

SOUTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE – ARCHITECTURAL STATEMENT

The proposed expansion to the South Coast Correctional Centre, South Nowra adds an additional 360 beds to the existing facility for a total population of 928. The project consists of two packages of work:

- A 160 bed maximum security expansion to the south of the existing facility with associated upgrades to existing shared facilities including clinic, reception, visits, AVL, programs and industries.
- A 200 bed minimum security expansion to the north, which will largely act as a standalone facility, including dedicated visits, clinic, AVL, programs and industries. As part of this expansion the existing minimum security accommodation areas are to be upgraded to medium security, including the perimeter security.

The final population numbers for the facility are 728 beds inside the main medium / maximum security perimeter and 200 beds in the separate minimum security facility to the north of the existing centre.

160 MAXIMUM SECURITY BED EXPANSION

The first stage of the expansion to the South Coast Correctional centre is a 160 bed maximum security expansion to the south of the existing facility. The existing secure perimeter will be expanded to incorporate two new modular accommodation units with the majority of the existing southern perimeter to be demolished to ensure the extension is properly integrated into the fabric of the existing facility.

Segregation Unit (G1)

A 10 bed extension of the existing segregation unit and the conversion of the existing protection cells to segregation cells by the additional of an air lock.

Industries (H1)

A 2500m² new industries building consisting of two large engineering workshops, one smaller vocational training workshop and a new laundry. Located south of the existing industries building and occupying the space of the existing sports field.

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AVL (I)

A new standalone AVL building with 8 booths for video link court appearances and legal visits as well as holding rooms for up to 60 inmates.

Recreation Post (K1)

A new standalone building for officers to oversee the sports field.

Visits Expansion (N1)

A 430m² expansion of the existing contact visits area as well as seven new non-contact visits booths, and a reconfigured inmate entry/exit search area.

Reception Alternations (N2)

The conversion of the existing AVL suites to additional holding cells, plus an increase in size of the valuables and property storage by the addition of a mezzanine level, the provision of two additional professional visits rooms, and two search booths.

Clinic Alternations (N3)

A 151m² extension and 190m² refit of the existing clinic. Includes four new observation cells, two new consulting rooms, a new three bed ward, expanded records store, sterile stock room and reconfigured offices, sluice and waste transfer rooms.

Maximum Modular Accommodation (Y1, Y2)

Two 80 bed modular accommodation blocks designed and supplied by Corrective Service Industries.

Maximum Satellite Clinic and Programs (Z)

A full satellite clinic including local permanent staff, methadone treatment area, a programs room and three AVL suites to serve the 160 bed expansion area.

Other Additions

Due to the size and location of the new industries building, a new sports field has been provided to the east of the new maximum security accommodation.

200 BED MINIMUM SECURITY FACILITY

The second stage of the South Coast Correctional Centre expansion is the construction of a new 200 bed minimum security facility within a separate perimeter at the front of the site. This standalone facility is to include its own gatehouse, visits, programs, satellite clinic and industries with only reception, segregation and administration shared with the main facility.

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Entry and Visits (O1)

Provides both gatehouse and visits functions to the 200 bed facility including visitor entry processing and vehicular entry control from a central officer post as well as both indoor and outdoor contact visits areas, non-contact visits booths and a professional visits interview room.

Satellite Clinic and Programs (O2)

A multipurpose building providing shared services for the 200 bed facility such as local AVL suites, a satellite clinic, programs and ILC spaces with associated staff facilities.

Industries (O4)

A new 1,685m² industries building consisting of two large engineering workshops and ancillary vocational training spaces.

Minimum Security Accommodation (O5-O8)

Four, two storey 50 bed accommodation buildings consisting of four 11-13 bed living areas.

Staff Amenities (R)

A new staff amenities building to replace the existing which is required to be demolished to make way for the new 200 bed facility. Includes a staff gym and common area for social activities.

Upgrade of existing Minimum Security Accommodation to Medium (M1-4, W1-2)

An internal refit of existing minimum security accommodation buildings to make them suitable for medium security inmates.

Minimum Security Programs Expansion (M+, W+)

Addition of one new 45m² programs room to each of the existing minimum security industries and programs buildings.

Yours faithfully,

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