

QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey is gathering information about the prisoner experience of rapid-build dormitory prisons for the current NSW Parliamentary Portfolio Committee No. 4 – Legal Affairs Inquiry.

This voluntary survey applies to every prisoner at the Macquarie Correctional Centre (Wellington) and Hunter Correctional Centre (Cessnock). It can be returned with or without your name, or you can contact us separately. Our address is at the end.

1. Do you prefer the rapid build dormitory style of prison to normal prison layouts?

- Absolutely no
- Mostly no
- Neither yes nor no
- Mostly yes
- Absolutely yes

2. Has the dormitory style with 24 others always around you, distressed your need for privacy and personal space while sleeping or at other times? Please circle the relevant option.

YES

SOMETIMES

NO

3. Do the surveillance cameras within the dormitory concern you?

YES

SOMETIMES

NO

4. Do you feel as though others are 'watching' you/looking at you?

YES

SOMETIMES

NO

5. Please tick your feelings of safety in this prison.

- Never safe
- Rarely safe
- Sometimes safe
- Usually safe
- Always safe

6. Have you ever been threatened or physically assaulted in Macquarie/Hunter Correctional Centre?

YES

NO

7. How often have you witnessed violent behaviour or threats amongst prisoners in this prison?

- Never
- Rarely
- Sometimes
- Often
- Always

8. In your opinion, are bullying/safety concerns among prisoners greater or less in the dormitory prison than in normal prisons?

Greater

Less

9. Is there more noise in the dormitory prisons compared to normal prisons?

YES

NO

10. Has another prisoner's snoring or other noise affected your sleep?

YES

NO

11. Has any increase in noise (e.g. snoring from prisoners) led to an increase in verbal threats?

YES

NO

12. Would you prefer the space of the dormitory to be subdivided into 25 internally lockable, soundproofed personal spaces so that you would have your own cell?

YES

NO

13. How would you describe the lighting inside the dormitory when you are sleeping?

- Very dark
- Dark
- Good
- Bright
- Very bright

14. Do you have anything to add about the conditions in Macquarie/Hunter Correctional Centres rapid-build dormitories?

15. In your opinion, what have been the positive aspects to the rapid-build dormitories? Please describe.

16. In your opinion, what have been the negative aspects to the rapid-build dormitories? Please describe.

If you wish to raise additional questions on matters of concern to you or receive information about available services we will be pleased to respond.

In that case, please supply your name, min number and the Correctional Centre in which you are held, either on this form or separately in a letter to the:

**Justice Action
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Full name:

Min number:

Please tick:

- Macquarie Correctional Centre
 Hunter Correctional Centre