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PARKLEA CORRECTIONAL CENTRE INQUIRY TO EXAMINE DORMITORY STYLE PRISONS

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An Upper House committee today extended its terms of reference for the inquiry into Parklea Correctional Centre to also include examination of Rapid-Build dormitory prisons.

The Chair of the Committee, the Hon Robert Borsak MLC said, "Concerns have been raised to the committee about plans to accommodate prisoners in dormitory style accommodation. In particular, there are significant concerns about the privacy and safety of prisoners and the impact of such conditions on prisoner health and recidivism."

"The committee has therefore extended its terms of reference for its recently announced inquiry into the Parklea Correctional Centre to examine this important issue."

The committee invites submissions to the inquiry by Thursday 15 February 2018. Submissions should be lodged online via the committee's website at the address below. It is expected that public hearings will be held in the new year.

For more information about the inquiry, including the terms of reference, please visit the committee's website at: <u>www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/parklea</u>

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