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INQUIRY INTO PUBLIC TOILETS

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I believe that significant upgrades to our public toilet network should be made. In particular:

- 24-hour access. Any toilets with nearby parking should have designated 'overnight motorhome or caravan parking' sites within that parking area to allow the dual purpose of those mobile home residents to sleep overnight, whilst at the same time providing a nearby human presence to discourage public toilet vandalism. My own experiences have shown that public toilets at recognised 'free camping' areas often have good quality, non-vandalised public toilets.
- Toilets should always have the stall doors opening to the outside, rather than people having to walk inside a 'restroom' first. This seems to be the modern way of public toilet installation, which I believe provides greater security.
- Public toilets should always have a public shower available as well, so that people can wash effectively. These could be in an additional stall/stalls, may be either cold water only, or be plumbed to a rooftop solar hot water system. To prevent abuse of water privileges, these showers could be push-button operated, or even \$1 coin-operated for hot water (as in Kimba, S.A.).
- New installations should take into account the record population growth in Australia in recent years, and the need to cater for that extra demand. And the provision of overnight motorhome/caravan/campervan parking at adjacent carparks should take into account the fact that these residents help decrease the stress on the ability of the fixed-housing regime to cope with acute overpopulation pressures, and the advantages of supporting housing flexibility in a 21st century society where locational flexibility can add to the efficiency of society in general.