



# **Brad Hazzard MP**

## **Attorney General Minister for Justice**

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## **SMUGGLING PLOT FOILED IN PRISON CONTRABAND CRACKDOWN**

Attorney General and Minister for Justice Brad Hazzard today congratulated Corrective Services NSW for successfully completing a lengthy covert mission to foil a contraband smuggling plot.

“I would like to commend the hard work of Corrective Services officers which this week resulted in the arrest of two men over a foiled plot to bring contraband mobile phones and drugs into a prison,” Mr Hazzard said.

“This successful seizure is the latest win in the ongoing crackdown on contraband in our prisons – which is essential for the safety and security of both the prison and the community.”

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) Commissioner Peter Severin, praised the work of officers from CSNSW’ Security Operations Group and Wellington Correctional Centre in preventing a significant amount of contraband being thrown over a perimeter fence.

“The operation was well-planned and involved intensive surveillance over a period of weeks,” said Mr Severin.

“Our officers must be praised for using a combination of intelligence, investigation and surveillance and cooperation with the NSW Police Force to enable these arrests and ensure this contraband didn’t get into the prison, where it would have represented a threat to safety and security.”

Mr Severin said the seizure had prevented a number of mobile phones, mobile phone accessories, and a small but varied mix of illicit and prescription drugs entering the centre and getting into the hands of inmates.

“While contraband is an issue for any correctional system in the world, we are making significant headway as we step up the number of physical searches for contraband combined with intelligence gathering and successful operations such as these,” Mr Severin said.