A journey in inclusive tourism: Finding and providing the right information





AUSTRALIA'S SMARTEST TOURISM DESTINATION

Content Categories



11,000 + Accommodation



10_000 + Attractions



7,300+ Events



2.500 + Tours



750 + Hire



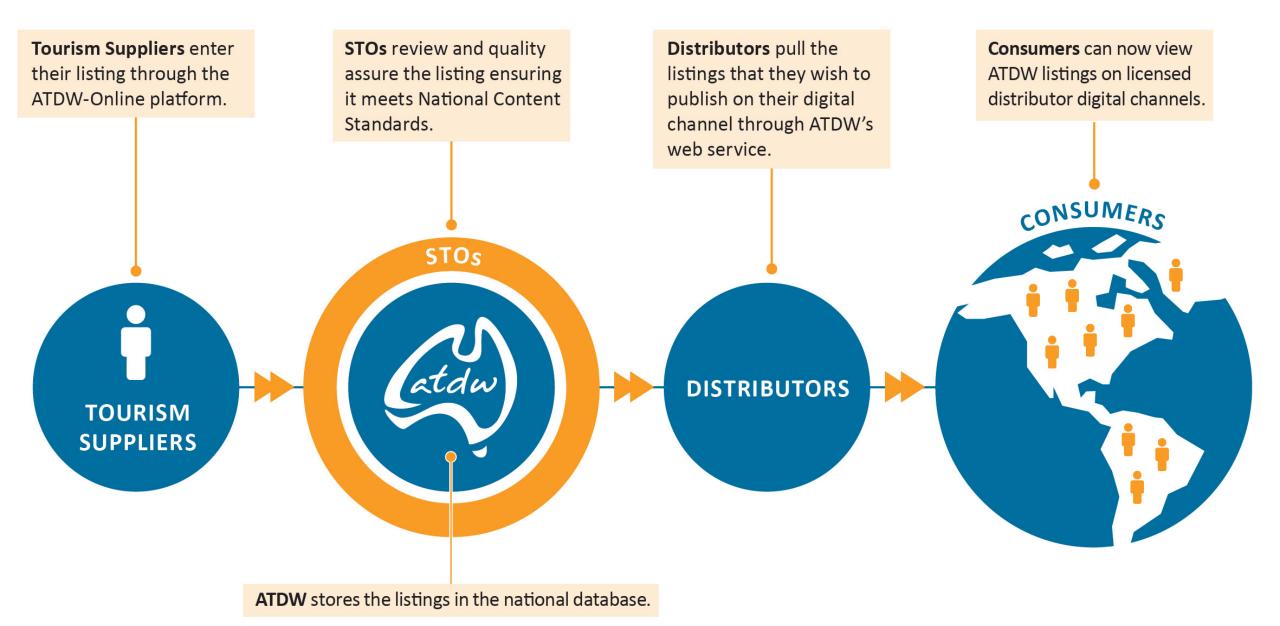
Food and Drink 3,100+i

Journeys 300+



General Services 200+

Transport 200+





The project



Local Government NSW (LGNSW)
 commissioned the Institute for Public

Policy and Governance at the
University of Technology Sydney to
explore the potential economic
opportunities from the Inclusive
Tourism market.





