environmental Concerns: The presence of toilets is linked to increased air and land pollution, necessitating stringent waste disposal inspections.

5. Inclusivity: There is a lack of unisex toilets in central Australia, limiting accessibility for all gender identities.

## Conclusions

The findings underscore the importance of accessible and well-maintained public toilets in promoting public health and hygiene. Addressing the identified gaps will significantly improve the quality of life for all Australians.

## Recommendations

- Construct new toilets in underserved areas, particularly in central Australia.

- Upgrade existing facilities to include essential amenities such as showers, parking, and dump points.

- Implement rigorous pollution control measures and regular inspections to minimize environmental impact.

- Prioritize the addition of accessible toilets in urban areas and expand efforts inward to cover central regions.

- Design new facilities as unisex to enhance inclusivity and meet the needs of diverse populations.