

# Chisholm Road Prison Project

## Community Advisory Group meeting summary

### Meeting details

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Community Advisory Group	<b>No:</b>	3
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 12 December 2018	<b>Time:</b>	4.00pm to 5.15pm
<b>Location:</b>	Lara Hall, 1b Flinders Avenue, Lara		

### Attendees

**Community Advisory Group members:** Justin Giddings (Chair), John Brne (community member), Corrina Eccles (community member), Barry White (community member), Jeff Cahn (community member), Leanne Barnes, (Executive Director, Barwon South West Region), Councillor Anthony Aitken, (Winderemere), Garry Jackson (Program Director, New Builds), Marylyn Pettit (community member) David Withington (community member), Leigh Bartlett (community member), Leanne Rayner (Sergeant, Lara Police Station).

**Additional:** Louise Baring (Communication Manager, New Builds), Sara-Jane Delaney (Senior Communications Advisor, New Builds) Leah Fensham-Brown (Manager, Environment and Planning, Assets, Infrastructure and Major Projects)

### Apologies

Rod Wise (Deputy Commissioner, Corrections Victoria), Councillor Kylie Grzybek (Winderemere), Nigel Bird (community member).

### Meeting overview

#### Opening

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

#### Debrief on tour of Marngoneet Correctional Centre

Discussion was held on the tour provided at the November meeting on the Marngoneet Correctional Centre with the following feedback provided;

- The tour provided some valuable insights into prison operations and the correctional system.
- Many of the members had never been inside a prison before and the tour really increased their understanding of prisoners and corrections staff.
- The tour helped conceptualise some design components for the new prison and provided

examples of industry, landscaping, cells, employment, education in prisons that the group had little exposure to.

- A number observed the interaction between staff and prisoners where it became clear a strong and positive working culture existed at the facility.
- The group also noted that the grounds were kept well.

Members expressed interest in viewing a maximum security prison and the department agreed to facilitate this.

## **Project update**

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### *Design*

Design of the facility is progressing well with the schematic design development continuing to occur.

A range of artist impressions were presented to the group showing the intended design of the facility, this included the gatehouse, prison circulation area, site plan and internal prison area.

### *Managing contractor*

The process to appoint a managing contractor to the project had commenced and the role is likely to be appointed in March/April 2019.

### *Cultural Heritage Management Plan*

A Cultural Heritage Management Plan is being prepared and a complex heritage assessment is scheduled to take place in 2019.

## **Sustainable Design**

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A presentation was given by the department on sustainable design as follows:

- The Victorian Government is committed to creating a sustainable design for the Chisholm Road Prison Project.
- The infrastructure for the build will be planned, designed and delivered to meet the needs of society while enhancing our environment and economy.
- The project will use the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia's rating scheme which will be the first prison project in Australia or New Zealand to do so.
- The rating scheme is a comprehensive rating system for evaluating sustainability of infrastructure programs, projects, networks and assets.
- The Chisholm Road Prison Project Community Advisory Group will be a part of the rating process, advising the project team on what credits are most important to the community.
- The Community Advisory Group will have an opportunity to inform the sustainable design components by participating in a workshop. At the workshop members will be able to provide feedback on what components are most important to the local community.

The department explained the scheme as follows:

- The scheme evaluates the sustainability performance of a project by looking at four categories and a number of components (known as credits) that fall within each category, which include:
  - **Governance:** Governance includes factors such as urban and landscape design context, integrating sustainability, knowledge sharing, resilience strategy and climate and natural hazard risks.
  - **Economic:** The economic category includes factors such as economic and financial sustainability and post project evaluation.
  - **Environmental:** Environmental looks at elements such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, green infrastructure and light pollution.
  - **Social:** The social category focuses on issues such as stakeholder engagement, heritage assessment and workforce sustainability.

These categories align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all.

The Community Advisory Group expressed interest in hosting some information on the website or the development of a fact sheet on the sustainable design process to help inform the community.

## **Community feedback and community engagement**

### *Community information session*

The department outlined a number of resources available to the community to support the community information following the meeting.

This included the development of a number of fact sheets on the key issues raised by community including fact sheets for traffic management, lighting and security, environment, project opportunities, a project overview and the site location.

The department also confirmed that the artists impressions have been printed on large boards, giving the community an opportunity to view the initial design concepts for the prison.

The department confirmed that there were also feedback forms available at the community information session where local community members could raise a concern or request more information on an issue when more information is available. This provides the local community with an opportunity to raise concerns and stay informed and engaged on the issues important to them. The form also includes a space where community members can subscribe to receive updates on the project.

### *Correctional Facility Plan*

The development of the Correctional Facility Plan was discussed with members and the importance of the plan containing an Issues Identification Table, outlining key community issues and how the department is addressing them.

The department confirmed that any issues raised at the community information session (that aren't already captured in the draft plan), will be incorporated into the Issues Identification Table.

The department confirmed it would send CAG members the Issues Identification Table to ensure all community issues are captured, provided one week for members to provide input.

### *Engage Vic website references to Lara*

A discussion was held on the references to the suburb of Lara on the Engage Vic website (project website). The department confirmed that there are around four references on the Engage Vic website that reference the suburb Lara in context of explaining the location of the prison.

It was discussed that the change in the project name was meant to minimise the reference to the suburb yet the group agreed that referencing the suburb when being factually correct about where it is located, as opposed to describing the precinct, is acceptable.

The group also discussed the potential for the Victorian Government to create a name for the entire prison precinct, including the existing prisons and the new prison. An example given was the 'Geelong Prison Precinct' signalling to the community the area the prisons are located in but not being specific to the suburbs.

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