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NEW PRISON TO STRENGTHEN GRAFTON

A new 600-bed prison in Grafton and capacity for 400 more prisoners at Parklea Correctional Centre is part of a record \$1.2 billion spend on the prison system in the NSW Budget 2015-16.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Justice and Police Troy Grant and Minister for Corrections David Elliott said the delivery of 1,000 new prison beds will significantly boost prison capacity and jobs, particularly in regional NSW.

The Budget allocates more than \$20 million over four years for the new prison, to be built as a public-private partnership by 2019, and for expanding Parklea.

Mr Grant said the prison will be ideally placed to meet demand for greater corrective services capacity in northern NSW.

“The NSW Liberals & Nationals Government is committed to investing in the Grafton region which has been part of our corrections system for more than a 100 years,” Mr Grant said.

“This modern 600-bed new facility will be built to contemporary standards, making it safe and secure for staff and inmates. Clarence MP Chris Gulaptis has fought tirelessly to secure a strong NSW Government commitment to corrections in Grafton.”

Mr Elliott said the investment is part of a broader plan to improve the efficiency and sustainability of the NSW prison system.

“The Budget includes funding over three years for a newly constructed addition to allow Parklea to house another 400 inmates by 2018. Currently Parklea houses about 820 adult male remand and sentenced prisoners,” Mr Elliott said.

“These projects will allow Corrective Services NSW to safely and securely manage an additional 1,000 prisoners.”

There are 34 correctional centres across NSW. The last to open was the 600-bed South Coast Correctional Centre in 2010.