

FACT SHEET

IMMIGRATION DETENTION INFRASTRUCTURE REFURBISHMENTS

INTERIM WORKS

VILLAWOOD IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRE

- Removal of razor wire to the north and west sides of Stage 1 and part removal at front entry of Stage 1
- The commencement of the construction of the higher care accommodation in dormitory 3 of Stage 1
- Improved layout and privacy zoning in the Stage 1 visits area
- Landscape and other improvements to the Stage 1 courtyards, including better access to outdoor areas from each dormitory.
- Modification of the heavy steel fittings of the Management Support Unit (doors, windows, grills) , painting, new floor coverings and improved lighting to provide a more humane environment and extend the building to provide new living rooms and office accommodation together with improved outdoor facilities
- Removing the steel fence facing the sports field at Stage 2 and replacing it with a secure outdoor recreation area
- Modifying the rear exercise yard of the Management Support Unit with an extended recreation area
- Replacing or upgrading electrical, plumbing, air conditioning and security systems

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

- Fencing has been removed around sections of the Phosphate Hill facility to allow for processing and accommodation of children and their families in line with the Government's commitment that children and, where possible their families, will not be detained in an immigration detention centre

LONG-TERM WORKS

VILLAWOOD IMMIGRATION DETENTION CENTRE

- An additional \$1.1 million was provided in the 2008-09 Budget for a feasibility study for the redevelopment of VIDC. Any redevelopment undertaken will reflect the Rudd Government's immigration detention values while still providing appropriate capacity.

CHRISTMAS ISLAND

- To address long-term infrastructure issues, the Rudd Government will work in close consultation with the community to identify suitable options within the Strategic Land Use Plan for Christmas Island.