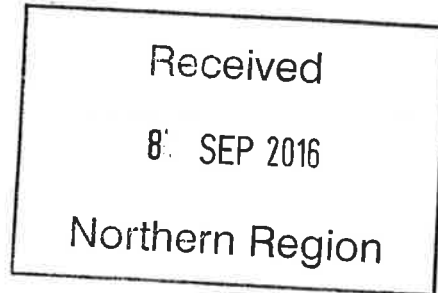


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RE: NEW GRAFTON CORRECTIONAL CENTRE (Lavadia)

Dear Sir / Madam,

Thankyou for the opportunity to respond to your consultation in relation to the New Grafton Correctional Centre proposal.

I write as a resident of Grafton of nigh on 20 years duration. I have a keen sense of infrastructure and development in the Clarence Valley over this time period. My concerns are mostly about economic viability of the project, the social relationship to the built environment for staff and inmates as well as staffing approaches to the development. Please forward my submission to any relevant personnel in other government departments at your own discernment for justice outcomes.

I also write on the basis of one assuming the project has a momentum making it a fait accompli rather than as one initiating a recidivism solution to current difficulties.

(1) Heavy Penalties for ESCAPES

Communities are ill-equipped to date to handle escapes so discourage with guidance and penalties.

(2) BUDGET

Ensure initial cost estimates include all associated throughput estimates – especially size of land parcel. My conservative estimate is that **183,600 Ha** is required for the project whereas **195 Ha** have been proposed.

My estimates are based on a self-sufficiency food, water and essential supplies and waste management estimate for 1,700 inmates and 121 allied professionals as well as 2,550 full-time equivalent staff and 182 allied professionals. It also assumes a 40Ha for each human living in the country estimated for sustainability objectives.

(3) SUSTAINABILITY OBJECTIVES – Daily travel of staff to and fro from the facility.

Staff would be required to live on-site in order not to clock up exorbitant fuel consumptions simply for a staff presence at the facility.

(4) **BUILT ENVIRONMENT** (General)

Pay the RIGHT price in the beginning for HIGH quality, LOW maintenance premises.

(5) **BUILT ENVIRONMENT** (Major consideration 1 – Zero Fire Risk)

That the Minister for Emergency Services be required to apply exhaustive diagnostics on the final draft designs and that 100% compliance with best practice to prevent death &/or injury from fire apply to the final design contract.

This would include the usual airlock diagnostics, insulation materials suited to climate and electrical installations, placement and types of extinguishers, regularity of fire drills, exit signage, building materials, proximity of foliage to built environment, contacts to brigades, gas cylinder design and labelling, instructions for louvres, doorways etc, designated places for BBQ areas and stovetops/ovens and similar intentional use of applied heat, avoid unnecessary use of carpet and fibrous interior decorations. Ensure that industrial ozone producing machines do not vent where people are breathing or near inlet vents. Obviously the Minister will have tomes of relevant considerations.

(6) **BUILT ENVIRONMENT** (Major consideration 2 – Plumbing Industry Development)

Develop a plumbing industry initiative as an overhaul in the priorities of the current industry. The last shower place that I could say really impressed me was in the 1960's at Unley Swimming Pool in South Australia.

Begin with easy maintenance designs and enhance with a normal coriolis effect detectable, and gravity (rather than only surface tension) detectable: viz. drips actually drip. Of recent times only surface tension and watermark risks have been pronounced!!!!

Attached are some rough sketches of shower design to consider with some incidental notes.

Ledges (about a hand spans width) as tiled mantle pieces in shower recesses are enduringly practical despite initial space dedication from the floor up and therefore costings. (Try shallow cupboard on the reverse side as a potential cost saving. You are then alleviated heaps of useless chrome fixtures which currently beg the death knell from an aesthetic, functional and maintenance viewpoint.

Attempt options which allow for discrete shower and toilet blocks which results in lowest maintenance in the longer term, least pong and also frees up window space in main living blocks. The only drawback is stepping outdoors, potentially into the cold and wet between buildings which necessitates covered walkways and acceptance of the human relationship to the natural environment.

Improve toilet etiquette with trigger sonics as well as ventilation fans when in use.

Develop a solution to toilet cleaning that can be used in all public facilities. For example: a press button drop from the ceiling platform for a toilet brush with a squidge of toilet cleaner on it mechanism which can detect return of the brush to the original holding bay. Place a metal inlay into a white grip handle with a brown stem and multi-color brush to ensure that after good cleaning habits that detection to holding bay is possible. Allow 2 minutes from press button release (or opening of toilet door – whichever comes first) until beep, beep, beep alarm goes off if not completed and returned after use. A speed camera style photo would then photograph the offender of any negligence.

(7) **BUILT ENVIRONMENT** (Points to consider)

7.1 Glass pane minimisation (except for windows or solar heating objectives and nurseries)

Avoid glass shower screens – instead choose spring clean replaceable vinyl/plastic curtains on racks in tasteful designs. Lattices (wooden or recycled materials) work well outdoors.

7.2 Visiting/visitors area to be attractive – possibly high stools and high tables with retro happy days association.

(8) **DAY TO DAY MANAGEMENT OF BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

8.1 Avoid harsh, strong smelling chemicals dependency

It is essential that all surfaces and particularly flooring don't require perfumed chemicals to maintain them. Sensitive people have almost been unable to travel on public transport before now on account of gagging connected to cleaning industry chemicals. Likewise patients in hospitals have suffered immersion in toxic perfumes due to ritualised cleaning attitudes. Hot water and mild detergent must suffice or the surface simply isn't suitable for human occupation.

