

New Youth Justice Centre

Summary of Community Advisory Group Meeting Ten

Meeting details

Meeting title: Community Advisory Group	No: 10
Date: Monday, 19 March 2018	Time: 4pm to 5.00pm
Location: WestJustice Building, Level 1 / 8 Watton Street, Werribee VIC 3030	

Attendees

Community Advisory Group Members: Marisa Berton, Lisa Heinrichs, Kim McAliney, Richard Wittmack, Natalie Walker and Les Sanderson.

Other attendees: Louise Barrington.

Apologies

Amelia Seymour, Martin Allison, Peter Ewer, Justin Giddings, Walter Villagonzalo, Peter Maynard, Garry Jackson and John Menegazzo.

Meeting overview

Opening

The meeting was opened by the Deputy Chair who thanked members for attending.

Community feedback and community issues

Mental health beds

- A question was asked if the number of mental health beds in the facility was sufficient to support children and young people.
- The department confirmed all young people in the centre will have access to mental health support and services and that the allocated bed numbers were for tailored support where required.
- The department also confirmed that anecdotally the ratio of bed numbers to allocated mental health beds was higher than existing youth justice and adult correctional facilities.

Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan and Community Plan

- Draft Youth Justice Centre Facility Plan was circulated in hard copy, along with all assessments reports and attachments.
- Department confirmed the plan can now be read in partnership with the assessment reports and feedback was to be provided back to the department within ten working days.

Project Update

Design

- Schematic design is progressing well. Building layouts illustrating rooms, dimensions, circulation, and lines of sight are being tested with operational staff and key stakeholders and is on track to be completed by the end of March. Key areas include: accommodation units, education and recreation, general and mental health, intensive supervision unit, admissions, gatehouse, cultural, visits centre and staff administration.

Managing Contractor

- The request to the Treasurer to approve the appointment is expected to be sent late-March for approval.

Site purchase and transfer of land

- The Contract of Sale has been executed by both parties. Settlement will occur upon Melbourne Water obtaining Commonwealth approval to vary existing EPBC Act conditions that apply to the site.
- DEE has advised that a response will be provided at the same time as the decision on approving the project under the EPBC Act. Melbourne Water was requested to confirm if any official communication has been received from DEE.

Planning approvals

- Request for the planning approvals for the project is currently under consideration by the Minister of Planning and a response was expected by late-February 2018.
- Update has been received from DELWP on 21 February that the request will progress to the Minister by mid-March. A response has not been received to date.

Environmental approvals

- DEE has provided official letter on 13 March stating that the proposed action will be assessed by preliminary documentation. DEE still have not issued specific conditions that need to be addressed in the preliminary documentation before further submission can be logged. We are expecting the conditions to be issued within next ten days.
- The delay associated with the EPBC approval process is impacting the start of the early works which cannot commence until approval is granted by DEE.

Cultural heritage assessment

- The Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) was approved by the Registered Aboriginal Party on 6 March 2018.

Ancillary services

- The engineering consultants are developing a proposal to operate the centre without gas, which will be reviewed by the project following submission.
- Further discussions between Melbourne Water, City West Water and the project engineers has been held on the sewerage services connection point. All parties have now confirmed the final termination point with environmental surveys being finalised for this route. Due to crossing a number of waterways, a CHMP will need to be undertaken prior to these works being undertaken.

Key meeting outcomes

- The next Community Advisory Group meeting will be on Monday 16 April in Werribee.
- The Community Advisory Group to provide feedback on the Youth Justice Facility Plan.
- Mental health beds to be put on the agenda for April's meeting.

