

## Perth Airport Accessible Change Facilities

### Guidance

<p><b>Purpose</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this document is to provide guidance and best practice examples for stakeholders aiming to introduce similar initiatives related to accessibility and assistance to persons with disabilities in an airport environment.</p> <p>The case study is not intended to endorse any technology or provider, but rather provide details of the key considerations as well as various implementation models which could be adopted.</p> <p>The intended audiences may include but are not limited to: Airports, Airlines, Technology Providers, and Regulatory Bodies.</p>
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<p><b>Scope of this Guidance</b></p>	<p>This guidance is provided as a source of information to help and support industry players to implement initiatives related to accessibility and assistance to persons with disabilities in and airport environment.</p>
<p><b>The Case Study Template</b></p>	<p>In some situations or jurisdictions, a prescribed case study template may be necessary that meets the local requirements of a particular business, organization, or regulatory body. For this guidance document, the following sections provide the general steps involved in developing a business case and/or case studies, including a brief explanation of their purpose, benefits, and considerations.</p>

# CASE STUDY

## BACKGROUND/BUSINESS NEEDS

### Requirement for accessible change facilities

While ambulant and rest rooms for persons with disabilities are now found at most airports, very few have facilities for users with high-support needs and their carers who are unable to use standard accessible restrooms. They require additional space and specialised equipment such as changing tables and hoists to allow them to use toilets safely and comfortably.

The absence of suitable facilities at airports results in high dependency travellers either not travelling at all, being unable to use rest room facilities during their journey or having to be changed on the floor in facilities designed for other purposes such as baby changing rooms (see photo in Appendix A). Perth Airport has one young disabled traveller and her carer who fall in the latter category when they travel intrastate for specialist treatment.

Accessible change facilities were initially established in Australia back in 2009, originally as “Changing Places”. Their design was based on a model and standard developed in the UK by the Changing Places Consortium, a group of organisations working to support the rights of people with profound and multiple learning and/or physical disabilities.

### Legislative context

In May 2019, Australia became the first country in the world to specifically mandate the provision of what are defined as “adult change facilities” in certain building classifications under the Australian National Construction Code (NCC). They include domestic and international passenger terminals. However, the requirement is not being applied retrospectively to existing buildings.

### Perth Airport approach

The Perth Airport Disability Access and Inclusion Plan (DIAP) provides a clear whole-of-business approach for fully accessible airport facilities and promotes a more inclusive environment for its passengers, staff, business partners and the wider community it serves.

The provision of Accessible Change Facilities in our Airport Central and Airport West precincts is consistent with Outcome 1 of the DIAP, which seeks to provide people with disabilities equal access to the passenger terminal buildings and other facilities at Perth Airport.

Perth Airport elected to design its accessible change facilities to the current Australian Changing Places 2020 Design Standards. This is considered to be above and beyond the current prescriptive requirements under the Building Code of Australia for accessible change facilities. There were several reasons for this decision:

- To provide a consistent user experience and confidence that the facilities will be to the exact same standard as they have experienced in Changing Places in almost 200 other Australian locations, including a growing number of Australian airports
- For those travellers either visiting or arriving from overseas destinations, the same consistent experience, particularly if there is a Changing Place at the arrival airport
- The right to use branded “Changing Places” infographic recognizable to users and their carers following certification from an accredited Changing Places auditor
- The availability of a very comprehensive and detailed design standard which both met the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act and importantly, would deliver the required user experience without the risk of designing a substandard facility

The initial project scope involved the design and documentation of two Changing Places, one in Terminal 4 to service both Terminal 4 and Terminal 3 and the other in Terminal 1 (International), servicing Terminal 1D and Terminal 2. Funding to construct the initial facility in Terminal 1 was approved in late 2021 with the intent of delivering the Terminal 4 Changing Places in 2022. A third Changing Places will be included in a Terminal 2 expansion project which if approved, will be delivered in 2023.

## BENEFITS

With an estimated population of 2.2 million, Perth is one of the most remote large cities on Earth, 2600 kms from the nearest large settlement. Just 600,000 people reside in the remainder of the state of Western Australia which would be the 10<sup>th</sup> largest country in the world by landmass if it was an independent country.

Good quality international, interstate but also importantly intrastate air services that are accessible to all are therefore critically important as almost all travellers arrive and depart by air given the considerable distances involved. Flight sector lengths are also considerable, exceeding 3 hours for interstate domestic flights and considerably more for overseas trips. Intrastate services are also used by passengers with disabilities to access specialist medical services only available in Perth.

Being able to use a rest room at the airport is taken for granted by travellers. However, those with high dependency needs are unable to use the disabled bathrooms which results in a very poor airport experience.

The provision accessible change facilities at Perth Airport means that high dependency travellers will be able to use the facilities with dignity and equality with other passengers. They will remove a key source of anxiety and a potential barrier to travel.

Designing facilities to Changing Places specifications will provide confidence to users that the facilities meet a required standard and will be consistent with those provided in other locations, currently at almost 200 sites across the country and will be accessible with a common key.

## CONSTRAINTS

The biggest challenge we faced was finding suitable brownfield locations for the facilities and specifically:

- Sourcing available and accessible site within Terminals 1 and 4 that fully met the required design criteria. This proved to be very challenging with very few locations available that fully met the requirements. Terminal 2 proved to be less of an issue as it is a newer, single level facility.
- Ensuring that there were services proximate to the preferred sites, (specifically a hot/cold water supply and sewer main), that could be utilized without excessive connection costs being incurred.
- Delivering the facilities at an affordable cost. The largest cost elements were connections to utilities, not the construction and fit out of the facilities.

The desk top review of existing facilities and the engagement with our Disability Access and Inclusion Customer Reference Group and local disability organizations along with input from our architectural lead consultant and internal stakeholders was a key success outcome.

## TECHNOLOGY, PROCESS, AND INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIRED

The project did not specifically introduce any new technology. However, prior to the new facilities being opened, the need to develop a comprehensive Concept of Operations (CON OPS) for the facilities was identified to ensure:

- There was a clear protocol for the terminal duty team to respond to an incident or call for assistance
- Clear operating instructions were provided for the use of the equipment for users and their carers
- A protocol was in place to deal with the scenario of a carer arriving without a hoist. There are legal issues with facility providers supplying hoists regarding certification and inspection which needed to be understood and addressed
- There was an adequate and specific cleaning and equipment maintenance regime in place for the equipment

A comprehensive Operational Risk Assessment was also undertaken and recoded to ensure that any hazards were identified, and associated risks mitigated as far as reasonably practical prior to the facility opening.

## LESSONS LEARNED

We learnt a great deal on our Changing Places journey with the key lessons/ideas/suggestions for airports who might be considering similar facilities outlined below:

### Business case establishment

- Consider developing a Disability Inclusion Access Plan or similar. This provides the policy framework for the subsequent justification for a facility.
- If funding is an issue, present your proposal as a staged delivery prioritizing sites that deliver the best value for money.
- For terminal expansion and redevelopment projects, identify the need for Changing Places at the earliest point in the design process. This is to ensure the greatest chance of success rather than seeking to change the design further along the project timeline.

### Why design to the Changing Place standard?

- The reason Perth Airport decided to design to the Changing Place standard which exceeded the requirements for accessible facilities under the BCA standard is covered in the Background section above.
- While Changing Places do not yet have a global footprint it is strongly recommended that other airports design to the same standard, even if Changing Places does not have a local presence. This will help ensure that there is a consistent user experience for high dependency travellers and is consistent with the ADRM guidance. If/when Changing Places become established in the particular territory, the facility will also be deemed to comply and thus be able to be appropriately branded as a recognizable Changing Place. Finally, design specifications are readily available, reducing time and cost to document the facility and ensuring that it meets users' needs from the outset.

### Scope and design / General recommendations

- While very detailed and prescriptive, the Changing Place design standards and model layout plans were incredibly helpful. They mitigated all design risk and provided confidence that the facility would meet the user requirements if the documented design fully met the specification provided.
- The existing "model" layouts also reduced consultant cost and time to design the facility. Layouts also fully complied to all current national DDA requirements without the need for us to check.
- Remember that the dimensions given in the standards are *minimum* standards not *optimum* standards. Where possible, aim to exceed the standard, specifically regarding door openings, (as high dependency users typically have very large wheelchairs), and the interior space to optimize manoeuvrability in the facility.
- Changing Places can be designed to include or exclude a shower. After considerable debate regarding the potential additional risks associated with shower facilities (slips, falls, etc.) along with costs and design implications (see below) we elected to specify showers would be provided in all Perth Airport Changing Places. The main reasons were:
  - The opportunity for users to fully wash following a long journey (most domestic/international) flights to/from Perth
  - The flexibility to deal with a sanitary problem rather than relying on a less attractive alternative such as wipes etc.
- There is no specification for a push button assist button for Changing Places given that most facilities are not located. We elected to provide one, consistent with a similar provision in our other facilities for disabled travellers. The alarm goes back to our Airport Control Centre.
- We also provided an external flashing red light outside the unit which is activated in the event of the assist call button being pressed.
- In the absence of a standard, we debated the physical location of the assist button too. We placed one adjacent to the toilet as we felt it was most visible there and likely to be the area where it was most warranted.
- We recommend that the button is visible, clearly labelled and appropriately colored and cannot be confused with any other function (eg. toilet flush, push button to activate the automatic door etc.)
- Ensure that the hoist and change table are rated for the load weights specified in the standard and preferably to a higher load than the minimum requirement.

### Design team/Procurement issues

- Perth Airport engaged an architect in the capacity of “lead consultant” with the services and other consultants (see below) reporting directly to them. This ensured responsibility for a compliant design rested with a single consultant and avoided the airport PM having to separately engage and coordinate the inputs from multiple consultant teams.
- A fully documented and coordinated design for tender is the recommended approach. A D&C arrangement risks not delivering the very specific outcomes required for Changing Places certification and cost cutting by the appointed D&C builder.
- Engaging an accredited Changing Places assessor from the outset of the project is very strongly recommended. This was one of the best decisions we made and ensured that as the design developed, a qualified assessor was checking to make sure it met the required Changing Place specification, avoiding any surprises when the completed facility was formally assessed. The approach also made accountability for compliance very clear. We were aware of another Australian Airport engaged a non Changing Places accredited disability consultant late in the design stage. Their facility could not be accredited as a Changing Place, a key deliverable for the airport, as it did not meet standards and could not be subsequently modified.
- The hoist and change tables are specialist pieces of equipment. Fortunately, they were available locally, but we were aware of potential risk of long lead in times so would recommend this is checked and the equipment is ordered promptly to avoid construction delays
- We tendered our project to 8 builders and selected one who had prior experience of delivering a Changing Place in another location. This was a good decision as the builder was aware of the need to meet the exact standard specified – and the risks to them having to make changes as a result of construction errors

### **Location and wayfinding**

- It was important to ensure the facilities are as accessible and simple to locate as possible. We were fortunate to find a landside location in the check-in areas that met the requirement.
- Locating brownfield facilities adjacent to existing rest room blocks/wet areas is likely to be the most cost-effective solution. Water reticulation and drainage are typically costly and disruptive to provide to unserviced locations.
- As far as reasonably practical, avoid remote and out of the way locations which can be hard to find and feel discriminatory. Facilities should be accessible and inclusive and thus ideally be collocated with rest room facilities used by others. They should not be located outside the terminal building.
- If facilities are accessed along corridors, check that the access route is compliant to the relevant local disability standard (typically wide enough for two wheelchairs to pass) before commencing design. Aim to minimize the distance from the main concourse/public areas, level changes, and changes of direction
- Wayfinding to the location was also another really important consideration. Changing Places accreditation enabled us to use the Changing Places pictogram which is impactful and recognizable to existing users.

### **Specific design recommendations**

- Design the facility to match the standard of comparable restrooms so that users have a similar rather than differentiated level of experience. We used a similar standard tile and fit out to our recently delivered bathrooms.
- Notwithstanding the secure location, we strongly recommend that the facilities are locked to avoid improper use by others, damage/vandalism and potential injury and liability issues. We debated this and concluded a simple universal lock would fully mitigate these risks.
- Australia has **Master Locksmiths Access Key (MLAK)** system. This is an initiative that allows people with disability access to dedicated public facilities, including facilities in National Parks and importantly, Changing Places facilities throughout Australia. If your country has something similar in place, ensure the facility is accessible with a universal access key. This is convenient for the user and saves time requesting airport assistance.
- The universal lock can ideally be bypassed with a local airport master key. We could not achieve this but it avoids airport staff having to carry an additional and special key.
- If a shower facility is part of the scope, ensure that a soil waste trap is provided
- In brownfield sites, it might be difficult to achieve the drainage falls required in the existing floor. Specific consideration to this challenge should be made at the early part of the design stage to avoid unnecessary ramps

- Consider noise insulation/attenuation if the facility will be adjacent to a noise sensitive location as the hoist motor is a little noisy
- Pay attention to location of services that could inhibit disability access -see example of tap placement in photos below

### **Consultation**

- Ensure that prospective users and relevant disability organizations are included and fully consulted when designing the facilities but noting that if they are designed to the Changing Places standard, you need to be careful that any requested changes will meet the “deemed to comply” standard.

