

Announcement of the inspection of Hunter Correctional Centre and Macquarie Correctional Centre

The Inspector of Custodial Services will inspect Hunter Correctional Centre and Macquarie Correctional Centre.

Hunter Correctional Centre is located on the Cessnock Correctional Complex, 151km north west of Sydney, on Wonnarua country.

Macquarie Correctional Centre is located in Wellington, adjacent to Wellington Correctional Centre, 354km northwest of Sydney, on Wiradjuri country.

Both correctional centres hold up to 400 maximum security, male inmates in dormitory accommodation. Often referred to as “rapid build prisons”, the two correctional centres were opened in early 2018 in response to a need for additional maximum security beds in NSW and to introduce a new operating model for maximum security inmates.

The inspection will consider the correctional centre with reference to the Inspector of Custodial Services’ *Inspection Standards for Adult Custodial Services in New South Wales*, in conjunction with other relevant standards, legislation, policies and procedures. In particular, the inspection will examine:

- a. custodial conditions, including safety and security
- b. the treatment, care, and wellbeing of inmates
- c. the rehabilitation of inmates, including programs, education, employment, and preparation of release, and
- d. resources and systems, including the staffing and management of each correctional centre.

The Inspector of Custodial Services may consider any other relevant matters in the course of this inspection.