The challenges – pre-travel information gathering

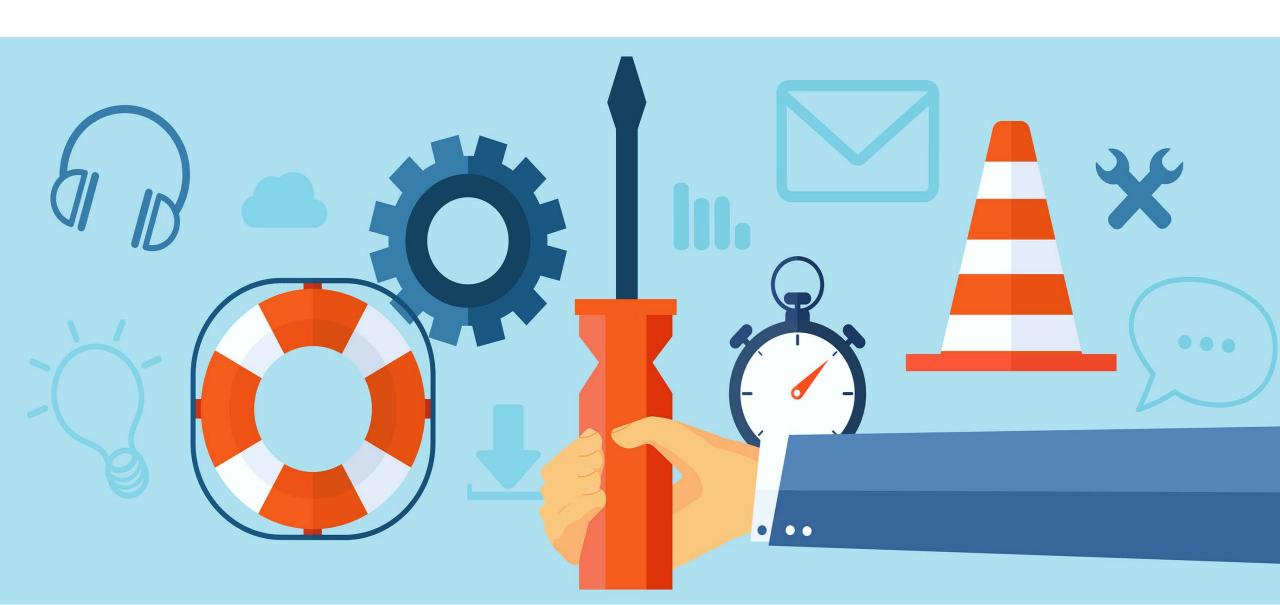
Lack of access information in mainstream channels.

- 2/3 indicated that information about accessible tourism is a major barrier in travel planning.
- 1/2 found information they receive is inaccurate.
- Tourism operators do not promote accessible rooms, or may not perceive value.
- Over-emphasis on mobility needs.





The role ATDW is playing



Previous ATDW access content collection – Pre 2015

Property Special Needs		
If your property caters for any of the noted Special Need descriptions than please provide a short comment.		
✓ Disabled Access		
Children Catered For		
Pets Allowed		
	Save Cancel	



Original ATDW-Online attributes – Feb 2016

Ambulant

Suitable for guests with sufficient mobility to climb two or three steps, but would benefit from fixtures and fittings to aid balance.

Wheelchair

Suitable for guests who depend on the use of a wheelchair in a seated position at all times.

High Support

Suitable for guests with high support needs who uses a hoist and always travel with a carer.

Hearing

Suitable for guests with a hearing impairment, from mild hearing loss to profoundly deaf.

Vision

Suitable for guests with a vision impairment. Attained by providing for guests with partial vision impairment or total loss of useable vision.

Contact Operator

Disabled access available, contact operator for details.



New ATDW-Online attributes – Jun 2018

Ambulant

Caters for people with sufficient mobility to climb a few steps but who would benefit from fixtures to aid balance.

Wheelchair

Caters for people who use a wheelchair.

High Support

Caters for people with high support needs who travel with a support person.

Communication

Welcomes and assists
people who have
challenges with learning,
communication,
understanding and
behaviour.

Hearing

Caters for people who are deaf or have hearing loss.

Vision

Caters for people who are blind or have vision loss.