### **Facility design and universal access**

- Ensure that a comprehensive project brief is developed with clear objectives and outcomes, specific design outcomes and project risks identified. While this may be obvious, it is often overlooked or briefs lack detail with a consequential impact on cost time and quality when the project reaches the delivery stage

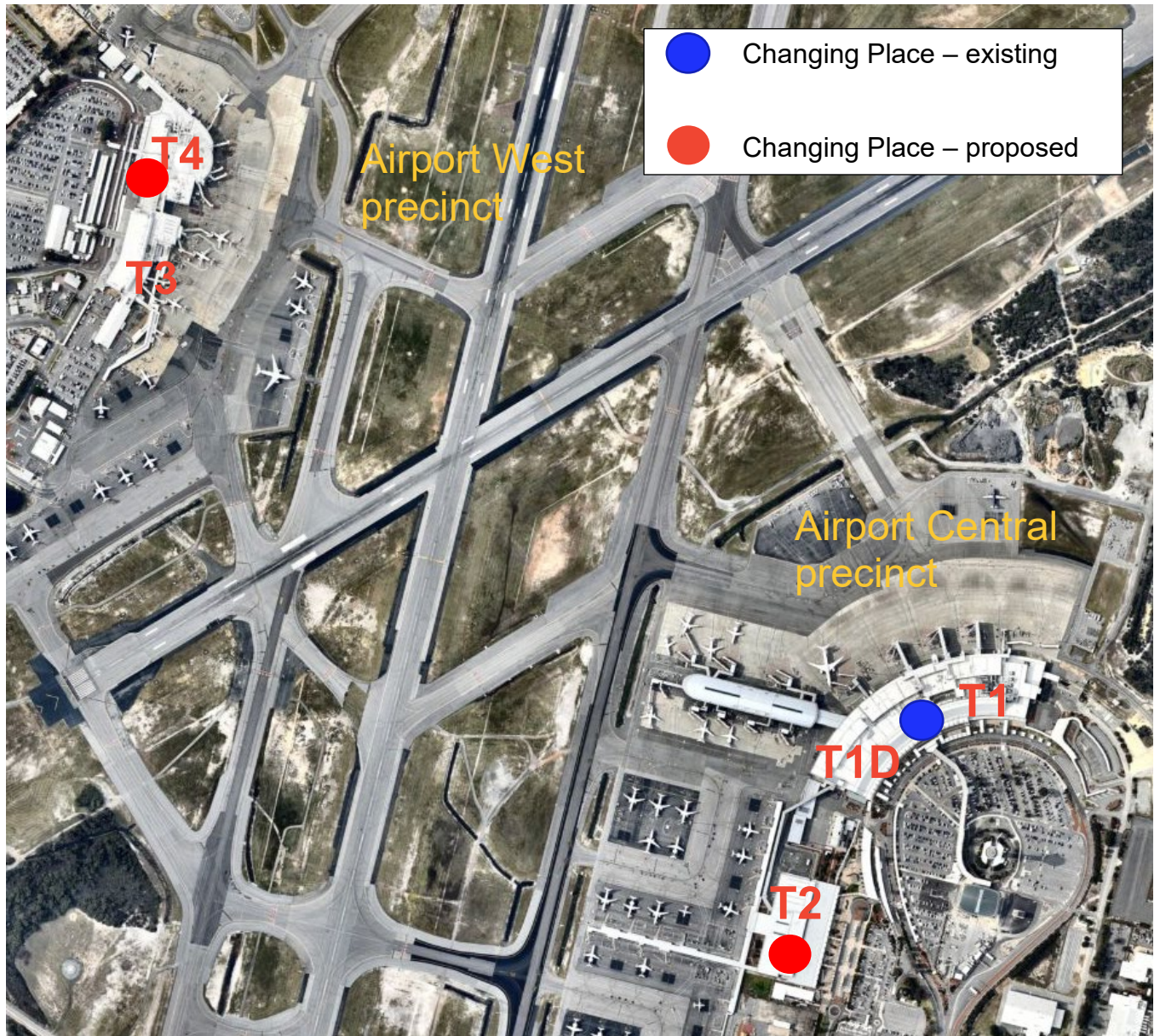
### **Publicity and promotion**

- Passengers with disabilities typically spend a lot of time planning and researching their journey. Consequently, ensure that accessible change facilities are published on your airport website in an accessible format.
- Ensure that the facility location is also communicated to local disability groups and local governments
- Changing Places accreditation ensures that the facility location will appear on their site too.

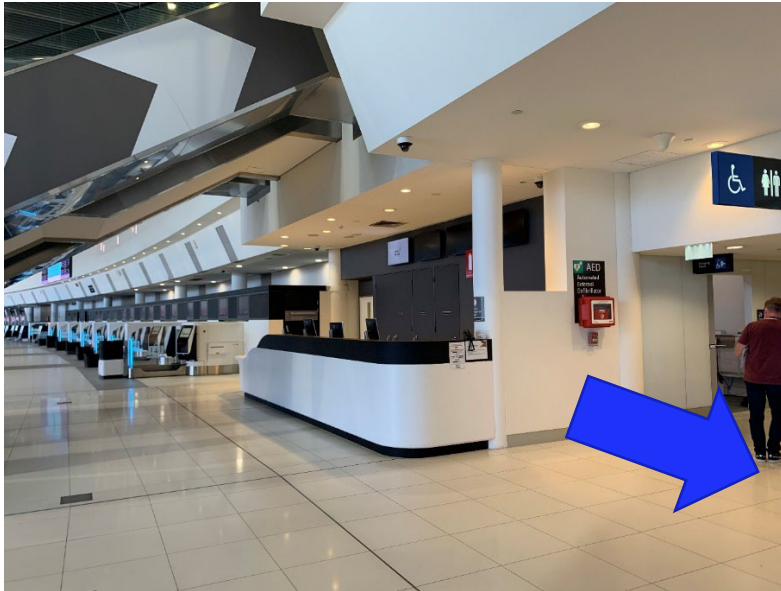


PICTURES

Perth Airport General Arrangement showing existing and proposed accessible changing facility locations



Facility location showing ease of access from check-in concourse



**Changing Places co-located with the other rest room facilities**



**Access via an MLAK key**  
**A universal access key to similar facilities nationally**



## Changing Places interior layout and equipment



**Emergency call button  
Placed centrally between the toilet and shower**



**Lesson learnt  
Placement of wash down tap a potential hazard to wheelchairs**



APPENDIX

This is what we wish to avoid



## Links

### **Changing Places – main site**

[www.changing-places.org](http://www.changing-places.org)

### **Changing Places – Australian site**

[Changing Places - Campaign for accessible public toilets](#)

### **Changing Places – Australian Design Standards**

[Changing-Places-design-specifications-2020-1.pdf \(changingplaces.org.au\)](#)

### **Accessible Adult Change Facilities Australian National Construction Code**

[Specification F2.9 Accessible adult change facilities | NCC \(abcb.gov.au\)](#)

### **Additional information (attached)**

Sensory Room - Survey Results Design Summary

Sensory Room - Verbatims

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# Sensory Room

Survey Data Review

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Perth Airport 

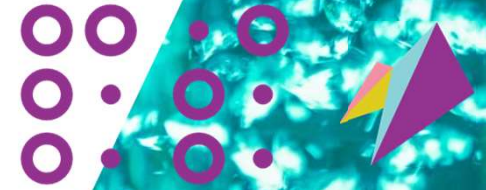


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# Background

When engaging with Seattle and Pittsburgh Airport regarding their airport sensory rooms, they strongly recommended going out to the public for input and feedback for Perth Airport's sensory room design requirements.

Initially Perth Airport along with Plus Architecture have engaged with real life cases through Rocky Bay and Autism WA and have gained an interim understanding of some of the trigger points within Terminal 1 [International] for neurodivergent individuals.

As a next step, we have sent out a survey via our online social media platforms and have received an overwhelming response of positive and constructive feedback from all over WA on what to include from a design and operational point of view.



# Survey Data Overview

No	Item	Result
1	Total Number of Responses	549
2	Survey Date of Issue	20 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
3	Survey Date Closed	28 <sup>th</sup> July 2022
4	Survey Forum	Online- PAPL social media



# Survey Questions + Review



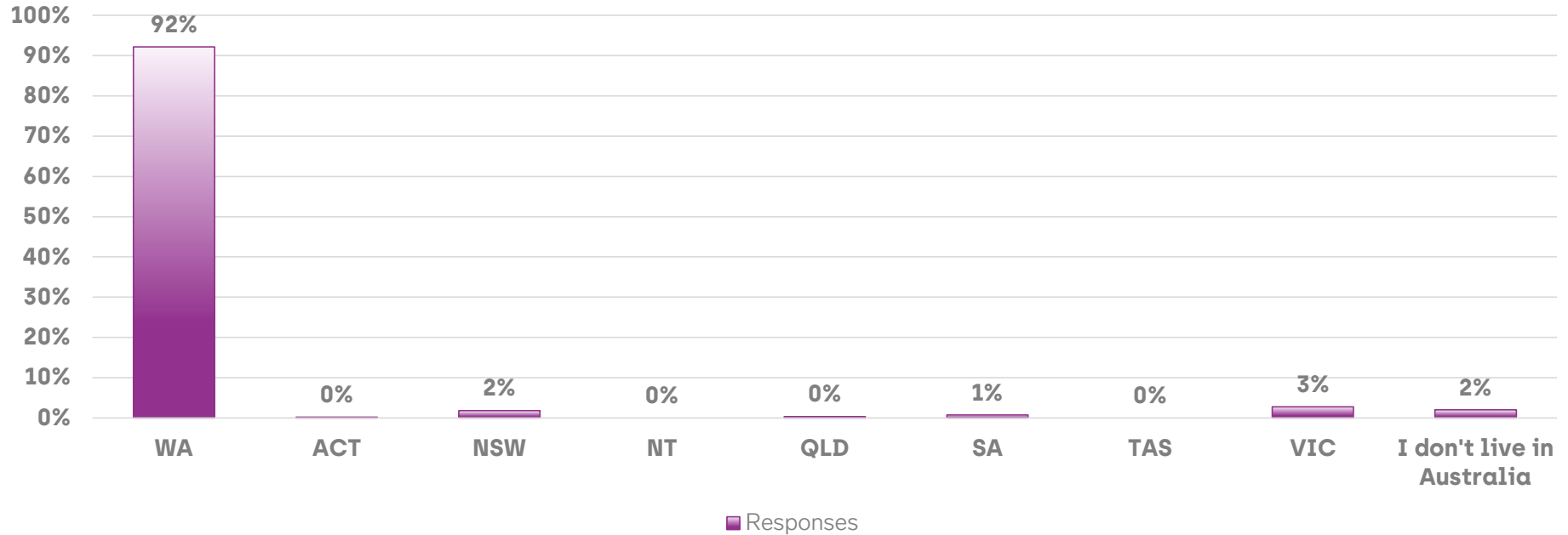
- 1 **Where do you live?** – Understanding the location demographic of potential user(s) of the sensory room
- 2 **What is your interest in this project** – Potential key demographic of user(s) of the sensory room
- 3 **How important are each of the following lighting options to you?** – Key design considerations
- 4 **How important are the following acoustic features?** – Key design considerations
- 5 **How important are the following room features?** – Key design security considerations
- 6 **How important are the following in terms of room layout?** – Key design layout and zoning considerations
- 7 **How important are the following finishes and materials?** – Key design materials and finishes considerations
- 8 **How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?** – Access and operations considerations
- 9 **Is there any other feedback you would like to give Perth Airport?** – Things we could have missed and done well

