



Construction Milestone for Bimberi Youth Justice Centre



Left to right: David Oliver (Hindmarsh Group); Minister Simon Corbell; Paul Carmody (Hindmarsh Group) and Martin Hehir (the Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services).

Construction of the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre took a major step forward with the pouring of the ground floor concrete slab on Friday 14 September 2007.

Simon Corbell, Acting Minister for Children and Young People joined members of the Bimberi project team to witness the first major indication of construction above ground.

The site has been a hive of activity over the last few months with earthmoving and other works occurring, however, the pouring of the slab clearly shows the Centre taking shape.

The first concrete slab will be 15 cubic metres – while the overall ground floor pour will cover 7,060 square metres, comprising approximately 10 000 square metres of reinforcing steel fabric – giving a total of 1500 cubic metres of concrete. The ground pours will be carried out over the next 3 months.

Mr Corbell acknowledged the involvement of local businesses in the initial construction phases of the Bimberi project, saying that more than 90% of the personnel across all trades working on the site are sourced from Canberran companies. Canberra businesses involved in the early stages of construction include Kenoss, O'Neill & Brown, Quinro Concrete Contractors and Network Electrical.

The Bimberi Youth Justice Centre was designed by Perumal Pedavoli with construction managed by the Hindmarsh Group. For more information on the Bimberi Youth Justice Centre visit www.dhcs.act.gov.au or contact 6205 0313.