Allergies

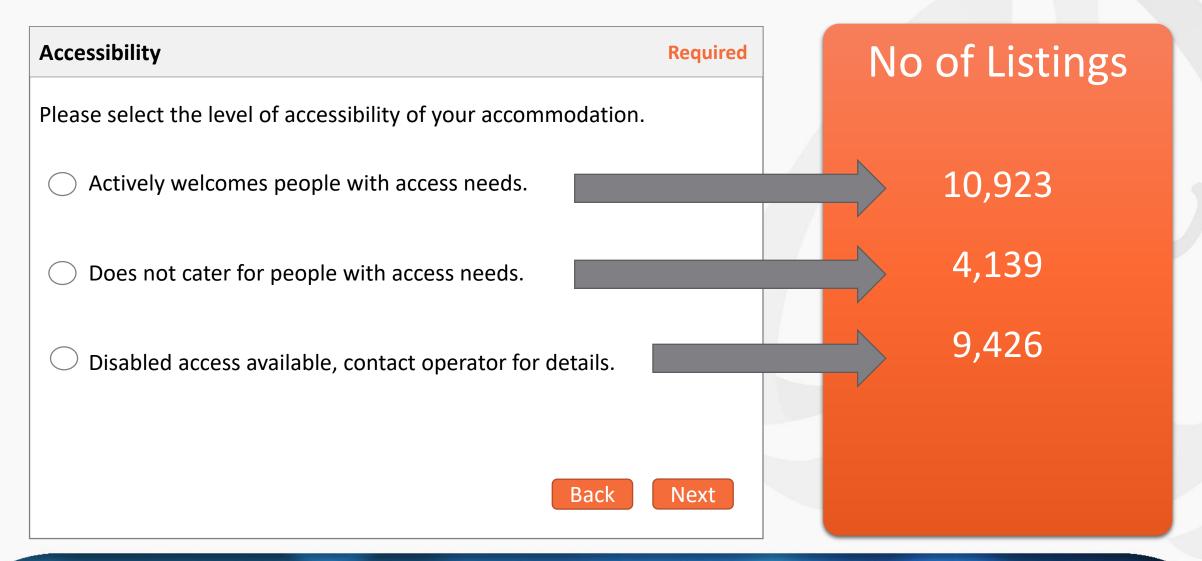
Caters for people with allergies and intolerances.

Contact Operator

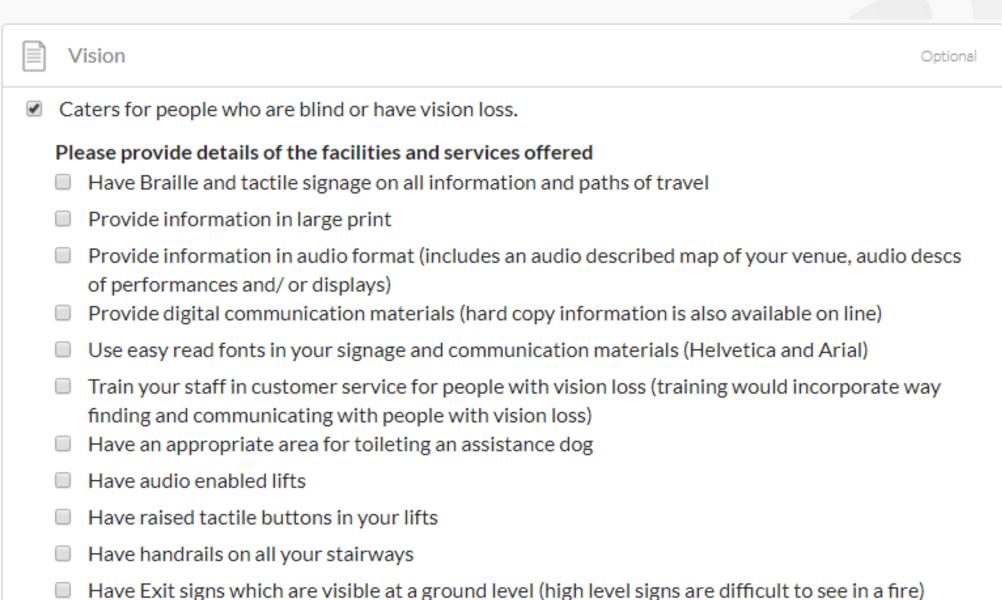
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Accessibility now mandatory



Accessible Facilities - Vision



Accessible Facilities - Communication



Communication

Optional

Welcomes and assists people who have challenges with learning, communication, understanding and behaviour. (includes people with autism, intellectual disability, Down syndrome, acquired brain injury (ABI), dyslexia and dementia)