# Question 1

	Number	%
Answered	548	99.9%
Skipped	1	0.1%
Total	<b>549</b>	<b>N/A</b>



## WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

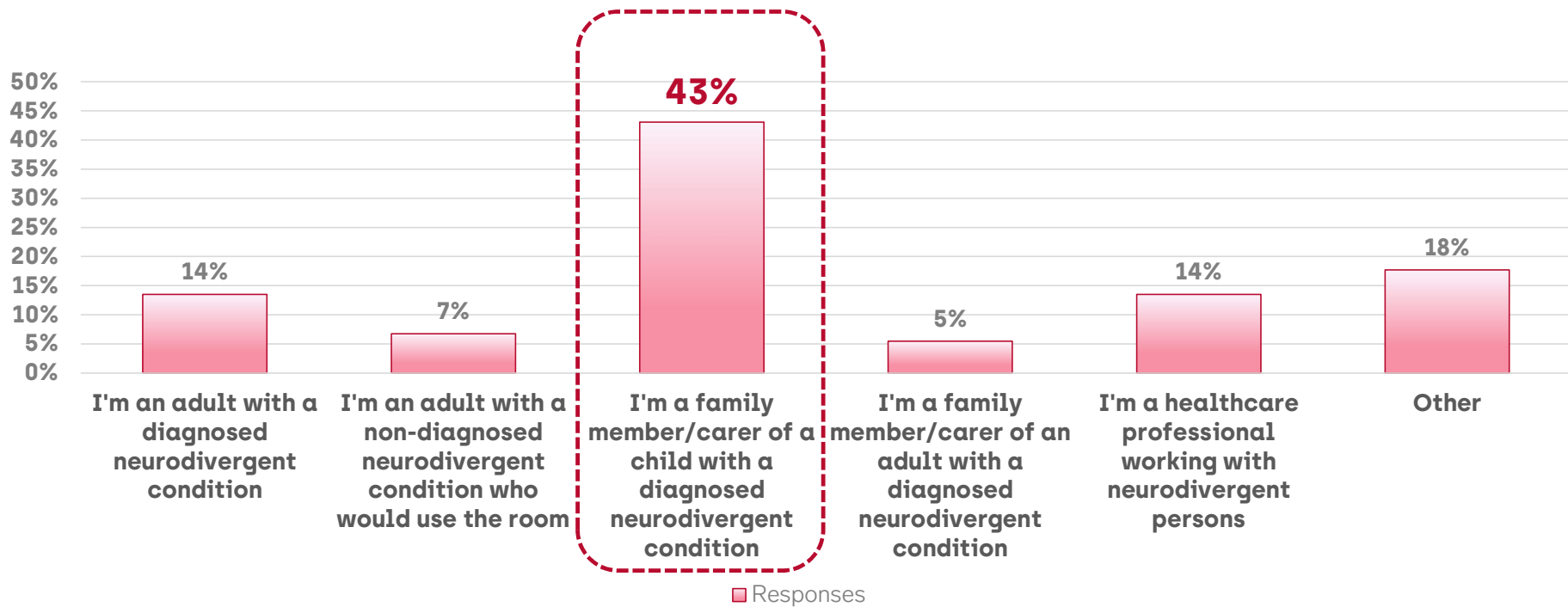


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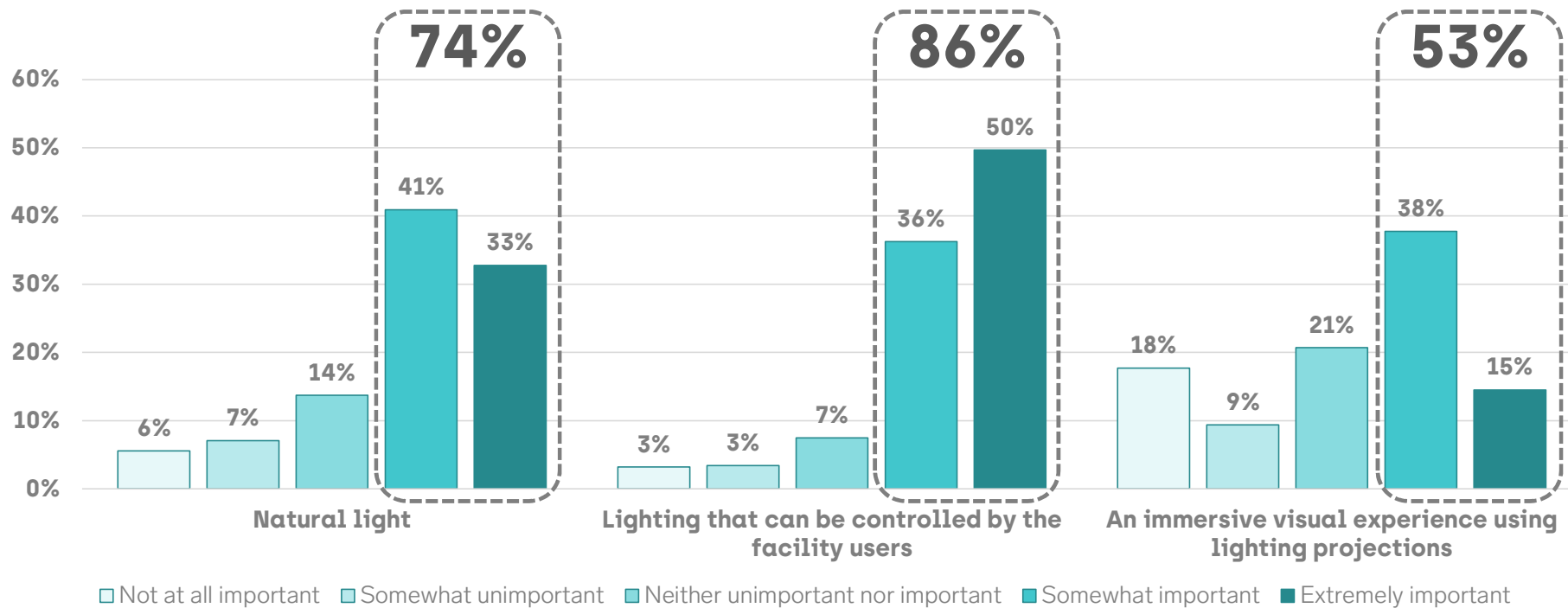


# Question 3

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## HOW IMPORTANT ARE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING LIGHTING OPTIONS TO YOU?



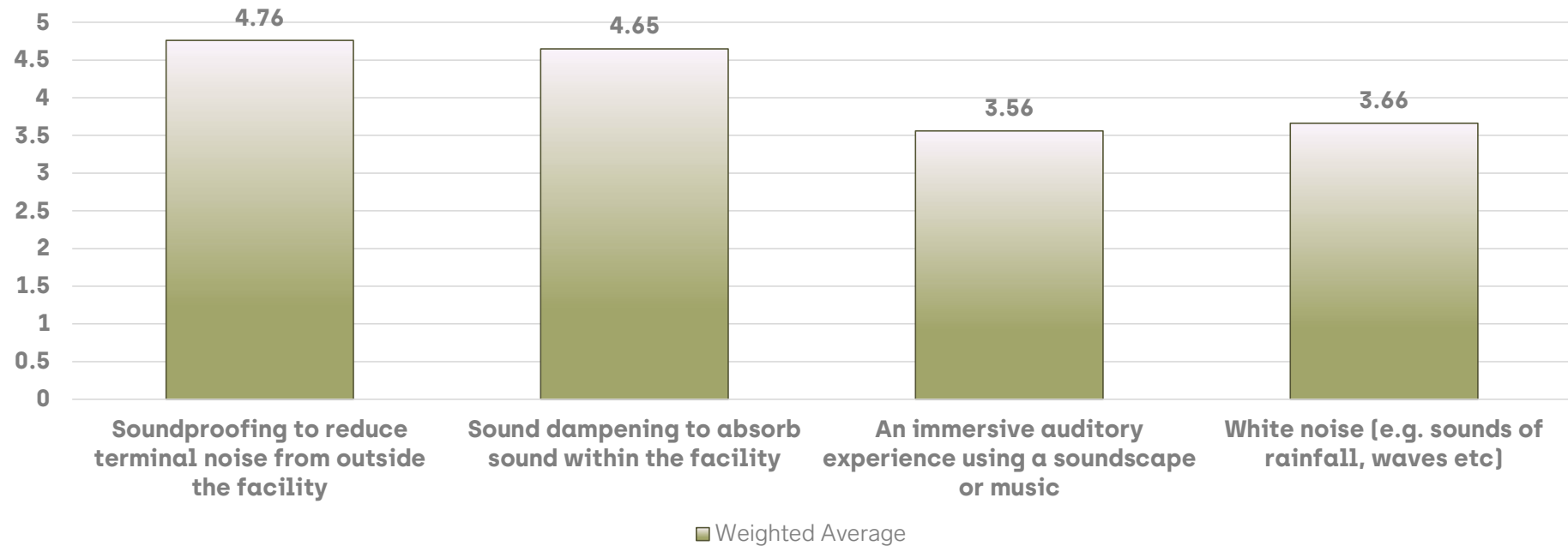


# Question 4

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## HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING ACOUSTIC FEATURES?

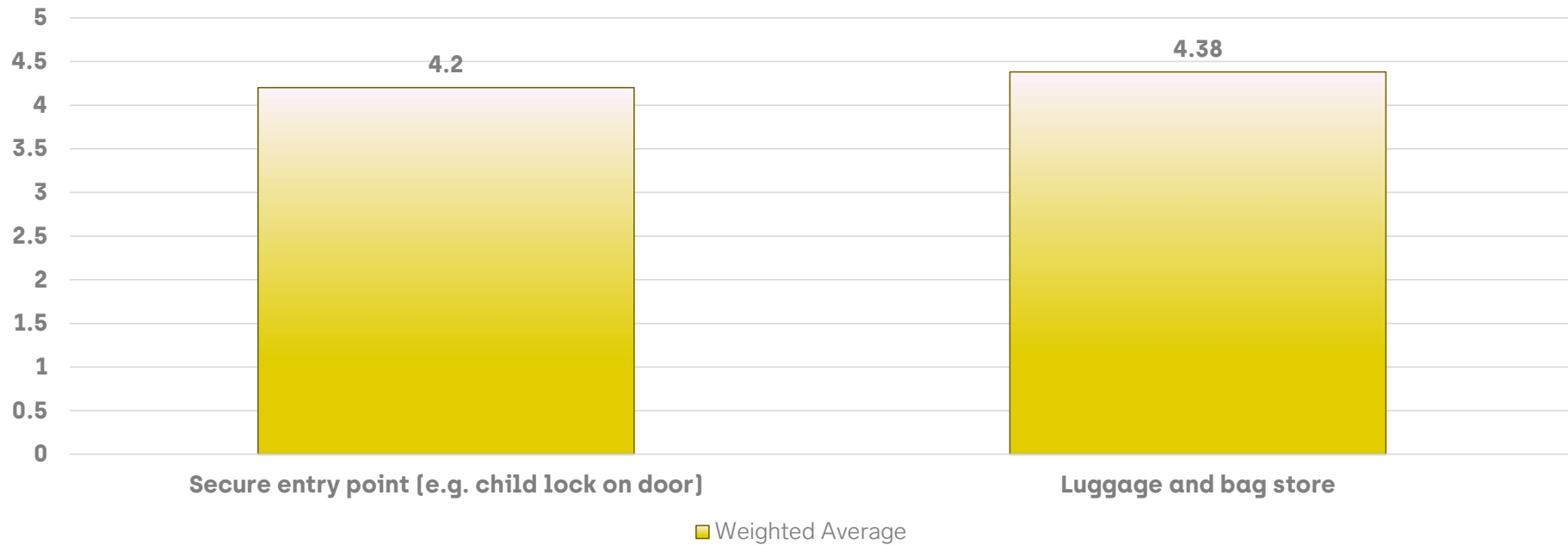


# Question 5

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## HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING ROOM FEATURES?

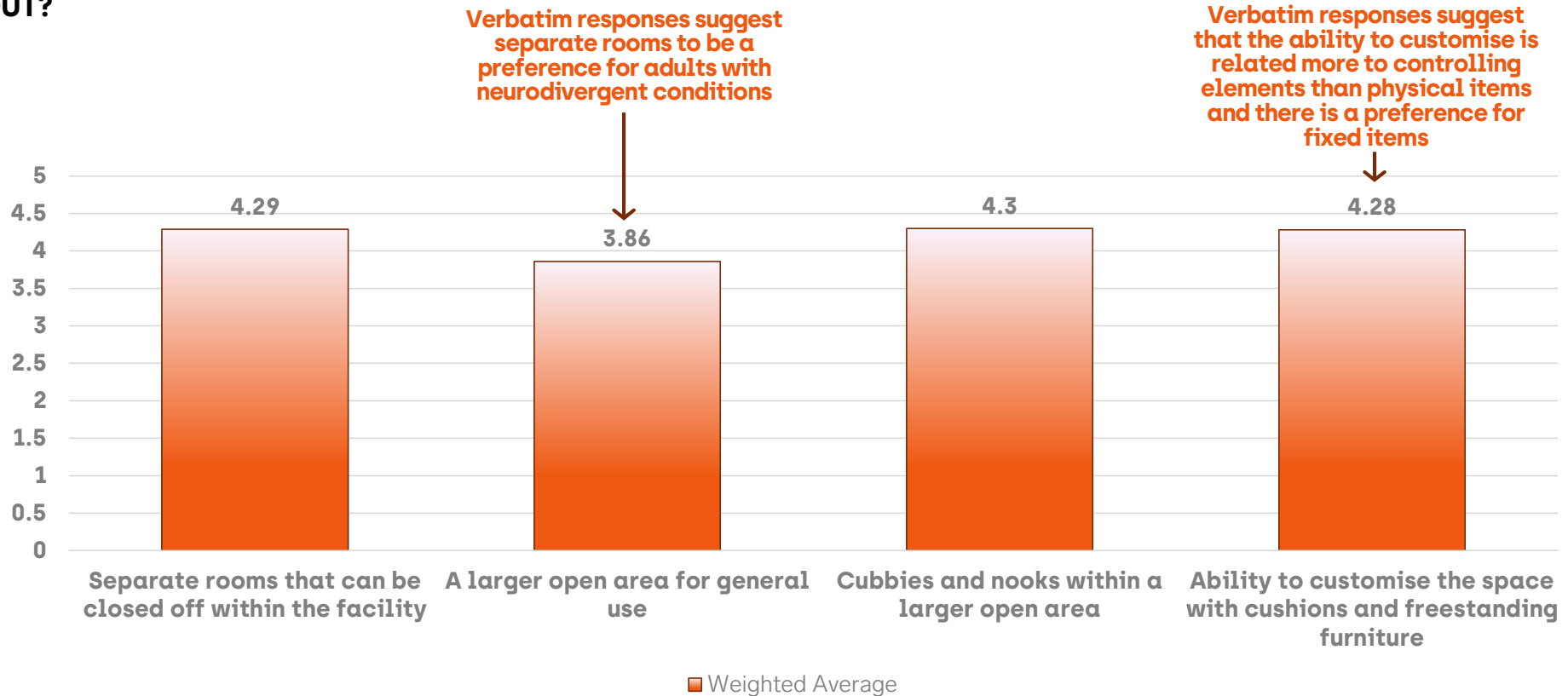


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## HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING IN TERMS OF ROOM LAYOUT?

