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COMMUNITY SAFETY FIRST IN \$20 MILLION PRISON SECURITY UPGRADE

New perimeter fencing, inmate no-go zones, and the latest surveillance technology will be installed in a major security overhaul of NSW prisons, Attorney General and Minister for Justice Brad Hazzard and Corrective Services NSW Commissioner Peter Severin announced today.

“This is a major investment - delivering strong new barriers against both escapes and contraband smuggling,” Mr Hazzard said.

“This \$20 million worth of security upgrades, which will take place over three years, is about managing today’s prison population more safely, securely and efficiently.”

We’re raising the bar with:

- Tougher perimeter security
- Latest surveillance technology and alarm systems
- Innovative thermal detection cameras
- More CCTV cameras and video motion detection
- More double perimeter fencing with anti-climb barrel tops and fence tamper alarms
- More no-go zones for inmates
- More duress alarm systems for correctional staff
- New security monitor rooms

“The boosted security measures mean we can house more maximum and medium-security remand prisoners in Sydney close to the courts – by converting Parklea, Dawn de Loas and John Morony Correctional Centres to complete remand centres.

“At the same time significant security upgrades will also be undertaken at South Coast and Mid North Coast Correctional Centres.”

Mr Severin, who announced the upgrades with Mr Hazzard at John Morony Correctional Complex where almost \$11 million worth of security works have begun, said the upgrades will complement existing security measures and the hard work of correctional staff.

“We have stepped up efforts across the system in recent years to minimise escapes and contraband smuggling with intelligence gathering, frequent inmate, visitor and cell searches and ground patrols, and security screening,” Mr Severin said.

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“We are bringing the system well into the 21st century by taking advantage of the latest developments in security”

PRISON UPGRADES AT A GLANCE:

JOHN MORONY CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX, WINDSOR

Outer Metropolitan Multi-Purpose Correctional Centre - Upgrade from minimum to medium security. New double perimeter fencing with anti-climb barrel top to create a new sterile zone, more inmate no-go zones, thermal and motion detection systems, more CCTV, fence alarms, reinforced accommodation units with alarms, new security control room, and new staff duress alarm system.

John Morony Correctional Centre - Upgrade to become a maximum-security remand centre with more security measures including extra CCTV cameras.

SILVERWATER CORRECTIONAL COMPLEX

Dawn de Loas Correctional Centre - Upgrade to become a medium-security, short-term remand centre. New double perimeter fencing with anti-climb barrel top to create a new sterile zone, more inmate no-go zones, thermal and motion detection systems, fence alarms, new security control rooms, and new secure inmate walkways.

Metropolitan Remand and Reception Centre - To remain a maximum-security remand centre, with upgrade of existing security including new CCTV cameras, new prison yard fencing and anti-climb barrel tops added to perimeter fencing.

PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

Upgrade to become a maximum-security remand centre. New double perimeter fence with anti-climb barrel top to create a sterile zone, upgrade of electronic security systems including sterile zone detection and fence alarms, motion detection system, and more CCTV cameras.

SOUTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE, NOWRA

Conversion of current minimum-security section to medium security with second perimeter fence. New anti-climb barrel top, fence alarms, motion detection system and thermal detection cameras.

MID NORTH COAST CORRECTIONAL CENTRE, KEMPSEY

Minimum-security section to be upgraded to medium security. Second perimeter fence with anti-climb barrel, electronic sterile zone detection systems, fence alarms, more CCTV cameras and thermal and motion detection systems.