

Chisholm Road Prison Project

Summary of Community Advisory Group

Meeting details

Meeting title:	Community Advisory Group	No:	5
Date:	Wednesday 20 February 2019	Time:	4.00pm 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), 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 (Winderemere), Marylyn Pettit (community member),.

Additional: Louise Baring (Communication Manager, New Builds)

Apologies: Corrina Eccles (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

Introduction

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

Debrief on sustainable design workshop

A discussion was held on the Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia's rating scheme sustainable design workshop as follows;

- Members found it a valuable experience to get a deeper understanding of the impacts of the build and types of key areas the department is looking at within the scheme.
- Members found it valuable to contribute to the ranking system and would like to revisit the scope of the group into terms of community contribution to the project.

Considerations for facility expansion

A question was raised about whether the facility may need expanding in the years to come and if this would mean adding levels to the accommodation buildings.

The department confirmed that:

- best practice is to allow for expansions and additional accommodation blocks as a part of planning for future growth within the prison system
- the prison build is funded for 700 beds and if additional beds are required further funding would need to be sought
- if additional beds were funded the accommodation blocks would be placed within the current footprint (not go outside the perimeter wall).

Community feedback and community issues/concerns and community engagement opportunities

Lara Golf Course Water Agreement

Discussion was held on the correspondence sent the Chair of the CAG from the Elcho Park Lara Golf Course regarding the Water Agreement with the Department of Justice and Community Safety and the City of Greater Geelong.

At this meeting the department confirmed the agreement terms of the **Recycled Water Supply Agreement Elcho Park Golf Course** with the City of Greater Geelong.

The department informed the group that following the original agreement:

- As the department's waste water treatment facilities installed at Barwon Prison became end of life, it was decommissioned on 30 September 2016.
- On 22 August 2016 the department informed the City of Greater Geelong of the decommissioning.
- The department stated it will not be able to supply recycled water to Elcho Park Gold Course for the minimum term of the agreement but would honour the agreement financially until 31 December 2019.
- This agreement will cease as of 31 December 2019.

The group identified that providing support for the local Lara Golf Course was an opportunity to contribute to the local community.

The department confirmed that there are no funds allocated to the project to complete this work and the prison will not be operational until 2022.

The Community Advisory Group requested the department to explore opportunities where surplus water could support the Elcho Park Golf Course as a part of the project.

Traffic management

- Justin Giddings met with community members to discuss their concerns around the impacts of local traffic and signage within the area.
- The group raised concerns over traffic management, 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.

- Justin said he stated to the group that it was outside of scope of the project.
- 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 will share the Traffic Impact Assessment Report for the project as a part of the consultation on the Correctional Facility Plan when completed.

Correctional Facility Plan

The development of the Correctional Facility Plan was discussed, and the *Community Issues Identification Table* was reviewed by the group.

The department outlined;

- Members of the group would receive a copy of the Correctional Facility Plan and attachments for their review.
- Appendices to the plan include assessment documents such as the Visual Impact Assessment Report, Traffic Impact Assessment Report for example.

Department will share the Traffic Impact Assessment Report for the project as a part of the consultation on the Correctional Facility Plan when completed.

Discussion was held on the development of the Traffic Impact Assessment Report and the department confirmed it was reviewed by VicRoads.

Project Update

Managing Contractor Procurement

- The Managing Contractor is expected to be appointed in April as tender evaluations are continuing.

Voluntary Cultural Heritage Management Plan

- A Voluntary Cultural Heritage Management Plan is being prepared with the Registered Aboriginal Party.

Design

- Progress has occurred with the design which is on track with more work occurring on the detail design and schematic design.

Other business

Social procurement and public transport options during the construction period were discussed.

Members raised the importance of reducing barriers for communities from high unemployment areas that would require public transport to the site for construction employment opportunities.

The department stated it would raise public transport options with the Managing Contractor (once appointed) in order to ensure they meet their social procurement targets.