



New Youth Detention Centre

In November 2005 the ACT Government announced that the new Youth Detention Centre would be located adjacent to Mitchell, in Gungahlin.

Site

A site has been identified for the location of the Centre. A map showing the site is over the page.

Preliminary Assessment

A Preliminary Assessment (PA) was undertaken on the site by consultants on behalf of DHCS. The PA examined the human, physical and biological impacts of the proposed development on the immediate and surrounding environment as well as on people who use the centre. Community consultation was undertaken as a part of the PA.

The PA found that there are no substantial social, economic or environmental impediments to use the site for a youth detention centre. The PA was submitted to the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA) for public comment and evaluation in accordance with the *Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991*. ACTPLA have evaluated the PA and advised that no further assessment is required.

A referral to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* has also been made.

The next stage in the planning approval process is the Development Application. This will occur once the design of the new facility has been finalised.

Design

The Architectural firm Perumal Pedavoli have been engaged to design the new Youth Detention Centre. Perumal Pedavoli have designed a number of custodial facilities in Australia and New Zealand with a particular focus on human rights and rehabilitation.

As part of the design process, local community representatives, government staff and other stakeholders will be invited to join reference groups to examine specific issues related to the detention and rehabilitation of children and young people.

These issues include physical and mental health, education and training, as well as indigenous, family and gender considerations.

Further Information:

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