

Summary of recommendations

- Recommendation 1** 28
- That Corrective Services NSW undertake comprehensive rural communities impact statements as part of proposals to close or downsize correctional centres located in rural and regional NSW. These rural communities impact statements should:
- (a) include information about the projected social and economic impacts of the decision on local communities, including short, mid and long term impacts; and
 - (b) be submitted to Cabinet to assist in their consideration of proposals to downsize or close correctional facilities.
- Recommendation 2** 29
- That Corrective Services NSW consult with NSW Trade and Investment in relation to any proposals to close or downsize correctional centres.
- Recommendation 3** 45
- That Corrective Services NSW develop a strategy to provide support to indigenous inmates and their families who have been relocated to a facility that is further away from their families and/or Country as a result of the closing or downsizing of a correctional centre. The strategy should include mechanisms by which families can be provided support to increase their ability to visit inmates, as well as additional alternate methods to facilitate increased contact between inmates and their families.
- Recommendation 4** 51
- That Corrective Services NSW develop a policy document and supporting procedures to be followed when downsizing or closing correctional facilities.
- Recommendation 5** 53
- That, where possible, Corrective Services NSW facilitate the continued presence of offenders helping in communities where correctional facilities have been closed or downsized.
- Recommendation 6** 56
- That the NSW Government co-ordinate and facilitate the development of economic growth strategies in rural and regional areas where a correctional centre is to be closed or downsized. The Government should engage with local communities and key stakeholders, including local government.
- Recommendation 7** 56
- That the NSW Government commit a proportion of savings achieved in the closure or downsizing of correctional facilities to justice reinvestment programs. That, as part of its job creation strategy for the Clarence Valley, the NSW Government consider committing funds to justice reinvestment programs to be based in Grafton.
- Recommendation 8** 62
- That the State Property Authority consults widely in the formulation of management plans and options for adaptive re-use of former heritage Corrective Services properties, and expedites their adaptive re-use as soon as possible.

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That, should there be a need to build new correctional centres in the north of the State to accommodate the inmate population, Corrective Services NSW give consideration to planning a new facility in the Clarence Valley region. The new facility should complement the existing minimum security section of the Grafton facility.