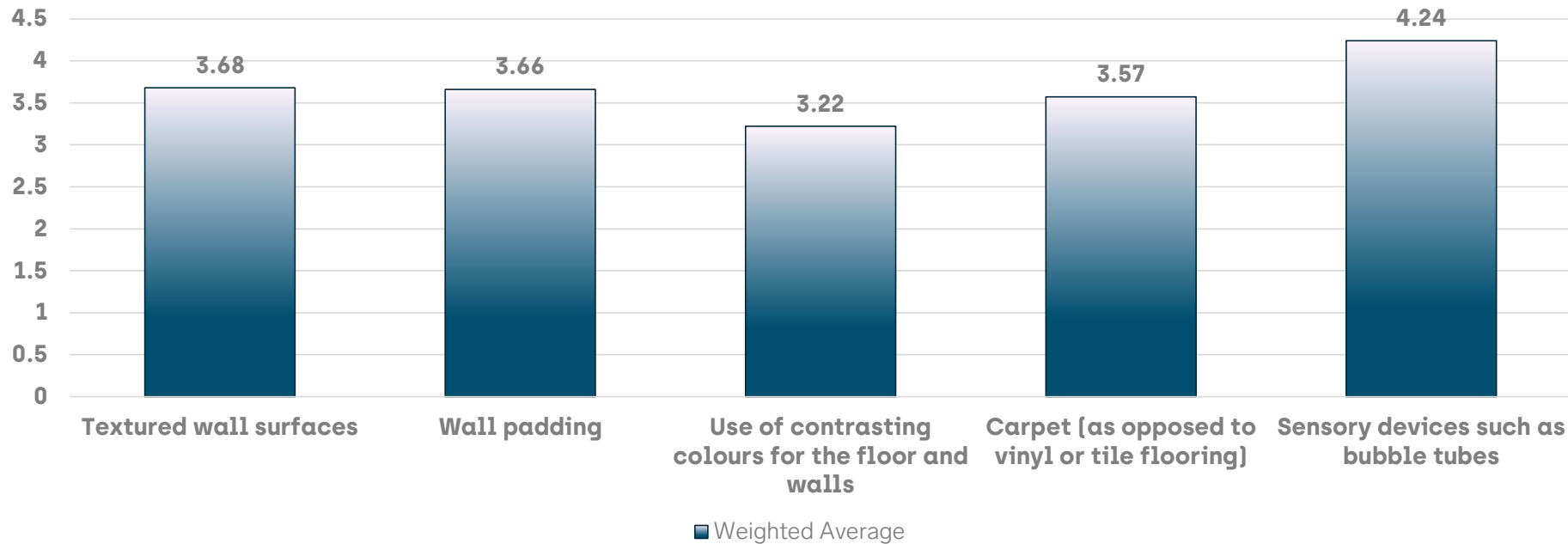


# Question 7

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## HOW IMPORTANT ARE THE FOLLOWING FINISHES AND MATERIALS?

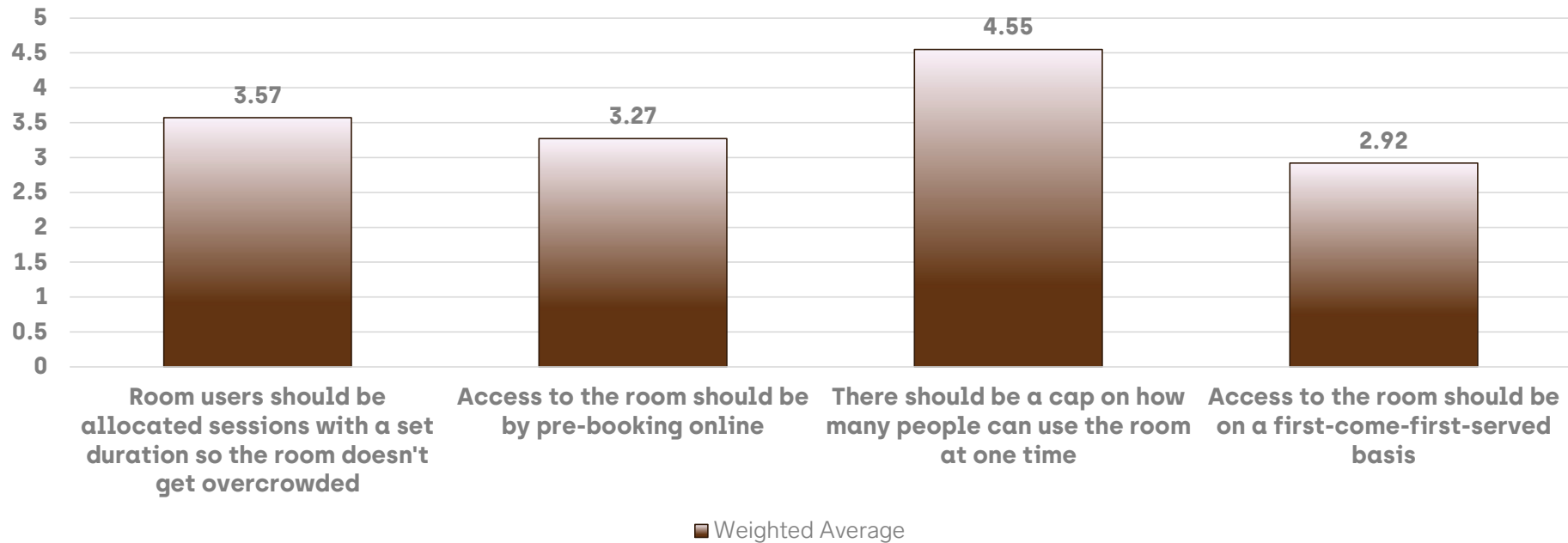


# Question 8

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**HOW MUCH DO YOU AGREE OR DISAGREE WITH THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS?**



## Question 9

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Skipped	299	54%
Total	549	N/A



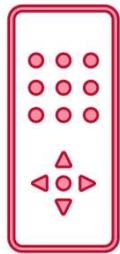
### IS THERE ANY OTHER FEEDBACK YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE PERTH AIRPORT? – DESIGN FEATURES

- Flexibility on room design for different ND individuals**– Needs to be flexibility to accommodate both sensory seekers and avoiders
- Separate Zones and Rooms**– Open area and separate pods/ rooms for individuals and families
- Universal Access** – Openings and access for wheelchairs
- FIDS and Visual Notifications** – Sound alerts are more alerting than visual notifications, however screens should be kept at a minimum
- Key Card Access/ Automatic Door** – Security is a must and ease of opening the main door for carers
- Items** – Tactile items were requested more than visual sensory stimuli (not bubble tubes)
- Beanbags** – Requested
- Headphones** – Requested
- Charging Ports** - Requested
- No Carpets** – Some ND individuals spit, however a mix of both hard and soft floors is suggested for comfort and hygiene
- Neutral Colour Schemes** – Bright colours and lights are very triggering and not recommended
- Control Ports** – For lights, sounds and temperature
- Not Child Centric** – Do not make it a playground but a neutral space for all, or allow an adult room for older ND individuals
- Fixed Furniture** – Flexibility to create is a nice to have but safety is key and therefore ensuring bulky furniture is fixed and not a falling hazard
- Aircraft Simulation Space** – A lot of suggestions to have aircraft familiarisation concepts/ design inclusions
- Mix of Chair Types** – Enabling different relaxing positions for all ages
- Views to the Apron** – Nice to have, but works as it can enable natural light which is a pro.

# Key Themes



**Separate Zones  
and Rooms**



**Control**



**Neutral + Calming  
Design**



**Security + Safety**



**Not Child Focused**



**Sensory Items**



**Flexibility to ND  
Individuals**



**Floor Finishes**

# What We Have Missed



## Temperature

Please also consider the amount of air conditioning/heating as a lot of children with Autism also are very sensitive to temperature.



## Air Flow & Air Quality

Airflow is also quite important, if a room is too stuffy I feel like I'm being squeezed and choked, that's not an exaggeration although really I wish it was



## Movement/ Sensory Seekers

Some place / equipment to safely get rid of nervous energy for the hyperactive sensory seeking kids - before they get on a plane!



## Water Fountain/ Drink Refill

It would be good to have toilets and water fountain located inside the sensory facility as it can impact self regulation moving between loud and quiet spaces for things like this.



## Projections/ Immersive Space

I would be concerned can immersive visual experience with light projections may induce seizures . There is a higher risk of having epilepsy in the autistic population



## Push Entrance for entries

Must have push button entry for automatic opening doors. Have you ever tried pushing a wheelchair, carrying a bag and trying to push or pull open one of those 'disabled' toilet doors.... It's a joke... you need 8 arms like an octopus!



# Key Differences



	Natural Lighting	White Noise	Large Open Area	Ability to customise the space	Textured Wall Surfaces	Wall Padding	Contrasting Colours	Carpet	Sensory Devices (Bubble Tubes)
Survey Response	74%	3.66 / 5	3.86 / 5	4.28 / 5	3.68 / 5	3.66 / 5	3.22 / 5	3.57 / 5	4.24 / 5
Verbatim Opposing Response	Muted Lighting + Controllable Lighting	Or no noise / customised through headphones	Preference for design specific nooks and rooms	Verbatims saw more fixed furniture to mitigate stealing and potential hazards. Minimal intervention customisation suggested	Not mentioned at all – more art and neutral approach	Not mentioned at all – more art and neutral approach	Neutral is preferred as loud and bright colours are alerting, some have requested for blank walls	Not recommended based on hygiene	Bubble Tubes not preferred, but tactile and movement seeking objects
Design Direction	Provide glazing for the space to allow non direct natural light.	A noise solution to be provided, post further investigation. Noted that sound sensitive individuals will provide their own headphones.	Provide both spaces, a wide open area for bigger groups with break out rooms for individuals.	Space should allow some customisations, servicing sensory needs and comfort, whilst considering safety.	Not a must have, but walls can incorporate a texture, kept simple with neutral tones to compliment the room.	Not a must have, but walls can incorporate padding that compliments the overall room design.	No contrasting colours. Neutral and calming tones to be utilised.	No carpet. A softer and more durable and easily cleanable alternative should be used.	Focus on more tactile and appropriate movement seeking items, not bubble tubes. Consider sensory seekers and avoiders.



