



DOUG OWSTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE

A public-private partnership contract will be employed in the construction of the Doug Owston Correctional Centre in Holtze in Darwin's rural area.

New custodial accommodation for Darwin is one initiative that underpins a new era in Territory Government Correctional Services. The project will involve 2 new secure facilities, co-located on a greenfield site.

The primary objective of the project is to replace the existing Berrimah Prison with new purpose-built facilities with increased capacity to provide the infrastructure for best practice custodial management. The facilities will provide an environment that contributes to community safety through modern physical and technical security systems supported by an Integrated Offender Management System.

The larger of the 2 facilities is a new men's and women's prison, to be named the Doug Owston Correctional Centre. It will provide the central facility management, security and health care support for a co-located mental health and behavioural management centre. Ancillary buildings will also be constructed within the prison security perimeter.

The facility will accommodate up to 800 beds.

Tenders for the design and documentation of headworks were advertised in November 2010 and closed in December 2010. Survey work of the site also commenced in November 2010. The process will see final bids close in May 2011, early works will commence in quarter 4 of 2011 and the project will be completed in 2014.

