

Main works begin for remand centre upgrade

As part of its commitment to Better Prisons, the NSW Government is upgrading the Silverwater Correctional Complex to provide extra capacity for male inmates awaiting trial. The four new 110-bed cellblocks are expected to open in 2021.



An artist's impression of one of the new 110-bed cellblocks, viewed from the south-east. The existing trees along Holker Street will be retained.

In October 2018, construction crews began building a new temporary fence to separate the existing remand centre from the construction site. With the fence now ready, work on the new cellblocks and other facilities can begin.

Inmates on remand present a particular challenge: they are new to the system and often present medical, addiction and behavioural problems. Staff and facilities must be both flexible and specialised, able to deal with the complex needs of an ever-changing cohort of inmates.

The new buildings have been designed to provide a safe environment for staff, inmates and visitors. As well as new cellblocks, the project will upgrade supporting infrastructure such as program facilities and the visiting area.



The Silverwater Correctional Complex, with the office parks and residential areas of Newington in the background.



Construction update

Works are generally undertaken within standard construction hours: 7am-6pm Monday to Friday and 8am-1pm on Saturdays.

If you're heading to Blaxland Riverside Park, Newington Armory or Sydney Olympic Park Lodge, keep an eye out for construction vehicles on Jamieson Street, Silverwater. Trucks, concrete mixers and other vehicles will be using a new temporary site entrance on Jamieson Street from early March onwards.

Blaxland Riverside Park, Newington Armory and the Lodge will all remain accessible throughout the project.

The Government and managing contractor Lendlease are working to minimise the impact of construction on the local community and Sydney Olympic Park visitors. If you have any concerns, or need more information, please call 1800 875 345 during business hours or email newprisons@justice.nsw.gov.au.



Staff at the opening of the new Mary Wade remand centre in 2017. Located in Lidcombe, Mary Wade was one of the first new prisons to be delivered as part of the NSW Government's Better Prisons program.

Around the State

The NSW Government is taking action to address growth in the State's prison population and reduce reoffending. Over the past five years, a growing population, more effective policing and improvements to bail laws have placed increased pressure on the prison system.

In 2016 the Government announced Better Prisons, a program of reform and rebuilding that includes a once-in-a-generation investment in modern, secure, fit-for-purpose prisons. The upgrade at Silverwater is part of this program.

Already, we've delivered two new 'rapid build' maximum-security prisons, and a new maximum-security remand centre for women at Lidcombe (Mary Wade Correctional Centre, pictured above).

Call for nominations

Would you like to be the residents' representative on the Silverwater Correctional Complex community consultative committee? We're looking for a resident of Newington who can represent our neighbours in discussions about the complex's contribution to the life of the community. Meetings will be held every two months at the complex. To nominate, write to us and tell us why you'd like to join the committee, listing any relevant experience you have.

Nominations must be received by 15 March 2019 and can be sent to the email or postal addresses below.

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