# Thank you.



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No	Responses
1	Pods within the room is a good idea. Ability to make room as dark or light as possible. Must have some kind of proof of disability so people don't take advantage of it. Have a big area for many people with colouring in, oragami etc. have a bathroom for users. Ability to skip lines for security etc with family, or one other person for under 18's. have a screen for seeing updates of your aircraft. Have packages (free) to keep with earplugs, stress toys, what to expect on plane booklets, etc. somewhere to fill up water. Small places to curl up. Weighted blankets, cushions, beanbags 😊 😊
2	Please make it super accessible for physical disabilities. Wide doorways, things at lower height so kids in wheelchairs can reach.
3	I think its a great idea that this is being incorporated and think all airports should have this option. I think there needs to be an area considered for children and a separate space for young adults/adults. Even separate sensory cubicles? I think access could be prebooked (maybe private space) however some consideration for those who need it and haven't booked (a larger shared space but semi private?? Look forward to seeing what you come up with
4	To minimise use of the room for people without neurological conditions, there may be an access key or code that is provided to people of booking a flight to allow entry? Also consider cleaning/sanitation in terms of choosing to use carpet etc as some people using the space may be incontinent or have oral secretion issues, as well as people possibly being oral sensory seeking.
5	Use of communication boards and visual aids like timers would support children and families within the space. Consultation with disability stakeholders and consideration of ECIA best practice principles will ensure the space is authentic and meets the needs of children and adults
6	Thank you for making this. Many of my clients would benefit from this and make the airport experience more positive.
7	Sensory rooms can be created for different purposes. Projections, lights and sounds can cause someone to feel overstimulated or more anxious particularly if they are not expected or new to someone.  Access to items (bubble lamps, sound boxes, sensory equipment etc) that can be turned on/off where the user has control would allow for each user to customise the space to their needs.  If the purpose is for calming, it may be more generally beneficial to reduce stimulation, particularly if the airport is busy, noisy full of people and causing over stimulation. This includes non florescent lighting, ability to dim/low light, minimal sounds, soft materials, bean bags etc.
8	Sensory-friendly toilets!! le paper towels as well as hand dryers, no strong smells, toilets with lids and quiet flushes.
9	Honestly though, rather than have the whole airport a sensory hell of constant background noise, reflective surfaces and fluro lights with one safe space, it would be way more impressive if you changed the sensory overwhelm for everyone. Airports don't have to be horrific.
10	I think this would be beneficial to other chronic illness where bright lights and nosy places are not great and can cause flares. So maybe creating different spaces for different needs is important
11	Having a nerodivergent space that isn't child centric would/ separate from a child area would be very helpful. Being a nerodivergent adult, my needs a very different and I also don't want to feel like I am in a child care. The best experience I had as a nerodivergent adult in an airport was the Qantas Gold lounge (inregards to space). The dim lights, yet natural light from the windows wasn't overwhelming, the space to move away from other people and have a different variety of chairs. The quite relaxation music and no announcements or noise from the airport was the most the most helpful. This sort of space would almost perfect. Thanks for listening to our needs and getting opinions on this subject. Happy to help with any more questions! Thanks
12	This would be amazing as travel brings so many anxiety for my son just all the people is overwhelming- if works would be great to have at domestic too
13	Bean bags are very important. Headphones for music.
14	Assumption that you could not be neurodivergent and a carer/partner of another neurodivergent adult and child/ren. Please make it so you can tick more than one at the beginning of the survey. This room would be incredibly supportive for our family while travelling. As calm, quiet and peaceful as possible. Our needs are for tranquility not a playground although I do understand that the needs of others could be for something completely different. A member of staff that you give flight details to in order to help with time reminders/ flight time changes and water would be awesome and reduce anxiety. Thank you for trying to help.
15	Ji
16	Very hard to cater to individual sensitivity-user control issues the biggest must have so they can get it personally comfortable. The issue of how many users will also be hard to navigate because there are so many of us. You don't want exclusion for anyone. Pre booking as well as on day entrance (limited numbers) should both be allowed- delays in flights can cause big issues so time limits if you miss a booking will have to be navigated well.
17	Wonder project idea truly hope can pull it off well not just end up with a gimmick that makes it like you're trying to be inclusive but fail miserably Thank you for considering ideas like a sensory room, and for giving those with knowledge and experience the opportunity to participate in it's design. I hope you'll continue this in other areas such as wheelchair availability, etc.
18	That all staff have an understanding of the hidden disability lanyard so support is available
19	Families with a Special Needs child should be able to board before anyone else to save confusion for the child/ young person. The noise level and the pushing past as your getting seated can send an Autistic young person into a state and then their anxiety hits the roof. If they could be seated even before you let families with young children on board that would be fabulous as they could be seated and have their noise cancelling head phones on and be oblivious to there surroundings. You could also seat them in the quietest section on the plane. I could go on but I think I've given enough info to start with. Thank you.
20	Involve occupational therapists/behavioural therapists with the design and layout as they have the experience to provide valuable input (which I am sure they are being included but just to emphasise the importance!)
21	Great initiative! How do we keep abreast of progress?
22	Make the room actually large enough for lots of people and don't put it down the side up the back as families with tired children will not want to be dragging kids along to it or trying to get kids out of there in a rush so they don't miss a flight
23	I would be concerned can immersive visual experience with light projections may induce seizures . There is a higher risk of having epilepsy in the autistic population
24	For the space to be as inclusive as possible for all people with a disability it will require adaptability so that each person's individual needs can be met. This would ideally have break away rooms to meet individuals needs (e.g. reduction in stimulus or an increase) as well as large open spaces to foster and develop positive community spaces and a sense of belonging for people with disabilities. While sensory items such as bubble tubes are supportive for some people they are not the answer for all, they take up space and the same outcome (increase in visual stimuli to calm/regulate) could be achieved through lower cost and smaller items enabling the space to be more dynamic.
25	I think it's great this is being looked at as a Nan of a non verbal 3 year old autistic grandson having an option to enter a calming environment prior to travel will be very helpful
26	Noise cancelling headphones available to users We are a leading designer and supplier of sensory environment in GB and helped lead the way for sensory rooms in Football stadiums.
27	If we can help with the design and installation of this project please do get in touch - linten@rhinouk.com  You can view our website <a href="http://www.rhinouk.com">www.rhinouk.com</a>
28	As there is no one-size-fits-all regarding sensory accessibility, the Airport, if it is serious about creating a space for people with sensory needs (not issues!), needs to co-design the area with a group of people with sensory needs and family members and support. Your survey is limited in its questions and accessibility; this will exclude many of those who would access the room.
29	There should be a criteria for entry to sensory room , so that people with diagnosis don't miss out and typical people don't just use the room for a lounge ..

29	Consider getting input from members of ADHD WA and Autism WA as they have children but are also on the spectrum. With the flooring you need to have areas that have carpet and areas with vinyl/tile. Colour features the same, zoned with bright in one, one in neutral and definitely cubicle areas that can be dark with the option of a soothing tone light.
30	It is really important to have different spaces. Some which are for being silent in. And some where kids can be noisier. Our experience of sensory spaces is that kids tend to run amok and that negates the quiet calm space I need and my child needs. Having noise cancelling headphones available would be ideal.
31	There should be a child free area. It is overwhelming having children and their parents near you when you are trying to regulate. Often they do not respect the needs of neurodivergent adults and disregard their struggles in favour of their child's
32	Thank you for being inclusive
33	My daughter would benefit from gross motor activities such as monkey bars or a sensory swing. She needs to be suspended. I think pre-booking would be great as disappointment is an overwhelming emotion so I probably would not even try to access the room unless I could guarantee her that she would be able to use it. Thanks for your inclusive intentions.
34	Flexibility in rooms is essential because individuals have such different needs and each individual's needs also vary at any given time. Maybe include a priority room for individuals who are not managing/coping/at risk of a "meltdown" please note meltdown not used to indicate behaviour that someone has control over but a sensory meltdown
35	Take a look at Newcastle Airport in the UK . See what worked and what didn't. It's a great idea and would be good to employ a special needs assistant
36	I work in an Education Support school with children that have moderate to severe sensory regulation issues, we have a sensory room that is used regularly/ daily basis to help calm and regulate, I would be happy to help organise your sensory if you need the help
37	I am a sensory consultant who is Autistic and if you're looking for more staff on this project I can be contacted on elishacc@gmail.com. I'm very happy to see Perth airport prioritising this and the hidden disability program. This will open up travel for both families and individuals. Thank you Elisha
38	Sound pods for private calls would be great.
39	We just comes back from Gold Coast couple of days ago. Was looking for any quiet room. It is definitely necessary as the airport can be so busy and daunting for my son who has ASD 3 and non-verbal. I find your green lanyard is useless unless airport staffs are educated as to what they are. I find that staffs at Perth airport is more aware compared to the staffs at Gold Coast airport.
40	I think it's important to have a space for adults separate from kids to allow adults who are struggling to have a safe space as well without dealing with a child in a similar situation.
41	Parents of Children having difficulties may not be able to prebook when their child needs a sensory break, there should be an option for in the moment bookings. Ensure the facility is used for those that need it and not just a play ground for all children which it may easily become.
42	Hi. My daughter 15 is autistic and I am too. Autism and ADHD are inherited genetically so in your survey you need to enable answers that allow a person to be a carer but also autistic also. Autism is both under and over sensitivity to noise stimuli etc. autism is very commonly co-occurring with ADHD. You might be better off having a split room one with low stimulation no noise and another that had options for stimulation. Any kind of music should not be played if there is 1 room only but you could offer headphone options. How wonderful that you are thinking of this option but it would be better at domestic terminal than international as it would benefit more users. Thanks for thinking of safety and making it a safe space so kids that are runners can't run off easily. Open plan space is often horrible for autistic people. If you could find a way to have booths like a restaurant so that someone else's meltdown doesn't trigger someone else that would be great. Some kids and adults like bright colours and lights but many autistic people don't so splitting your space between high and low sensory is really important. Pay for some occupational therapists as well as people who are autistic to help design the space. We use the domestic airport in Perth a few times a year. Thanks.
43	This is a fantastic idea! I work with special needs children of all ages and abilities so I know that what works for one person may not work for another. It would be wonderful to see different rooms in a large area that can be utilised by individuals instead of one big area as this is often overwhelming for people with sensory needs. We incorporate a textile wall into our sensory room that has different felts (ie- shaggy carpet tiles, sequenced pieces, microfibre ect...) for children to ground themselves with. We also provide a small pop up tent if the children need to be in an even smaller cocooned environment to "ground" themselves. Weighted blankets are also fantastic for people that need pressure to help them. There are a lot of sensory strategies you can incorporate into this! Could I also suggest maybe having one or two rooms that aren't pre bookable - sometimes people are unpredictable in different situations. They may have been fine last time they flew but different environmental factors and ages may change over time and it would be great to have a quiet place immediately available. Congratulations again on a fantastic concept. Can't wait to see it!
44	Awesome project
45	Thank you for doing this, we look forward to using it once it is completed. Please share the idea and finished product with other state and international airports.
46	A sensory item box
47	it would be great to see this sort of space at perth airport but i'm abit worried that if people who don't know about this service happen to miss out if it's a book online only type of thing it should be optional when booking img tickets to remind people that this opportunity exists but i do strongly encourage that the amount of people inside the room at any given time are monitored as i know my child does not do well with big crowds so to have a room full of people defeats the whole purpose of going into that room in the first place but in saying that how long is too long to be able to be in there for ? as it would be nice if everyone could have access to it for a reasonable amount of time but if it's a pre booking for a certain slot time sometimes that doesn't always go to plan or kids i've meltdowns at all different times so it would be great if there was allocated slot times for everyone as planes sometimes get delayed or traffic is bad on the way there and you might miss your slot time so it's abit tricky to try be fair to everyone who needs to use the room but what a great idea !
48	Multiple rooms would be required
49	Having my 5 yo have a completely unexpected anxiety attack a few years ago from the checking que through to the plane I found the security que to be the worst. A confined line with everyone staring at her when she had no control over her emotions. My husband and I trying to manage our bags passports do the security screen all whilst physically holding her was a nightmare. No assistance at all, we wanted the ground to open up and swallow us. Perhaps a sectioned off family que may be handy. The little playspace by the Cafe was a welcome distraction for her.
50	My son is not diagnosed with autism but has sensory issues. He would find it calming if there was climbing walls, nest swings, monkey bars, crash mat in a sound proof room that isn't too busy with people. He also loves indoor plants and water mists.
51	Access should be given to those children with neuro diverse diagnosis before the general public
52	My children like many others are gross movement sensory seekers. This means they need to jump, bounce, climb, swing and create big movements to regulate their emotions. It would be great if these needs could be met.
53	Its a fabulous idea!
54	If online booking was available, it would make it easier to prepare our child for the sequence of events eg, we check in, then go to sensory room to await boarding.
55	I think it def needs to be supervised and available to anyone that want to use it. No bright colours as this can over stimulate people. Lots of cushions and tactile experiences. Lots of consultation. Seperate rooms if possible as too many people in one room can be an overstimulation to people. Great Idea. Maybe people could have a key like the changing places key that people can access.
56	So positive to think this will be available in the future.
57	Please be sure to consult with occupational therapists when designing. Include swings and mini trampolines and body socks
58	Ensure airport staff are trained to understand different sensory and not turn any one away from the room that needs it. Also not to force people to show their diagnosis

