

ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH JUSTICE CENTRE REDEVELOPMENT



Northern Territory Company, Asbuild NT, has been awarded the \$13.1 million construction contract for the redevelopment of the Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre.

This redevelopment will create 69 local jobs, while delivering greater amenity and security for young people, staff, service providers and visitors.

The Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre will remain operational throughout construction.

Work is expected to start from late July 2020, and will include demolition of old infrastructure, site preparation and installation of essential services, in addition to:

- Three redeveloped accommodation areas including refurbished kitchens, dining and staff supervision areas
- New program delivery spaces for a range of organisations to deliver services
- New offices and staff amenity space
- New admissions and induction area
- New medical and health area
- New visitor facilities
- New recreation area for outdoor programs and sport
- Advanced security including perimeter monitoring through CCTV and increasing the external perimeter fence height to 5.4 metres.



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REDEVELOPMENT OF THE ALICE SPRINGS YOUTH DETENTION CENTRE WILL:

- Improve the overall amenity and security for young people, visitors, service providers and staff
- Increase security including advanced perimeter monitoring through CCTV.
- Increase the external perimeter fence height to 5.4 metres. Security elements will also be incorporated into the design of the building and through unobtrusive technology and infrastructure components.
- Increase the delivery of therapeutic services for the rehabilitation of young people, including through education and training, so they can gain the skills needed to become job ready and productive members of the community.

Improvements to the Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre have been purposefully designed to address the need for practical rehabilitation through learning and support service provision so that young people can reintegrate into the community and make better-informed life decisions.

Territory Families has worked with young people in detention, Traditional Owners, Aboriginal stakeholder groups, legal services, local government and Youth Justice Officers to develop the design work to enable the redevelopment of the existing Alice Springs Youth Detention Centre.

Its programs and services will be upgraded to make sure the centre meets current and future needs, and supports the delivery of recommendations made in the Royal Commission into the Protection and Detention of Children in the Northern Territory.

Future works to improve recreation and education and training facilities will be considered at a later stage.