

Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison

Purposes:

- Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison at Boulder is the receival facility for men and women sentenced, remanded, or returned to prison in the Goldfields region.
- Rated as a minimum-security facility, it is only meant to hold people rated more highly for a short period before being transferred out.
- EGRP administers the Warburton Work Camp, currently disused.

Capacity Information & crowding measures

Design standard capacity	89
Modified standard capacity	104
Special beds	7
Total capacity	111
Compliant standard beds	63
Count: 30 June 2016	104
Increase over 12 months	30.0%
Unused modified capacity	0
Utilisation of modified capacity	100.0%
Utilisation of design capacity	116.9%
Compliant beds over 2016 count	60.6%

Key overcrowding issues:

- EGRP has been chronically overcrowded for some years. Its maximum-security unit has often been grossly overcrowded with people sleeping on floor mattresses in multipurpose cells or in already crowded cells. Women have also often had to sleep on trundle beds and mattresses.
- The effects of crowding were been exacerbated by lunchtime lockdowns every day and the lack of access to meaningful work and outdoor recreation.
- Despite good core staffing, the health facility is poor, and there is inadequate access to specialist, mental health, counselling and dental care for the prisoner population.
- Lack of culturally appropriate programs for this population reduces access to parole and fails to reduce reoffending by those released. This in turn inflates the need for custodial accommodation.

NOTE: The issues noted were accurate as at 30 June 2016. However, a new 350 bed facility commenced operation on 8 August 2016.