59	Ensure that it stays a sensory room and not a place parents will see as a childcare. This space will be considered a safe place for a lot of disabled patrons. Your goal should be to keep that the idea and support patrons with ASD and other disabilities. Supporting them will result in them seeing the airport as a safe, versatile and calming place, meaning they will be able to return more often :))
60	Based on what you are specifically trying to achieve you may find having multiple separate spaces or areas works better than one big area. Areas that stimulate senses in a variety of ways through auditory, visual and tactile as well as opportunities for proprioceptive input.
61	Important to involve families with lives experience and professionals with relevant experience in planning and operations of space.
62	fabulous initiative
63	Keep in mind there are sensory seekers and sensory avoiders two separate spaces maybe in orders
64	The most important thing is for neurodivergent people that it is quiet, no sensory overload, neutral smell, not too much visual input and access to proprioceptive equipment eg chin up bar, bean bags, large foam cubes for building a cubby house. Limit access to people who need it rather than for all children. Get an occupational therapist involved in making choices for the room.
65	Fabulous idea
66	No bright colours or contrasting colours. limited sound, internet connection and accessible toilets.
67	Noice canceling headphone supplied. To people with hyper sedative hearing. Special allowance made for Special needs children and there Family or Carer to board plan last and exit first, would be mosr benifial to all
68	A friendly face giving personal attention to my child to welcome them would help with comfort.
69	Fish tank 🐟
70	Thank you
71	They do not plan on having a meltdown, having access to a room to calm down is great at any point is vital. Having access even when other people are in it as the other people will understand or even help the adult or parent that needs assistance. Also devices that play games with little stools. As note it won't be only the neuro diverse person using the rooms it will the brother or sister that also needs stimulating or distraction. Please note high locks on the doors, My son needs movement to regulate, so a swing, bouncy ball etc will help calm down and be settled on the plane instead of over stimulated as they didn't regulate before the journey.
72	Jumping balls, rocking chairs, balance boards, squishy chairs
73	Maybe putting one in the domestic terminal as well
74	Great incentive
75	Individual spaces with different Themes or settings could be appropriate. With customizable lighting and sounds (pre selection of sounds or wall mounted iPad for controlling).  Consider a variety of chair types including compression and swings. A small funky monkey bars set up in one room/area. Look to Occupational therapy rooms for inspiration.  This is such a great idea. Bookings may not be appropriate as a lot of the time meltdowns or episodes necessitating calming can be triggered without planning. Being able to access the room randomly would be important. So while some bookings perhaps would be appropriate, you'd also need space for those that thought things would be fine and then they weren't.  Consider combing with the sunflower lanyard project as a quick identifier.
76	The room needs to be available if needed not a booking in situation. Sometimes we won't know how people will react to they get in the situation.
77	I have thoughts as an autistic adult that may be helpful. While I agree that a Sensory stimulating environment is a good thing, If the individual is overstimulated when entering, it will make the space untenable for them. Many Neuro Diverse people will immediately be overstimulated in a new environment and need the option of less stimuli to prevent overstimulation reaching a meltdown. Proceed Carefully because balance is key to making this great. Immersive experiences should be limited or opt-in/opt out by having a quiet, variable brightness, up lit (overhead lights are often painful/annoying for many autistic individuals) environment separate from the stimuli. This also Needs to be designed carefully as some Neuro Diverse people may have epilepsy, photo sensitive, or even sound triggered epilepsies. Please consider other sensory experiences also, yoga swings, nest swings, rocking furniture, weighted lap mats, tactile sensations like squishy items, stretchy bands, rain sticks, goo tubes etc. Smell sensory items can be overpowering so I don't recommend them unless they are in a separate area and/or very weak. Airflow is also quite important, if a room is too stuffy I feel like I'm being squeezed and choked, that's not an exaggeration although really I wish it was. Please limit televisions and provide headphones maybe? televisions are the bane of all waiting rooms, A light generating noisy device I cannot get away from or control is a nightmare. Above all else the ability to control the sensory input of the environment, by going to an adjacent quieter area for example, is the most important feature because all autistics and Neuro divergent Individuals, children or adult are different and have different needs at different times. Best of luck.
78	Just wanted to say thank you for considering this, it really means a lot to autistic people and those who support them. A room like this could make such a difference to someone's day/journey, you have no idea.
79	A sensory swing to self regulate would be needed. Also headphones. Would also need disposable headphones so the passengers can take them on the flight if needed? The space will need to be quiet and not too crowded otherwise there is no point and the children with escalate before the flight.
80	I think a sensory room is a wonderful idea but the most important thing you could do to help an autistic traveller is provide a safe space everywhere in the airport. If possible minimise queueing times for autistic people. Run a program where they can come visit the airport and learn about the procedures well before they need to travel to acclimatise them. We all travel with devices and fidgets etc so less emphasis on the entertainment and more on actually ensuring a private quiet spaces for those that are overwhelmed by the airport would be amazing. Sensory preferences will always vary between people so the ability to control the light and sound would be key. Some require a lot of sensory input such a trampolines, swings, spinning etc. Maybe collaborate with OT's. Most importantly hire autistic people, they truly will think outside the box and understand the client from a perspective a neurotypical contractor just won't. I appreciate you are asking the communities perspective. Please know that autism association is a business and not an advocate group for autistic people. Autism is not a tragedy or an illness, just a different way of being in and perceiving the world around. Peoples kindness, flexibility and not being judgemental are some of the best free ways to help. If an autistic person is having a meltdown it is not a temper tantrum it is they are having serious difficulty processing things. Sometimes all that can help is space and time for them to regulate, that's probably the most difficult aspect of airports and planes. So I would say sensory room would be amazing but please also help build a culture of kindness and understanding amongst staff and passengers.
81	This survey was hard to complete. Everyone's sensory needs are different. Yeah sometimes I need to relax, but sometimes I need a mad jump on a trampoline or access to a punching bag. Individual rooms with equipment in a main space you can bring in would be ideal.
82	It's tricky as all people have different sensory requirements. however I believe providing a quiet quiet calming space is THE most important as there are plenty of sensory seeking options at the airport! there is no point having an overcrowded sensory space (defeats the purpose) but also hard if some people will miss out. Booking in advance is a good idea as long as people are made aware of this option.
83	I think there needs to be changing rooms attached to the sensory room to allow for people in wheelchairs to be changed when they need.
84	For us, important features would be: No background noise Blank space (blank walls) Something to provide vestibular input - ie. trampoline, swing to lie flat on.
85	Making the space easy to use, natural reduce barriers to use it. Should be able to use it when required without the need of having to book the space first. Consider the space as an area that will be used by people of all ages. Don't make the room look clinical or childlike. Hi Rilke don't want to feel different if needing to use the space
86	Thus sounds amazing

87	Autistic child says big bean bags and soft squishy items
88	Looking forward to seeing this great idea come to life 🌈🌱🌿
89	Thankyou for considering a quiet sensory area...
90	Many neurodivergent people crave sensory input from movement. Items such as wobble boards, crash mats, sensory swings etc would be wonderful to fulfil this need.
91	What a great idea. I would like to suggest something I feel would be largely beneficial- a small plane set up with seats, seatbelts etc to prepare your visitors for what's coming, along with some social stories on flying, maybe some plane toys.
92	<p>As a neurodivergent adult who is parent to 3 neurodivergent children, I feel this space needs to be accessible to all without the need to book it because there may be a time in which I book but don't need or don't book but then do. 4 people's experiences can vary greatly and running an allocation system seems fair however if a family can only make 1 booking slot, this renders is unfair and definitely not inclusive for the whole family who may need it at a later time for the same or another family member.</p> <p>Closed off or customisable spaces for users combined with an open space that is still away from the harsh lights, sounds &amp; smells of the main terminal would be amazing.</p> <p>Having a number of accessible charging ports would be great too for those who use devices to communicate or regulate.</p> <p>Natural light or moreso a window to the outside to view what is happening is sometimes a welcome distraction. It's a world outside of the world you're trapped in at that time.</p> <p>Having the space filled with sensory sounds and sights sounds like a wonderful thing to the neurotypical mind however that can add to the overwhelm of a neurodivergent mind so making a neutral space that has features that someone can add to would be a greater benefit for this project</p>
93	Kids have many different sensory needs which need to be met, especially when they are about to be confined in a plane for long periods of time which will certainly disregulate them. It is important that the sensory room have something or multiple things that encourage the young people to use big movements this will assist in minimising the disregulation on the plane. I fly often on my own with 3 kids with Autism amongst other abilities, I think the issue is the room wont be able to cater for all those who wish to use it, so maybe looking at splitting in to 2 rooms so as overcrowding is not an issue
94	All terminals at Perth Airport should have this room - especially lately with the long queues, children with special needs simply aren't coping. Please get back on top of timely security and bag drops.
95	This room should be no drama for us to access and stay there as much as we need, any extra protocols will make the access super hard and add to the stress.
96	<p>This is a great idea. There needs to be trained staff attendant helping at the location. Help to navigate and assist with useage of the room/s - assist with boarding calls withing the rooms so the noise is not having the announcements loudly in there.</p> <p>Multiple rooms would be ideal. Private rooms should be prebooked with 1 on standby for when an unexpected sensory moment arises. This could have a sound system thag allows fir adjustment between different noises to be tailored for the person</p> <p>The communal area could be more a drop in system where you have a set number of people allowed but no prebooking needed.</p> <p>It is vital to remember that not all neurodiverse need the same things in a sensory room so options are needed.</p>
97	I love that you are already using the sunflower lanyards for access and inclusion :)
98	Maybe do half and half, allocate some spaces to those who know they will need a sensory rest and then keep some open so those that have an unexpected or unable to be controlled overload an access the room. Needs to be for all ages, children, teens, young and older adults. Maybe section those areas off.
99	LOVE THAT YOU ARE EVEN LOOKING INTO THIS!!! Well done Perth Airport.
100	Thank you doing this!!
101	I love this initiative and that it includes and acknowledges autistic adults. I love to travel but it is draining so a facility like this would help me reduce burn out and enjoy more of my trip.
102	When my son was younger, there were no strollers at Perth airport. I'm not sure if it's changed but most airports around the world have them
103	Thank you for incorporating the sunflower symbol and creating this area. I hope other airports follow suite
104	So happy to hear your considering neuro diverse needs at the airport
105	A separate check in would be good and individual rooms as some ND people are loud and do behaviour which other ND find confronting. Rooms with views of the runways would be great.
106	Creating a safe quiet please for people with disabilities would be amazing I don't believe u should have to pre book as someone may think they won't need it but something happens and they might I also don't think there should be prebooked sessions what If the plane is delayed then those kids will need it even more
107	Maybe one room decided into 3 sections that way 3 people could use at the same time with sensory options to eat as in one room with deep pressure (sensory deep pressure chair) with limited lighting for the pressure sensory seeker. One with ball pit and climb obstacles for the add sensory seeker and one padded with dark for the full on meltdowns.
108	This is a great initiative. Recommend use for short time eg 30 minutes to 1 hour to enable child to reset and calm. Then go to another quieter area in the airport. To enable others to use the space. Cleaning protocols. Opportunity for movement eg. climbing, rocking, moving heavy foam blocks. Snuggle in corner
109	I myself have adhd and get quite stressed with excess noise and crowds. My four year old also has adhd and noises also stress him out, so a calming safe space would be perfect for both him and I. I think it would help the travelling process go a lot smoother and enjoyable :)
110	Please don't make this a dark room with lights and bubbles everywhere. Sensory looks different for all and it should be inviting and not visually overstimulating. Maybe two sections with a dark and light area. Darkness can scare many autistic son a different environment.
111	It is extremely important that this is built and built with great care. This will help people who have sensory processing issues and usually severe anxieties. I believe this kind of room or set of pods will aid family's and adults
112	I like the idea of a huddle room set up so there's a large room for general purpose and then breakaway areas . I love this idea and am thankful for the support as an adult with sensory issues and as a mom with a diagnosed condition travel is intense on the entire family so quiet and calming is essential for stress reduction
113	Different people will have different needs. Sensory egg chairs see private and will block out surrounding noise if others know the room. Food also can be a regulation factor so setback machine n drinks wojlc dupport calming .I'm a special needs teacher. Outdoor space is good fresh air green plants indoor garden be great. Sensory wood chips.
114	We offer a sensory zone consultant service please see our latest brochure for ideas <a href="https://disabilityequionline.com.au/pages/deo-sensory-products-pdf-pricing-brochure-for-download-apr-may-2022">https://disabilityequionline.com.au/pages/deo-sensory-products-pdf-pricing-brochure-for-download-apr-may-2022</a>
115	I am a teacher from Perth who has a sensory toy and resource business called The Sensory Collective. I would love to help out with this! Magda Hasapopoulos
116	<p>Consideration should be given in allowing access to individuals on a needs basis regardless of booking beforehand or first in first served scenarios.</p> <p>The potential for seizures should be considered when planning any sort of moving objects, for example, and in particular, lighting.</p> <p>Creating a calming Sensory Space is a fabulous idea!</p>

