



**David Elliott**  
Minister for Counter Terrorism  
Minister for Corrections  
Minister for Veterans Affairs

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

Monday, 17 September 2018

### **PRISON EXPANSIONS SET SIGHTS ON REOFFENDING**

Building work is set to begin on two prison upgrades near Windsor with the first sods turned today, creating almost 300 jobs during construction and around 100 jobs for the north west Sydney area once completed in 2020.

Minister for Corrections David Elliott said the expansion of Dillwynia Correctional Centre and repurposing of the Outer Metropolitan Multipurpose Correctional Centres is part of the NSW Government's \$3.8 billion investment to increase prison capacity.

"We are rebuilding the OMMPPC and tailoring it to remand inmates, ensuring that the time inmates spend awaiting trial is not wasted," Mr Elliott said.

"The repurposed facility will expand access to voluntary drug and other programs, which will help reduce reoffending, while minimum-security inmates will work in a new industrial kitchen, preparing frozen meals for correctional centres across NSW.

"More beds in the Sydney metropolitan area will alleviate pressure on the prison system and allow inmates to be closer to Sydney courts, cutting travel times."

Hansen Yuncken was awarded the managing contract for the repurposing of the Outer Metropolitan Multipurpose Correctional Centre, which includes upgrading the centre for better management of minimum and medium security inmates; rebuilding 250 minimum and medium-security male beds; and upgrading the gatehouse, reception, administration building and visits area.

John Holland was awarded the managing contract for the Dillwynia expansion, which includes 248 new maximum-security beds for females; new visitor area, laundry, health clinic, industries building, program facilities and car park; and an expansion of the existing gatehouse and reception area.

CSNSW Acting Commissioner Rosemary Caruana said adding maximum-security beds to Dillwynia would support a 'graduated living' model, which allows inmates to remain in the same facility for their entire sentence.

"The safety of staff, inmates and the community is also a key priority and the facility will include extensive CCTV coverage and new perimeter fences," Acting Commissioner Caruana said.