

Building an Inclusive Aquatic Space for Everyone

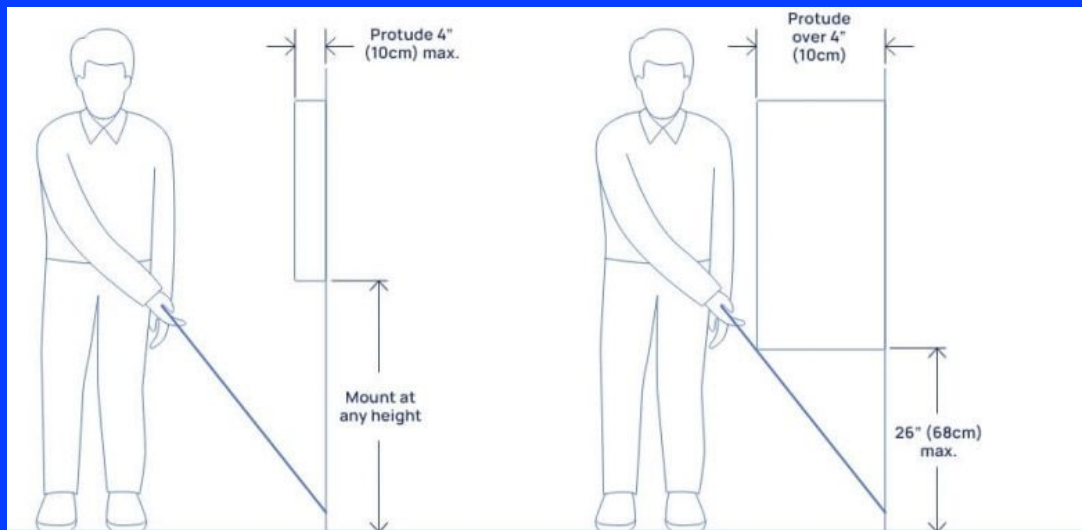
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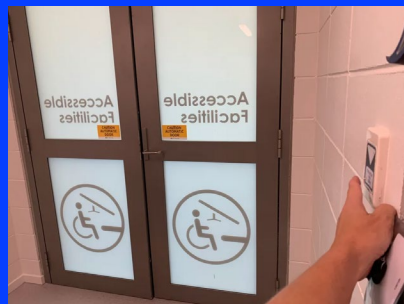
“Universal design means creating spaces that work for everyone, from the start. It’s not about special features for a few—it’s about smart design for all.”



“The accessible journey is everything from leaving home to returning safely.
What does that mean for an aquatic facilities user:



Travel



Entry



Changing



Pool Access

What would Good look like??

“Good looks like a facility where everyone feels welcome and can participate without stress.



We Need to future-proof!

1 in 6 New Zealanders (17%) are disabled – that's about 851,000 people living in households across the country

Disability increases with age:
10% of children (0–14 years)
12% of adults aged 15–44
17% of adults aged 45–64
35% of adults 65+

19% of people on the East Coast of New Zealand have a disability according to the 2023 Household Disability Survey by Stats NZ