117	This would be a really great addition, helping to make travel more inclusive
118	This is an amazing idea. I would suggest that there be a system set up so that only those who need the room are eligible. To prevent people taking up spaces or sessions simply because they want to if that makes sense. Places to warm up food would also be amazing as neurodivergent people can have very strict food aversions that are hard to manage when travelling
119	I think this is very important as the stress and anxiety is already high enough trying to fly with a child that has any form of disability. However if someone was refused because of capacity it could lead to a massive meltdown for a child who doesn't understand (non verbal) I think the space would need to be large enough or monitored as to who (might not) need to be in as long etc. Thank you 😊
120	Fantastic idea. Thanks for helping to make travel a little easier 😊
121	I'm an Occupational Therapist specialising in disability and happy to assist in any consultations regarding Sensory Room needs: carmen.ip@patches.com.au 0458 816 271
122	To keep this room available to the people/children who actually need it, maybe it should only be available to people with the sunflower lanyard and their carer
123	None apart from Thank You, this is life saving for some in the Community & thank you for recognising the importance of this Space.
124	To discourage abuse by people just wanting to hang out or play in the sensory room and not for intended people, I would recommend having an at-door checking process via a pass for example? Or maybe an encouragement for a register only process although my concern is there are people who may need use of it and not register beforehand. Thank you for working to make Perth Airport more comfortable for neuro divergent people.
125	Just some suggestions: - Lots of fidgets/sensory toys. - Playdough/slime - tee pees/dens/comfy corners. - noise canceling headphones - Bean bags - Pod book/app - Posters with sign language - Soft toys/cushions - Drawing/colouring table. - Story books/popular kids books - social stories - Have calming music available on a device with headphones so that people can choose if they want music or not. - Puzzles - Fairy lights
126	Thank you for your support
127	Great initiative
128	Bring back the \$2 massage chairs, these used to keep my autistic daughter calm and regulated while waiting for flights.
129	Headphones with access to white noise or music or at least the option to plug in your own headphones to access white noise or music
130	There should be space for children that require urgent access to a sensory room if the cap is already met
131	Love this initiative! Maybe make it so you can book online but you leave space for kids with acute needs (it's hard to predict an autistic meltdown and prebook that online at the right time!). Maybe also have it linked to the Qantas companion card so it's not used as a playground but only by families/people that actually need it
132	Furniture should not be able to move as people with behaviour management issues can use them to throw or push over. Not all sensory issues are the same so a natural room with pop of colour. Carpets are a terrible idea as some people with sensory issues can be prone to spit . The carpet would become very dirty very quickly.
133	The idea of having lights and noise outside of the occupants controlled will only further heighten the occupants anxiety. There needs to be plenty of accessible charging points for supportive personal devices.  Neurodiverse people often have other intricacies which need to be accommodated. If flights are delayed and the message is simply your time in here is up that won't trigger a good connection to using the rooms again. Some contingency for flight delays and cancellations needs to be factored in when planning the occupancy limits.
134	The needs of children are going to be very different to adults. We have just travelled using terminal 3 and it was very loud and crowded. We were fortunate to have lounge access but, even that was very crowded and busy. This meant that our child was very heightened and anxious. This is just a part of airports. I don't know what the answer is as airports are busy places. The lanyards are a great idea there just didn't seem to be many staff around if we did need help and v we didn't know who to approach.
135	Airport workers should be trained or at least have knowledge about autism and how it affects their travel
136	Very much look forward to using this facility before we fly next at Perth Airport. It will be so much more calming for my child. Thank you such for even considering it.
137	While I think booking in for the sensory room is best due to some neurodiverse individual needs if small crowds, I would also like to see a separate area open to the public for those kids who need somewhere to go regulate themselves. It may be its before or after your allocated time, delay in flight so this may upset the user.
138	Having a space that users can control their sensory input is important! Some people are sensory seekers and others are sensory avoiders. Having the ability to add sensory input or remove it is vital in this project!! The ability for parents to have a space their ill ones can adjust to the airport can be helpful too. Like using social stories to integrate information as they adjust may be vital for families.
139	Multiple rooms within a larger area. A place for kids to burn energy before flights would be great.
140	Rules or suggestions for length of stay in the room, instructions to those neurotypical adults/families who are there just to play around that it is not a playspace as such.
141	It is really important that the kids/people who need this, hey access before the general public. A sensory room would make a huge difference to our travelling experience, especially having to wait around the airport with our level 3 ASD son. Thank you Perth airport.
142	I would have suggested more of a simulation room to assist familiarity of plane conditions Eg. Headphone simulation of noise on a plane, Plane seats to become familiar with sitting, buckling up, confined space, walking down an aisle, etc.
143	Swings or some sort of contraction go give passive movement to kids. Doesn't have to be big
144	Thankyou for considering this
145	Thank you for considering this as an optionand creating a safe space for those who may need it.
146	Thank you for doing this. Travel is hard enough without the added stress of Sensory overload for my son.
147	If you would also like some things for the room like weighted teddies or a swing or galaxy lights that plays music and lights or fidgets etc you can contact me rachelm323f@yahoo.com
148	I am an autistic adult with 2 children with multiple disabilities, the location of the room should be after the security pass point. In our experience this is the hardest part. Thank you for asking the community their thoughts.
149	Neurodivergent adult (and professional in mental health) with autistic child.
150	I think it's a wonderful idea and so many people will benefit for it
151	Soft design & interactive art work elements
152	No music, users must turn phones to silence and make or take phone calls outside the room. Users must use headphones if watching videos or listening music.
153	I think there should be separate rooms. a sensory room for young children only who have disabilities and a different one for adults.
154	Spaces should consider autistic and ND adults as well as kids 😊 Thanks for this initiative. Travel can be honestly a nightmare. Having a safe space to recuperate after a long trip pre & post flights would make a big difference for someone like me.

155	<p>It needs to be kept positive and inclusive. Family members need to be able to be with each other so it would have to be an online booking system where the whole family and those travelling can all go together</p> <p>It should also be near accessible toileting and changing facilities</p> <p>Also please don't stick it down the end of the airport 😊</p> <p>It would be great if it was age-appropriate for all people not just kids and young adults</p>
156	Please have lots of visuals, basic AUSLAN signs, lots of sensory gadgets. Quiet period on regular intervals, noise prof headphones if needed to use with ID proof.
157	Thank you for considering the neurodiversity in the community by creating this space. My son is autistic and likes to be able to withdraw from large crowds and noisy places and uses deep pressure for regulation. A quiet, calm space would be amazing.
158	It would be great if a secluded room or two could be left unbooked for people to access in an emergency such as a child having a meltdown or suddenly getting overwhelmed and needing a safe space ASAP
159	It would be hard to book as you don't always know when the need will arise
160	<p>Requirements for neurodivergent individuals can vary day to day. Varying options and areas within the space is a great idea to offer alternatives for different needs.</p> <p>Also having the opportunity to bring them to view the space prior to day of departure. Allowing them to familiarise themselves with the space beforehand would be beneficial for all.</p> <p>This is a wonderful service for these families, to make travelling that little bit less stressful. Thank you.</p>
161	This is an amazing idea. With two autistic kids, travelling is very stressful and no airports around the world have any provisions or sensory or movement opportunities for diverse children, making travel very stressful. Thank you for the amazing idea.
162	Meltdowns happen in a moment. We all hope that they won't happen. Access to a quiet, comfortable space to self regulate is awesome and greatly appreciated. Unfortunately open rooms create a space where many disregulated people may set others off. Smaller spaces with perhaps 3 opaque walls and one with semi- opaque film would be beneficial to maximise use and reduce stimulation whilst allowing privacy and maximising safety. A daffodil lanyard entry or some sort of monitoring may be required to stop general public just using the space.
163	<p>Hello 😊</p> <p>My name is Josephine and I am an autistic adult. One thing that is usually overlooked for lower sensory spaces is that it is also welcoming for adults as well as teens and children. I've been turned away before when I've really needed a sensory break because I wasn't a child.</p> <p>Also, for you questions on light projections and sounds scapes, both of those things add to a persons sensory load and would make it much harder for me to regulate my nervous system. I'd recommend keeping the lights low with no added sounds :)</p>
164	<p>I suggest contacting Link Sensory who employ occupational therapists to design and install sensory rooms. They provide training and can inform of the most suitable designs for your users</p> <p><a href="http://www.linksensory.com">www.linksensory.com</a></p>
165	<p>A space that is fairly neutral when it comes to aesthetics to reduce visual and auditory sensory overload. The room should be set up in a way that people can customise their own experience (as everyone's sensory profile is different)</p> <p>For example, providing quiet rooms with soft furnishings and neutral colour palettes for people to use their own sensory tools (fidgets, headphones with music, soft toys etc)</p> <p>A different area with chair swings and larger equipment for proprioceptive and vestibular sensory input</p>
166	<p>The room needs to be available when it is needed not as a prebooked option. Parents need to be able to de-escalate volatile situations when kids are overwhelmed. They dont have time to book online.</p> <p>Thispace should be quiet and peaceful. People could enter their own smaller room to play music ir watch lighting shows. These could add to some peoples overwhelm.</p> <p>While carpet would be nice, i think vinyl would be better. Kids and sometimes adults having meltdown often end up on the floor. It could be difficult to keen this clean.</p> <p>A sensory room as a calming experience can easily become a kids playground with additional stimulation. Then other kids want to come and play and you end up in a room full of noisy children while trying to calm a ten year olds melt down which is exacerbated by noise. I think it would be good to be able to keep the space quiet and calm but customisable.</p> <p>I like the idea of dimmable lights as long as kids dont play with it causing issues for other ppl.</p>
167	Having options is the biggest thing. If you have real light, have blackout curtains. If you have lighting, make it dimmable. If you have white noise machines, let them be turned off.
168	I think it's great to book the room, but there's a possibility you may not need to access it. And likewise, if there's travel disruptions or changes, someone may need to access it at late notice or change the times (flight delay etc) so maybe there's a flexible way that a situation like that could also be accommodated.
169	<p>Thank you for implementing the use of the Hidden Disabilities sunflower lanyard! This is a great way for neurodiverse people to feel safer and more supported through their travel experience.</p> <p>A sensory room sounds wonderful! If you could also have an area where the lighting is very low, darkened, that would be a great place to escape to for those who become overwhelmed in the airport. Thank you 😊👏</p>
170	Use of bright contrasting colours might be too overwhelming for some neurodivergent users
171	As an adult with ASD, I'd like a quiet space with comfy furniture to escape the fluro lights, visual overstimulation and noise of the airport
172	What a fantastic initiative! Thank you.
173	Sensory needs vary depending on the day and situation so the ability to customise the experience is essential. And it's different for every person so it's important that whatever is an option for one person (eg white noise) isn't inflicted on everyone else using the space - the sound options would have to be headphones or an isolated space. Visually quiet spaces are also needed. I think if it's for a sensory break from the airport, it needs to offer what the airport doesn't, quiet, sound proofed, visually muted, soft furnishings.
174	There should be areas specific for those with children and those without children so that those without aren't overloaded by the children and the noise they make cause. This truly would make lives of neurodiverse people so much better prior to their flights and it is see that this is on the cards.
175	<p>Thanks for thinking about making something available</p> <p>Music pods would be good</p>
176	Even a playspace/playground type areas that incorporated some sensory type of calming equipment would be of benefit not only to my Autistic son but also other children. My son who is high functioning mainly struggles with the noise at airports, having to walk long distances and waiting around.



