

Northern Correctional Facility

Project Update-September 2022

The Tasmanian Government remains committed to delivering the Northern Correctional Facility (NCF) project to provide better rehabilitation and reintegration outcomes for offenders and their families.

A consultation process which engaged with the Meander Valley community earlier this year provided valuable feedback to the Project Team about the potential suitability of the Ashley Youth Detention Centre (AYDC) site for the NCF.

On 5 May 2022 the Government announced that the AYDC site is now the only site being considered for the development of the NCF.

The NCF will have a key focus on rehabilitation, education and reintegration, and will predominantly accommodate sentenced offenders who are progressing through their sentences and starting to prepare for reintegration into the community.

To ensure the NCF can have this focus, the Government is also investing in more maximum security facilities at the Risdon Prison Complex in southern Tasmania. This includes \$50 million for the development of a new maximum security unit within the existing Risdon Complex, which will also help alleviate current bed pressures for maximum rated offenders.

The Department of Justice (DoJ) is now commencing initial due diligence investigations at the AYDC site.

The Project Team is working with their consultants to finalise the following reports:

- Aboriginal and Historic (European) Heritage assessment;
- Natural Values Assessment;
- Bushfire Risk Management;
- Traffic Impact Assessment; and
- Social & Economic Impact Assessment.

These assessments and reports will help inform the development of a Request for Tender (RFT) for architectural design services that the DoJ expects to release in 2023.

Public Consultation

The Project Team will continue to engage with near neighbours and the local community as this important infrastructure project advances at the AYDC site.

The Project Team is committed to providing information about the project to the community in a timely manner, and will therefore make any reports from the due diligence investigations publicly available at the earliest opportunity.

If you would like to receive updates on the project's progress you can register for the project mailing list via email to northerncorrectionalfacility@justice.tas.gov.au

Members of the public who have questions about the NCF project are encouraged to contact the Project Team via email to northerncorrectionalfacility@justice.tas.gov.au

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