

The project will create more than 700 jobs during peak periods of construction, and a further 600 ongoing correctional facility jobs once the prison is operational, including custodial staff, administrative staff, vocational training and industries staff, and staff with specialist health and mental health training.

The Ravenhall Community Advisory Group leads community input into the project, providing feedback on local planning, environment and transport issues. The group includes representatives from the local community and Cities of Melton and Brimbank.

Consultation with the community by the Department of Justice and the GEO Consortium will continue throughout the course of the project.

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Ang Pamahalaang Estado ay nagpahayag ng mga plano sa pagtatayo ng isang bagong katamtamang seguridad na bilanguang panlalaki na may 1000 kama sa Ravenhall sa bahaging kanluran ng Melbourne. Para sa higit pang impormasyon, tumawag sa 8684 0543.

Chính phủ Tiểu bang đã công bố kế hoạch xây nhà tù mới loại canh giữ ở mức trung bình gồm 1000 giường dành cho nam phạm nhân tại Ravenhall trong vùng phía tây Melbourne. Muốn biết thêm thông tin, xin gọi số 8684 0543.

دولت ایالتی طرح هایی را برای ساختن یک زندان مردانه 1000 تختخوابی در ریون هال Ravenhall ، واقع در غرب ملبورن اعلام نموده است. برای آگاهی بیشتر به شماره 8684 0543 زنگ بزنید.

دولت ایالتی پلان های بنا کردن یک بندی خانه مردانه با ظرفیت 1000 تختخواب در ریون هال Ravenhall، در ساحه ی غرب ملبورن را اعلام نموده است. برای معلومات بیشتر به نمبر 0543 8684 تلفون کنید.

أعلنت حكومة الولاية نيتها في بناء سجن للرجال متوسط التأمين يسع 1000 سجين وذلك في ضاحية رافينهول غرب ملبورن. للمزيد من المعلومات اتصل على الرقم 0543 8684.

RAVENHALL

Prison Project



ABOUT THE PROJECT

The Victorian Government has announced plans to build a new medium-security men's prison at Ravenhall, in Melbourne's west to accommodate 1,000 prisoners. This is in response to the growing demands on the state's prison system.

In September 2014, following a comprehensive tender process, GEO Consortium was selected to deliver the Ravenhall prison project.

The project will be delivered as a full service public private partnership (PPP). Under the terms of the contract, GEO Consortium will be responsible for the design, construction, financing, maintenance and operation of the facility for 25 years. This model will deliver high-quality, efficient, value-for-money correctional services.

THE FACILITY

The prison will be located within the existing Department of Justice precinct at Ravenhall that includes the Dame Phyllis Frost Centre and Metropolitan Remand Centre.

It will include a mix of low-rise accommodation, administration, programs, health and mental health facilities, industries and recreation buildings surrounded by a solid security wall.

The facility has been designed with flexible areas that can be adapted to manage prisoners with different needs over the 25-year contract period.

Construction of the new prison is expected to begin in 2015 and is planned to be completed towards the end of 2017.



Artist's impression of the new prison

PRISON PROGRAMS

The project represents a significant investment in the Victorian correctional system, focusing on mental health needs, young offenders, Indigenous prisoners and prisoners serving shorter sentences.

Community safety will be enhanced through the delivery of programs designed to reduce the likelihood of reoffending and optimise opportunities for successful reintegration into the community.

Comprehensive and innovative offence-based programs will be supported by extensive vocational education and training, and pre and post-release reintegration programs.

GEO CONSORTIUM

Key GEO Consortium members are GEO Group, John Holland, Honeywell and Capella Capital. These consortium members have significant expertise in corrections and in the successful delivery of PPP projects.

Alliance partners, including Kangan Institute, YMCA, Western Suburbs Indigenous Gathering Place Association and Melbourne City Mission, will deliver programs and services both in custody and post-release.

Forensic mental health services at the prison will be provided by Forensicare and health services by GEO Care.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why do we need another prison?

Victoria's prison population is increasing. The new prison at Ravenhall will deliver infrastructure and prison beds to assist in addressing demand for correctional services in Victoria.

Ravenhall prison will accommodate 1,000 prisoners but will be constructed with capacity for 1,300 prisoners to meet any future changes in demand.

What will the prison look like?

From the outside, the prison will look very similar to the exterior of the nearby Metropolitan Remand Centre. It will be accessible via Riding Boundary Road.

Behind the security wall, prison buildings will feature a campus-style layout, with a mix of single and double-storey structures.

Outside the perimeter wall there will be car parking, ancillary buildings and an office building that will accommodate a team of Department of Justice staff.

What security measures are there?

The prison will be surrounded by a solid concrete perimeter wall topped by an anti-climb cylindrical cowl. Within and around the facility there will be a range of perimeter security systems to detect unauthorised prisoner movement.

Other modern security tools include biometric access control, CCTV, intruder detection and weapons and contraband detection measures.

What will be available for prisoners with a mental illness?

Within the prison, Forensicare will provide specialist mental health services in a purpose-built 75-bed forensic mental health unit. This more than doubles the number of specialist beds for prisoners with mental health issues currently in the Victorian prison system. Other health services at the prison will be delivered by GEO Care.

What will the environmental impacts of the prison be?

All key planning and Commonwealth and State environmental approvals for the Ravenhall prison site are in place.

The facility will feature ecologically sustainable initiatives including tri-generation power, solar panels, rainwater harvesting and energy conservation measures.