	It would be good to have an area where high school aged kids or kids 9 plus can go that is a bit separate from younger kids so they can do gaming activities or reading and not be disturbed by younger kids
177	Thanks for investigating this it would be a great asset to the air port.  Perhaps also have some what to expect pictures or schedules on the wall kids can read of boarding going through customs or quarantine at the other end etc
178	No smells with constant flow of fresh air Toilet facilities
179	If items are included for those kids and adults who like to move, ie: trampoline, climbing frame, swing, etc
180	Thank you for considering this.
181	just a great idea. Would be nice to have boarding/custom special que as some of these children by end of flight or prior to flying out are already over stimulated
182	Powerpoint to charge devices and earplugs available are a must. Some people will need a place to make noise, others will need total silence. Please consider both extremes are needed to self regulate when having an airport meltdown. Thank you for doing this.
183	We travel back and forth from SA to WA as hubby is fifo so when we've traveled with our youngest who is autistic it's always difficult. This idea is amazing and we're so excited to experience it. We carry noise cancelling headphones and try caning techniques but places like airports where's there's lots of noise and people are such overwhelming spaces for children/people on the spectrum! Keep up the amazing work guys and may other airports follow in your amazing footsteps.
184	I think it's a great idea!, Thank you for becoming more inclusive and accommodating to neurodiverse people.
185	Sensory toys
186	Need to have more hands on objects for texture and feelings. Such as fiddle object's, sensory stuff etc...
187	I was in the airport this morning waiting for our flight with my 7 month old and honestly she was more settled on the plane then in the terminal and I believe that was because of the noises...
188	Thank you for taking on this project. I think also prioritising training staff on hidden disabilities would compliment this project. Last time I was in the airport the staff were quite impatient and unclear despite me using a sunflower lanyard. Clearer instructions about what to do and more patient staff, and also perhaps more staff who can assist disabled patrons specifically would be helpful.
189	Everyone deserves to be comfortable in public. I think small rooms or stalls that branch off from a main room is the best way for everyone to be able to use what items are best for them.
190	It needs to be safe, and clean. A dirty room would completely undo all the work put into it. You'll have individuals with various sensory needs some need light, some avoid it, some want sound/noise cancelling, others need ambient noise. Also, flying induces a lot of anxiety - if you are stressed about missing your flight/or notifications, it might be worth having some way of optionally accessing the flight info from within the room - a screen with a cover as an example.
191	Great idea.
192	This is awesome!
193	It would be good to have toilets and water fountain located inside the sensory facility as it can impact self regulation moving between loud and quiet spaces for things like this. Low blue light, booking system available both prior to arriving and once arriving would be good (for instance, if staff see us wearing a sunflower lanyard and we don't know about the sensory room, direct us to the booking system so we can see if there's space available). I don't think any white noise or music should be played as everyone with sensory issues is different and for myself and many others this added noise can hinder our processing of information). It would be good to have an available clerk in the room who knows the airport well who can tell us the quickest route to where we need to go. It would be nice to have natural light and for a large portion (if not, all) of the perimeter to be frosted or opaque so it isn't see through as this can add to regulation demand. It would be good to create a workshop/group session to ask us in person what we need and to showcase designs for our input
194	I would suggest to have a range of sensory input such as visual , auditory etc and a range of flexible seating options such as bean bags, chairs, swings. I'd encourage to have various rooms maybe one that is brightly coloured with lights that can be controlled and other areas where colours are neutral etc. A quiet table with headphones and iPad to put on may be helpful to those who wish to listen to a song or white noise . I'd highly recommend individual rooms as well so that the user can control the settings as not worry about upsetting others as well as a shared room with a cap limit. You'd need to cater for online bookings but also walk ins as there may be times where they are overloaded and need a quiet space immediately.
195	No
196	A sensory room is a great idea. Perhaps one for children and another for adults. As a parent of an adult son with sensory issues just an area away from bright lights, noise and a crowd of people. An area that can also have easy access close by to a toilet and facilities. Easier access from the room to the area where you are waiting to board. Our son who has just travelled as a young adult, had two big sensory meltdowns at two different airports. One being where you wait to board. The overcrowding in the area was traumatic for him. The sensory room is an excellent and inclusive idea. But there needs to be a better way of bringing people through with sensory issues from the room to the plane. Priority boarding is great but in between the the sensory room and the priority boarding has issues especially when the airport is congested.
197	Well done
198	Thank you for dedicating a place for people with sensory needs. I am autistic and really would appreciate somewhere to decompress.
199	Please also put one in the domestic terminals.
200	Brown noise is a better choice than white noise. Also need to be consideration for how any flight announcements are broadcast. Would food and or drink be allowed - what considering smell issues?
201	It's important neurodivergent kids or adults or their families get priority to use the room.
202	it needs to take into account other access needs as well - eg I am also a wheelchair user so it needs to also be wheelchair accessible (eg wider doorways, if there's carpet it isn't plush and can be rolled over)
203	Booking beforehand is a good idea, but maybe allow for a waitlist in case it's fully booked. As a neurodiverse adult with neurodiverse children I am grateful for this initiative.
204	Whilst pre booking time for the books in the room is important I think the general space needs to be left available for unexpected meltdowns so if necessary someone can just walk in to use the space to calm down. I also wouldn't use contrasting colours as mentioned in the survey. Nothing too vibrant as it could be visually overstimulating and if possible avoid florescent lighting.
205	The need for a quiet under stimulating space, not an overly stimulating one with background music is important. Pressure is important to regulate so coin operated massage chairs and spaces like a Club Lounge with chairs and charging points to be able to sit in a quiet space undisturbed for adults and a separate space for children to climb on things to regulate.
206	I'd like to see the sensory room cater to all ages. Not be aimed at children.
207	My current workplace has a sensory room. Key room features, are the ability to change room temperature, noise and light. Also a soft ground(carpet) is extremely important for safety. Cubbie holes and cosy corners are a must have. Also too much colour can be over stimulating. Families of special needs children, often don't have the foresight of knowing when thre child will become escalated or what the trigger may be, in these cases having access to a sensory room for immediate use with or without a booking would be extremely helpful. Many thanks for allowing me the opportunity to share my thoughts.
208	Play elements are also very effective for creating a sense of calm for people with disabilities. Tactile and repetitive play are both examples of this. Interactive play panels, varied textures and furniture/equipment to facilitate rocking or gentle swinging would be ideal.
209	Rooms for adults with sensory disabilities should be different to children. So build a place for adults and one for children. Make a quiet and a busy place for each place.

210	Great initiative, thank you. Have different spaces for different sensory profiles. Quiet vs loud kids. Shy vs outgoing kids. Kids that need to hide vs kids that need movement. Have a space for proprioceptive/vestibular activities for kids that need movement. Crash mats, pictures of animal walks, hop scotch, trampoline, small monkey bars or swing. Use of visual aids like visuals storyboards or videos on how to use the space, rules within space, expectations of trip ahead - pictures of planes, border control, etc. Visual communication boards to help non speaking kids.
211	I've set 2 up previously (both tents) at community events. The reason I didn't agree with booking only or 1st in 1st served is unexpected instances may occur where the need of someone else is greater at that point in time & you'd hate to think they couldn't go or hesitated in a time of real need. Absolutley love the idea however and massive praise for doing it and asking for feedback!
212	Having a larger general sensory area and then seperate rooms which can be pre booked for families who may have someone who would be better suited for individual room/alone time. I think a lot of people "without neurodivergent" conditions would be interested in having a look and chilling out there. Hence why a general area would also be good
213	One at the domestic would be great too & change space for large children.
214	Build this!!
215	We believe it should be for the parents to manage a child who is about to meltdown
216	Yes, as much as it will be in best interest to book and allocate timed sessions, appropriate to flight times, allowance must be made for spur of the moment needs, such as delayed flights, meltdowns etc. Separate spaces (even cubicles/pods) for those who are overwhelmed in the moment. It is difficult to transition a person who is in high sensory need (including a meltdown) to a timeframe, it could worsen the situation. Having big self monitored sensory timers will allow participants to set timers and hopefully adhere to them, where possible. Many people with autism, down syndrome and other are motivated and responsive to timers/clocks, especially if they can control the setting of them.
217	Low lighting, nice music and lowered volumes would be helpful
218	I thinks it's important that if this was to go ahead that people with disabilities of psychosocial, neuro divergent and physical nature are consulted and involved in the full process.
219	It would be great for people with disability who have fatigue to have access to trolleys for luggage free of charge. Also would be good to have places to lie down
220	Some place / equipment to safely get rid of nervous energy for the hyperactive sensory seekering kids - before they get on a plane! Eg mini / single use trampoline, spinning, swinging, pacing movement type activities eg hammocks. Consider both noisy and quiet spaces - some kids need calm and quiet and others need noise to calm without fear of upsetting other travellers
221	Please consider providing some hard/firm furniture along with the soft. Many of us can't tolerate 'squishy' seating, and those of us with hyper mobile bodies really require a lot of support to be comfortable.  As for deciding upon access- this is a tricky one. I believe that inclusiveness is key, and anyone who wants/needs/prefers to be in that space, should be allowed into it. If it becomes apparent that overcrowding is an issue, then the answer, in my mind, would be to provide more of these spaces - given the high demand - rather than limit numbers or time frames of use. Or even to examine the layout of the rest of the building and see what adaptations/accommodations could be made generally, so that sensory overwhelm is as minimized as possible. Everyone will benefit!  Thank you for seeking input from ND voices, it is much appreciated. And very refreshing 😊
222	Is there a way to somehow accommodate people who don't get a booking, I don't think proof of disability is appropriate but some kids need the space more at different times. If my child is having a meltdown it would be good to have access to the space, but they may not always need the space.  Some people are sensory avoiders and some sensory seekers, so some plain rooms with not much visual stimuli/neutral colours and some rooms that have bright colours and tactile experiences.  Also I think I wouldn't want my child lying/sitting/playing on a carpeted floor (gross), but a moppable floor with cleanable sensory/crash mats might be a good alternative?
223	Great initiative. Good luck innovating and implementing this facility at Perth Airport
224	A quiet space with minimal sensory input would be extremely useful for sensory avoiders - minimal noise and lighting A second safe space for sensory seekers is also advisable The survey doesnt allow to check more than one box and many of us have various ND members with differing needs and may be both care giver & ND ourselves
225	Thank you for understanding that our adults and children with special needs need this area as flying can be a very overwhelming situation.
226	Have an access key/tag like the companion card does with disability change rooms, so they can access it when needed. The tags could be used to gather data on the frequency of use and it is unlikely more than 10 disabled people would be flying and need the space at exactly the same time. Please don't make it a 'play' room available to everyone.
227	A wonderful idea, thank you for being so inclusive
228	Bookable, separate spaces is key, as other children and adults having a difficult time can be very overwhelming for neurodivergent people.  I am a neurodivergent adult who also cares for a neurodivergent child.  Voiceovers should be replaced with clear visual announcements or text message options, as voiceovers can be overwhelming in busier times.
229	Please take into account that neurodivergent people don't know when they will feel overwhelmed. Capping the room, booking online etc will mean people won't be able to use it when needed. It should only be used for people with recognised disabilities or people wearing daffodil lanyards.
230	Please also consider the amount of air conditioning/heating as a lot of children with Autism also are very sensitive to temperature.  Maybe also include things on the wall that they can fiddle with, the use of visual prompts about what to expect on the plane, maybe some practice chairs/overheads where parents can show children and adults what the chairs will look like and how the seatbelt goes on, where their luggage will go etc.
231	For the room to work for people and for families you also have to take into account who are travelling im a single mum so my 2 kids come 1 has a rare disability and my other does not so its making all feel welcome. Those allowed to use these facilities should be people with a card or way of showing proof otherwise families/people may take advantage there is a way you need to oversee it without people taking advantage as its the children/adults with disabilities who need this support and the ones who are travelling with them as I know whenever I travel with my son it also causes anxiety for myself.
232	Think this is very very very good thing
233	carpet is not a good idea for incontinence. Make sure that it sturdy and not easily broken. A tv would be a good idea, Dont have things they can take with them, otherwise it will be hard to get them to leave it behind, unless you are okay with things being taken. Florescent lights are very triggering, so please do not add that.
234	As a family we flew internationally out of Perth Airport in late 2019 and I couldn't have been more impressed with the care and compassion shown by the staff member allocated to us. I did give my feedback once we got back from holiday to the CEO. I think a staff training to a dedicated few within the Airport team would be a fantastic opportunity to compliment the new facilities that will be built in the future. If needed I would be happy to be part of any future discussions and planning if required.
235	Located close by to the sensory room should be fully accessible toilets such as changing places (access to hoist and adult change bed)...
236	A sensory room is one with reduced sensory stimulation so low levels of lighting, low noise, low or no smells, low temperatures.
237	Must have push button entry for automatic opening doors. Have you ever tried pushing a wheelchair, carrying a bag and trying to push or pull open one of those 'disabled' toilet doors.... It's a joke... you need 8 arms like an octopus! I think the sensory room also needs a tv screen of some sort with arrival/departure flight information & especially for the announcements made over the PA..... you can never hear problem nor understand what they are saying... and you definitely a changing places attached to or very close by to sensory room.

238	The sensory room should have at least one section with as little sensory input as possible. Avoid fluorescent or other very bright lights. The room should ideally be relatively private too - avoid other people being able to see in.
	If the room is used on a first in first use basis, please consider a waiting area with noise cancelling headphones and a bit darker.
239	Thank you for considering this project, it's extremely important for our family to have this option.  - Mum with a Neurodivergent condition who cares for 3 ASD kids, 2 also have ADHD and 1 has a hearing impairment who gets overwhelmed with noise
240	Staff need to use positive reinforcing tones, gestures kept to a minimal, no touching unless given permission. Assistance should be offered to ease flow, being stopped is extremely challenging, so thought needs to be given to preempt and provide safe and secure feelings. Therapy dogs are great assistance.  Overcrowding within cues are very challenging as neuro typical brains do not consider personal space. I think there needs to be areas that can be ore booked as well as open areas for any neuro diverse. Personally I would prebook a room to myself; any social situation will contribute to sensory overload and potential meltdown. Self regulating within such a space can be impossible. I've experienced it first hand, and will only fly if I absolutely have to now.
241	For me a "sensory room" is somewhere someone can go to regulate and/or calm when overwhelmed. This is also how a significant part of the disability community will see it. I feel maybe you are looking at a "sensory immersive experience"? Which is very different. One is calming, one is stimulating. Both great. I would encourage you to talk to individuals and families who have sensory differences, they will help you shape it for their needs. A "sensory room" (calming) would be very beneficial to many individuals and families.  I am a speech pathologist working in the disability sector, please feel free to contact me if you are looking for extra information- ash.torrens@hotmail.com
242	Thank you
243	Nope
244	There are several great examples of sensory rooms across the globe. It would be great to learn from their experience.
	Those with a diagnoses should be given priority.
245	You can't always plan when kids with special needs will need the room so pre-booking only will create lots of no shows.  Sensory tubes and snuggle chairs are a must.
246	Optic fibre lights, optic sensory, in a chair to choose color for healing or calming. Color rooms of the rainbow, with optic fibre being able to touch and feel. Music for calming, while sitting. Salt room with music. We are all energy and I believe this would be of enormous benefit, to children or adults. There is information available on the internet via color therapy rooms in Europe. If you would like any help please feel free to contact me Zorika Oshiko on 0434505310...Thank you.
247	More awareness of invisible disabilities in adults
248	Thank you
249	Just give some priority lane for those families with Special needs child.
250	Perth airport is good