



New Youth Detention Centre

In November 2005 the ACT Government announced that the new Youth Detention Centre would be located at Mitchell, east of Flemington Road on the planned Sandford Street extension.

Site

The referral to the Commonwealth Department of Environment and Heritage under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* was evaluated, and no further action was required.

Design

The project team led by the Architectural firm Perumal Pedavoli have continued to work on the design of the new Youth Detention Centre. Perumal Pedavoli has developed a design which supports young people, their families and the community while addressing the recommendations in the Human Rights Audit of Quamby Youth Detention Centre.

The agreed Site Planning Layout is based on five key site planning principles:

- Establishing zones within the site;
- Creating a pedestrian focused centre;
- Integrating outdoor spaces;
- Fostering community connections; and,
- Allowing for future expansion.

A map showing the Layout of the new Youth Detention Centre is over the page. The new Youth Detention Centre will comprise residential, education & training, recreation, administration and other support facilities enclosed by a secure perimeter.

Planned as a small town or village, with separate zones for 'public' and 'private' activities, The access roads and car parking are provided outside the secure perimeter. The total site area including the buffer zone is 11.6ha.

Local community representatives, government staff and other stakeholders have contributed to the design of the new Youth Detention Centre. The issues that influenced the design included physical and mental health, education and training, as well as indigenous, family and gender considerations.

Development Application

The Development Application (DA) was formally lodged with the ACT Planning and Land Authority (ACTPLA).

More detailed plans can be viewed on the ACTPLA website in:

<http://www.actpla.act.gov.au/>

The next stage is the construction of the new Youth Detention Centre. This will occur once the Development Application of the new facility has been finalised.

Further Information:

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