

***Environmental Impact Assessment***

The Environment Minister, under section 121 of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 (the Land Act), has directed that further Environmental Impact Assessment be made for the proposed ACT Prison on Blocks 8, 9 and 10 Section 102 Symonston.

The proponent has been nominated as Mr Michael Ockwell of the ACT Prison Project Office, FAI House, London Circuit, Canberra ACT 2601.

Under section 123 of the Land (Planning and Environment) Act 1991 this further assessment:

- 1) is to be in the form of a Public Environment Report:
- 2) is to address the following matters:
  - a) a complete assessment of the long and short term environmental impacts on flora and fauna, and other natural site features including water flows (quality and quantity) and including management of any impacts;
  - b) a complete assessment of the on-site and off-site visual impacts of locating the proposed prison on the nominated footprint;
  - c) a complete assessment of the on-site and off-site lighting impacts including the design and location of any light;
  - d) a complete assessment of the impacts of the proposed prison on 'Callum Brae'; and
  - e) review the appropriateness of accommodating the proposed prison on the Symonston site by taking into account the full assessment of all the known constraints and infrastructure requirements in respect to (a) – (d) above.
- 3) is to be submitted in draft form for public consultation in accordance with the Environment Minister's direction of 4 September 2001 under Section 124(1) of the Land Act; and
- 4) is to be revised taking into account all the comments received and submitted as a final PER to the Environment Minister in accordance with Section 127 of the Land Act.