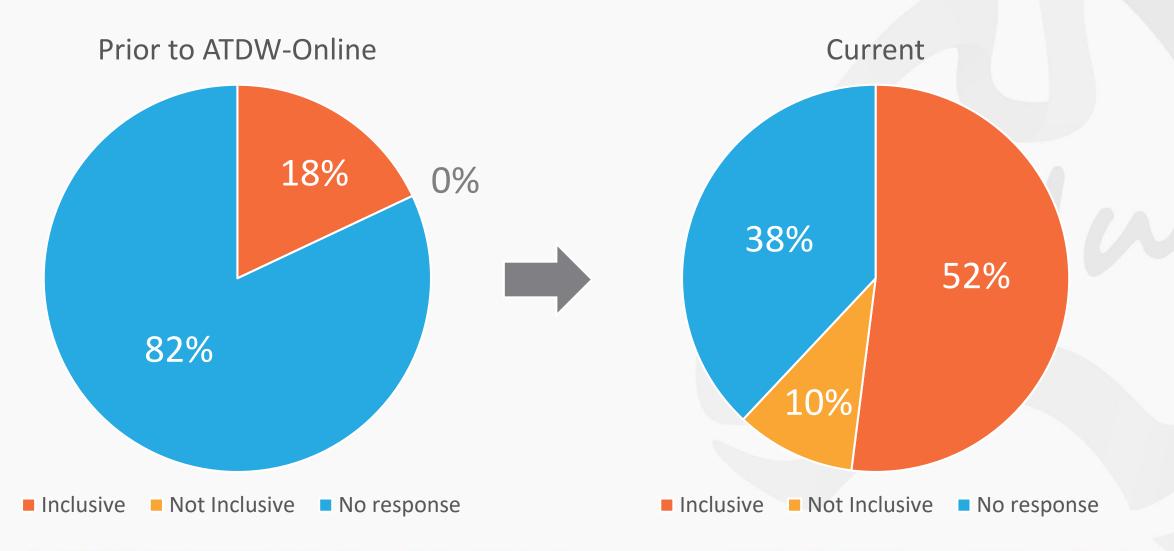
Please provide details of the facilities and services offered

- Train your staff in communicating with people with learning or behavioural challenges
- Use Plain English / easy read signage and information (includes menus and emergency information)
- A quiet space is available at the venue/ facility

Accessible Facilities - Wheelchair

Physical - Wheelchair Optional Caters for people who use a wheelchair. Please provide details of the facilities and services offered Have step free outdoor pathways (includes picnic areas, barbecues and shelters) Have a doorbell or intercom at an accessible height and display a contact number (accessible height is 900mm-1100 mm) Have a step free main entrance to the building and/or reception area (includes ramps or slopes with a maximum gradient of 1:14, otherwise are too steep for wheelchairs) Have step free access to restaurant, lounge and bar Have step free access to the conference or function room Have accessible seating areas in theatrette Have lifts with enough space for people using a mobility aid to enter and turn around to use the lift buttons. Buttons are at accessible height. Have doorways which are easy to open and have lever handles (doorways 850mm or wider when open and not heavy) Have an accessible public toilet which is unlocked Have a wheelchair accessible toilet / shower and change room Provide wheelchair access to spa/gym Have wheelchair accessible picnic tables (picnic tables require 720mm knee clearance and 800mm maximum height) Have wheelchair access to amusements and activities including boats and bush trails (includes tour rides, skyways, trolley cars, flying fox, amusement rides and boating) Have a wheelchair/scooter charging station (power point) in an accessible location Provide beach matting and beach wheelchairs for people to access the water Provide portable hoist Provide portable commode chairs Provide portable ramps

Completion of accessibility





Listing statistics

Accessibility Sector	No. of Listings
Communication	661
Vision	2,264
Hearing	4,328
Ambulant / Mobility	6,401
Wheelchair	5,434
High Support	1,446
Allergy Intolerance	432
Access Inclusion Statement	221
TOTAL	21,187

2853

New accessible facilities collected

190

Access Statement URLs collected



DETAILS







Accessibility:

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details

- Suitable for guests with a hearing impairment, from mild hearing loss to profoundly deaf
- Suitable for guests with a vision impairment. Attained by providing for guests with partial vision impairment or total loss of useable vision

Benefits

- More accessible content in mainstream marketing channels.
- Exposure of access needs to operators
- Greater participation in tourism activity
- Flow-on effect for older people and young families.
- Greater returns for the wider community.
- Return visitation and word of mouth.



Future actions

Improve API implementation

Assist distribution partners to display content.

Data entry usability and make the next level mandatory.

Guide for operators to apply attributes to their business.

Guide for distribution partners on how to publish.

Education and marketing to promote value.

Research and develop icons for use for the sectors.

Work on how to ensure validation of content.



Thank you!

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