

Appendix F: Prison by prison summaries of crowding issues

Acacia Prison

Purposes:

- Medium-security prison for sentenced male prisoners operated by Serco.

Capacity Information & crowding measures

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| Design standard capacity | 1,051 |
| Modified standard capacity | 1,475 |
| Special beds | 38 |
| Total capacity | 1,513 |
| Compliant standard beds | 536 |
| Count: 30 June 2016 | 1,468 |
| Increase over 12 months | 5.5% |
| Unused modified capacity | 7 |
| Utilisation of modified capacity | 99.5% |
| Utilisation of design capacity | 139.7% |
| Compliant beds over 2016 count | 36.5% |

Key overcrowding issues:

- In 2014, as part of a major expansion, an effort was made to strengthen service infrastructure that was under pressure from an earlier population increase. This included additional facilities for education, programs, industry, vocational training, re-entry, recreation and new precincts for protection prisoners and young men. Gas services and waste water treatment were also upgraded.
- Acacia is still crowded in many units through double-bunking.
- Access to the oval and gymnasium has been further restricted since the expansion, especially for protection prisoners, although efforts are being made to install more unit based activities.
- Dental and mental health services proved insufficient for the population.
- The detention unit was not expanded, affecting punishment and other regimes.
- Some other services are insufficiently resourced for the population, including the Aboriginal Visitors Scheme and Outcare (which has the re-entry contract).