

# Chisholm Road Prison Project

Community Advisory Group – meeting summary

## Meeting details

<b>Meeting title:</b>	Community Advisory Group	<b>No:</b>	4
<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 23 January 2019	<b>Time:</b>	4.00pm to 6.00pm
<b>Location:</b>	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), Jeff Cahn (community member), Leanne Barnes, (Executive Director, Barwon South West Region), Dijana Dragovic (Acting Program Director, New Builds), David Withington (community member), Leigh Bartlett (community member), Rod Wise (Deputy Commissioner, Corrections Victoria), Councillor Kylie Grzybek (Wunderemere).

**Additional:** Louise Baring (Communication Manager, New Builds), Leah Fensham-Brown, Manager, Environment and Planning, Assets, Infrastructure and Major Projects (AIM)

**Apologies:** Councillor Anthony Aitken, (Wunderemere), Corrina Eccles (community member), Marylyn Pettit (community member), Leanne Rayner (Sergeant, Lara Police Station), Garry Jackson Program Director, New Builds (delegated to Dijana Dragovic) and Nigel Bird (community member),

## Meeting overview

The Chair opened the meeting and thanked CAG members for attending. Previous minutes were endorsed.

### Debrief on community information session

A discussion on the December community information session for the local community was held as follows;

- Members felt that there were sufficient resources to support the event, including the range of detailed fact sheets and artists impressions of the new prison.
- It was highlighted that the attendance for the session was low (sixteen community members attended).
- Some members stated that they felt a mail out/letter drop of the session may help to increase the attendance, in addition to extending the session until 8pm.
- The department confirmed it ran advertising campaign in the Geelong Advertiser and the Geelong Independent, yet recognised due to the Caretaker period, the lead up time to the event was not as long as the department would normally allow.
- The department confirmed any future sessions held they would extend to 8pm and ensure a

broad communication plan to enable maximum community attendance where possible.

### **Sustainable design workshop**

As a part of the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia's rating scheme which is being used for the project, a sustainable design workshop was run.

Community Advisory Group members were put into two groups and were asked to rank the different aspects of sustainability that are most important to them that relate to the build of the new prison.

The workshop aimed to get a greater understanding of the sustainability issues most important to the local community.

Components they were asked to rank included;

- Landscaping, urban design and community value
- Cultural heritage (Indigenous and non-Indigenous)
- Light pollution
- Noise
- Air quality
- Construction vibration
- Workforce composition (diversity, inclusion, & local jobs creation)
- Quality and longevity of the design
- Community engagement
- Water consumption
- Biodiversity & local water courses
- Worker wellbeing and satisfaction
- The project's internal decision-making processes
- Broader effects of procurement decisions (materials & waste management)
- Energy consumption & climate change.

A report will be prepared with the key findings, of note, the community felt that landscaping, urban design, light pollution, workforce composition and wellbeing, and traffic management (an additional item referenced not a sustainability component) were of key importance among others.

### **Traffic Management**

A discussion on traffic management was held as follows;

- Concerns over traffic management were discussed, in particular the request for Peak School Road to be upgraded.
  - Community members expressed concern that Peak School Road will not be upgraded as a part of the prison build and that it was identified as out of scope of the project.
  - A/Program Director outlined the rationale for the department not to upgrade the road, including the significant budget constraints and challenges relating to the environmental impacts on the land- further delaying the project.
  - A community member outlined the routes to the precinct and concerns for the impacts on local
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traffic, including driving down the 5 tonne limit road that is also close to the Serendip Wildlife sanctuary.

- Community suggested a preferred route to the prison precinct be promoted which would mean access to the site would come via the Ring Road and Bacchus Marsh Road, as opposed to via Little River and Peak School Road and Winderemere Road.
- Department confirmed it could look at the potential signage to the facility so that it signals to go a specific route, but that we couldn't necessarily influence google maps that would outline a route to the facility.
- Justin Giddings agreed to meet with community members to discuss their concerns and outline similar process he went through for directing people to Avalon Airport and signage, and to address any local concerns.
- The road is owned by the Council who are preparing a Traffic Management Plan/Impact Assessment more broadly for Lara which address a number of broader traffic concerns.
- Department will share the Traffic Impact Assessment Report for the project as a part of the consultation on the Correctional Facility Plan when completed.

## **Project update**

### *Managing Contractor Procurement*

- The Managing Contractor request for tender closed in December where three tenders responded to the tender with tender evaluations continuing.

### *Cultural Heritage Complex Assessment*

- Cultural Heritage Complex Assessment is currently being undertaken to inform the Cultural Heritage Management Plan.

### *Design*

- Design development is continuing in line with the program schedule with further work according on the detail design and schematic design.

## **Community feedback and community issues/concerns and community engagement opportunities**

### *Traffic management (as raised above).*

### *Name of the precinct*

Community members raised 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 at the last meeting was the 'Geelong Prison Precinct' signalling to the community the area the prisons are located in but not being specific to the suburbs.

The department stated the process to make a recommendation to revise signage and name for the entire precinct will be confirmed and progressed to Minister at an appropriate timing