

Chisholm Road Prison Project

Community Advisory Group meeting summary

Meeting details

Meeting title:	Community Advisory Group	No:	2
Date:	Wednesday 11 November 2018	Time:	5:15pm to 6:00pm
Location:	Marngoneet Correctional Centre (Boardroom Administration Building), 1170 Bacchus Marsh Road, Lara		

Attendees

Community Advisory Group members: Justin Giddings (Chair), John Brne (community member), Barry White (community member), Corrina Eccles (community member), Jeff Cahn (community member), Rod Wise (Deputy Commissioner, Corrections Victoria), Leanne Rayner (Sergeant, Lara Police Station (delegate sent)), Councillor Anthony Aitken, (Winderemere), Councillor Kylie Grzybek (Winderemere) and Domenic Mazza (Acting Executive Director, Barwon South West Region).

Additional: Louise Baring (Communication Manager, New Builds)

Apologies: Leigh Bartlett (community member), Nigel Bird (community member) and David Withington (community member).

Introduction

The Chair welcomed the group and thanked them for their attendance and membership on the Community Advisory Group (CAG).

Project update

The department gave an update on the project and its progress as follows;

- **Building Surveyor** to be appointed soon.
- **Acquisition** of the site is continuing.
- **Re-zoning and planning approval** process commenced.
- **Utility Authorities** - in early discussion regarding power, sewage, water, telephony, roads.
- **Site surveys** have commenced with Bushfire Hazard Site Assessment and Feature and Level Survey completed.
- **Ecological Survey**- Biodiversity assessment completed
- **Cultural Heritage**
 - Cultural Heritage Management Plan (CHMP) is being prepared
 - Second meeting with the Regional Aboriginal Party occurred
 - Standard assessment completed
- **Geotechnical and Soil Contamination**
 - Preliminary Investigation completed – June 2018
 - Field Investigation completed – September 2018
 - Hydrology assessment to be completed - October 2018.

The location of the prison was discussed, and the department again outlined the location of the prison in context of the two existing prisons (Marngoneet Correctional Centre and Barwon Prison). **Change to the project name**

The department requested input from the group on the name of the project. It is currently being called 'Prison Precinct Expansion Project'. The department put forward the project name Chisholm Road Prison Project and CAG members put the following names forward:

- Moranghurk Prison Project
- Geelong Prison Precinct Expansion Project
- Geelong Prison Precinct Development Project
- Larnook Prison Project
- Buckley Prison Project
- Western Plains Prison Project
- Buckley Prison Project.

A discussion occurred on the change of the project name and the name for the facility, the department confirmed they were two separate processes.

The group agreed to change the project name from the Lara Prison Precinct Expansion Project to the **Chisholm Road Prison Project**. The group felt the change would reflect the location of the new prison and remove any potential negative impacts with the suburb Lara continually being associated with prisons.

The Aboriginal community representative raised an idea of the Aboriginal word for 'spine' or 'core' as during a prison tour of Marngoneet, and in discussing the design of the new facility, the word spine was used. This was noted as having cultural significance in the term and each of has a spine/core. This was one idea and further consultation will occur as per our normal practice.

Community engagement

The department presented a community engagement proposal which included a drop-in information session on Wednesday 12 December in order to;

- increase awareness of the CAG and its members within the local community.
- provide an opportunity for the community to speak directly to the department.
- ensure any local community issues or concerns can be identified and addressed.
- inform and educate the local community about the new prison and how they can provide feedback/identify concerns.

The development of the Correctional Facility Plan for the project was discussed and how this community engagement session would inform the key community issues outlined in the plan.

It was agreed upon that the department should;

- host a drop-in information session
- ensure a short presentation is made during the night for people
- confirm the session and commence advertising post Caretaker period.

Community Feedback

Community feedback on the build of the new prison was briefly discussed as the meeting was cut short due to the correctional facility tour.

Key issues that were raised included;

- Lighting of the facility and ensuring it does not cause a significant visual impact on the nearby residents
- Noise from the facility
- Impact on traffic.