

# West Kimberley Regional Prison

## Purposes:

- West Kimberley Regional Prison at Derby is the regional facility for men and women for the Kimberley Region. It was specially designed to embrace the culture of Aboriginal peoples.
- The former Broome Prison is an annexe of WKRP and acts a receival facility for WKRP, a short-term holding facility for people on remand, and a reintegration facility for minimum-security prisoners.
- Wyndham Work Camp is administered by WKRP and has a focus on community work and release preparation.

## Capacity Information & crowding measures

Design standard capacity	217
Modified standard capacity	291
Special beds	10
Total capacity	301
Compliant standard beds	182
Count: 30 June 2016	270
Increase over 12 months	26.2%
Unused modified capacity	21
Utilisation of modified capacity	92.8%
Utilisation of design capacity	124.4%
Compliant beds over 2016 count	67.4%

## Key overcrowding issues:

- Houses operating significantly over design capacity with up to 40 on mattresses. People were being placed in houses without completing the essential healthy eating, health living orientation program.
- Increasing prisoner unemployment, lockdowns due to staff shortages, and crowding has led to higher incident rates and prisoner safety concerns.
- Contracted transport service, especially for medical escorts and funerals inadequate for the population.
- Maxi section at Broome Annex too crowded with poor amenities, and poor access to recreation, little work or other activities. Others at Broome lack any education, training or programs.

NOTE: The above facts were correct at 30 June 2016, but in September 2016, Broome Annexe regained status as a separate prison with its own Superintendent.