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NEW CELLS FOR TERRORIST OFFENDERS IN GOULBURN

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Minister for Corrections Anthony Roberts today officially opened a new high-security unit to house extremist and terrorism-related offenders at Goulburn Correctional Complex.

The 46-bed High Risk Management Correctional Centre 2 is part of the NSW Government's \$47 million investment in countering terrorism and radicalisation in the prison system.

"Our biggest priority is keeping the community safe and this new unit ensures extremist, terrorism-related and high-risk offenders will be held in one of the most secure facilities in Australia," Mr Roberts said.

"The new unit will act as a 'step-down unit' from Supermax to house the offenders who have demonstrated a commitment to disengage from radical behaviour, allowing us to combat extremist narratives and challenge ideology."

Across the state, Corrective Services NSW is currently managing 41 inmates charged or convicted of terrorism-related offences.

CSNSW Commissioner Peter Severin said the new unit included enhanced security features, including high-definition digital CCTV cameras, thermal-imaging cameras and a high-voltage electric fence.

"These security measures will ensure inmates remain securely inside the facility, but will also stop contraband from getting into the prison," Mr Severin said.

"We've also installed a purpose-built control room so our frontline officers can securely and safely manage the facility using advanced access-control systems and up-to-date cell communication channels."

Justice Infrastructure and Assets is also increasing the number of beds at the High Risk Management Correctional Centre in Goulburn from 56 to 75.

The NSW Government's \$47 million counter terrorism investment provides funding for:

- A dedicated Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit at Silverwater;
- Improved monitoring of terrorism-related offenders under community supervision;
- Additional staff training; and
- Expanded programs and one-on-one case management to address the drivers that lead to disengagement and isolation.