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## **Automatic Public Toilets not the answer**

I REFER to the letter from Mr Danny Chua Hock Chye, 'Privatised public loos with revenue from ads' (ST, Oct 2).

Automatic Public Toilets (APTs) are necessary if there are no better solutions, especially in cities where there is insufficient provision of toilets. Singapore's public-toilet issue is not about shortages but more about clean toilets.

What we need are more toilets in good physical condition, professional cleaners, and users practising good toilet etiquette.

APTs would not benefit Singapore. With public toilets and advertisements in many places, operators would find it unprofitable after building APTs all over the city and would have to demolish them.

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