

Custodial Operations Policy and Procedures

11.4 Aboriginal Inmate Access to Traditional Foods

Policy summary

Aboriginal inmates may have access to traditional foods to honour their culture and customs.

Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) acknowledges and endorses the importance of Aboriginal inmates having access to traditional *on-Country* foods during significant cultural events and when participating in Aboriginal specific programs.

Management of Public Correctional Centres Service Specifications

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Scope

This policy applies to all correctional centres and affects all custodial and authorised staff who work within such centres

Related Documents

Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Act 1999

Crimes (Administration of Sentences) Regulation 2014

Food Regulation 2015

High Court decision - Yanner v Eaton (1999) HCA 53

Management of Public Correctional Centre Outcome Specifications

National Parks and Wildlife Act 1974

Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody

Threatened Species Conservation Act 1995

Related Custodial Operations Policy and Procedures

11.5 Aboriginal Cultural Events

Forms and Annexures

Traditional Foods Purchase Order

Definitions

COPP	Custodial Operations Policy and Procedures
<i>Country</i>	Place of heritage, belonging and spirituality
CSNSW	Corrective Services NSW
NAIDOC	National Aboriginal and Islander Day of Commemoration
RAPO	Regional Aboriginal Programs Officer

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1 Policy

1.1 Access to Traditional Foods

In NSW traditional foods may be available only seasonally and in areas where they are native to *Country*. It therefore may be necessary to provide a substitute food to ensure traditional food is available for an approved cultural event or Aboriginal specific program.

The traditional foods of NSW are often referred to as 'Bush Tucker' and may include kangaroo, emu, fish, some native plants, jams, fruits, vegetables and nuts. Traditional foods that are not native to NSW are not to be considered for consumption at cultural events in NSW correctional centres.

To ensure Corrective Services NSW (CSNSW) complies with legislation protecting flora and fauna, traditional foods that are available in NSW and native to *Country* generally should be purchased from a licensed retail outlet in NSW. Any other methods of acquiring native foods must have the approval of the Governor of the correctional centre.

1.2 Purchase of Traditional Foods

The ***Traditional Foods Purchase Order*** form is to be used to order traditional foods.

Traditional foods must be purchased from a licensed retail outlet, or butcher shop that sells 'bush tucker'.

The following foods cannot be purchased or provided at an approved cultural event or Aboriginal specific program:

- game meats that are not traditional foods or native to *Country* or which are restricted by legislation
- traditional plant foods that are not native fruits, vegetables, nuts, berries or jams made from native fruits
- prawns, oysters and crabs.

1.3 Provision of foods by outside parties

The Governor or delegated officer may give prior approval, in consultation with the RAPO, to a proposal for traditional food to be brought into a correctional centre by outside parties for significant cultural events or Aboriginal specific programs. Such proposals from outside parties will only be considered where traditional foods are unable to be sourced from a licenced retail outlet and/or butcher.

2 Procedures

2.1 Procedure table

	Procedure	Responsibility
1.	Coordinate and facilitate cultural events in the region and forward an outline of the proposed plan to the Governor of the correctional centre at least one month prior to the event.	RAPO
2.	Seek approval from the Assistant Commissioner, Custodial Corrections for any new or special events (other than NAIDOC, Survival Day or Sorry Day) to be celebrated. Once this approval has been given, approval must be sought from the Governor for subsequent celebrations at the local level.	RAPO
3.	Where it is intended to provide traditional foods for cultural events or Aboriginal specific programs, submit a written request to the Governor or delegate that includes a list of traditional foods and the method of acquiring those foods.	RAPO
4.	The Governor will maintain a record of all events during which traditional food is approved to be brought into the correctional centre.	Governor or delegate

3 Document history

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1.0		Initial publication (<i>Replaces section 7.21 of the superseded Operations Procedures Manual</i>)