8.2 Noise limits – loudness and duration

It is surprising that with the amount of noise vacuuming carpets with huge ride on carpet cleaners in hospitals that more janitors haven't been murdered. A daily ritual racket of 2 hours duration is industrial deafness lawsuit worthy in any mind enduring such a racket and offence to human sensibilities. Obviously alternatives to carpet and other allergen fibre risks have to be chosen for flooring. Correctional centres / jails are publicly accountable institutions so noise inflicted on inmates must satisfy public standards authorities (including mothers of babies).

(9) **SOCIAL ASPECTS** – please refer this section to relevant stage managers of this proposal.

9.1 Actively protect each week against the temptation to adopt harsh interventions.

Never justify co-ercive use of drugs/pharmaceuticals or any invasive device or chemical (eg. implant, intravenous applications, tablets etc.). PENALTY – Capital punishment of Managing Authority.

9.2 Never work alone – minimum 3 staff present together at all times.

9.3 Personal Space for inmates and staff in locker style situations always available and secure.

9.4 Resources which orient.

Fully equip with up-to-date and requested Bibles, Atlantes (plural of atlas) and Dictionaries, writing paper and stationary for keeping diaries.

Access to the date (including year) and time always available.

9.5 Warm ups MANDATORY before any physical or mental exertion that could be defined as strenuous or health compromising. Regular (eg. up to monthly) chores exempted.

9.6 Respect all reports of traumatic injury and refer accordingly. Candidates for referral should include **choice** of clergy, psychologists, trained volunteer counsellors who are reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

- 9.7 Name tags essential for all staff, visitors and inmates at all times.
- 9.8 Scale interventions to match the size and health of inmates while guiding to an ideal performance target.
- 9.9 Inmates to maintain an ongoing record of their achievements for use on departure. Safekeeping on departure must also be attended to.
- 9.10 Respect Sabbath – 24 hours to reprioritise and recover from the week before and prepare for the week to come.
- 9.11 Translator services readily available both for Non-English Speaking Background inmates and peers seeing to develop their cultural comprehension of fair exchanges and coping methods with inmates of a different background to themselves. This could involve a very significant time allocation to prevent people rushing each other to points of profound relevance to all sides of a consideration – potentially as basic as how to fold a towel.
- 9.12 Visitors and Official visitors – non-denominational and denominational required. Negotiation of terms and scope of influence always to precede dialogue exchanges.

10. OPPORTUNITY

Given an appropriate land parcel it seems that the project may indeed benefit from an investigation into the economic possibility of establishing a complementary riding school compatible with local commitments and tourism benefits. The area and amenity could attract cashed up superannuants looking for a beautiful outdoors experience trail riding through tranquil lowlands.

Once again, thank you for the time you have given to hearing from the public on matters to do with the proposal.

*Yours sincerely,
R. J. Nowe*

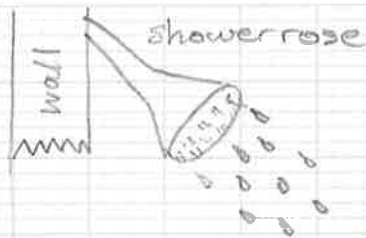
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"A Review of the 40 Ha Policy in the Clarence Valley – May 2000"

ADDENDUM

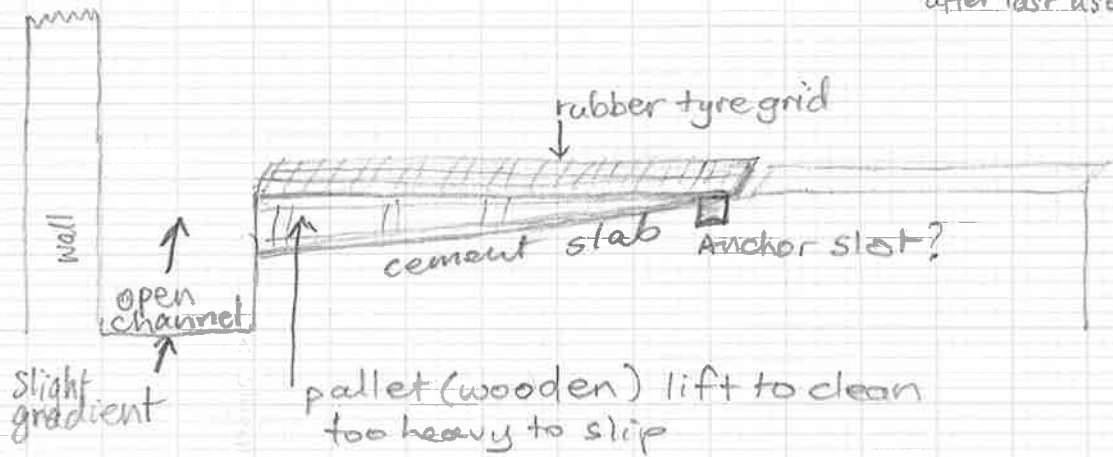
- 9.3b Personal Grooming Materials & Equipment to be available at all times eg. toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, flannel, towel, tweezers, lady shaves + creams, razors, lathers & after shaves.
- Items on request in event of medical anomalies



shower recess

rubberized dark grey sealed walls with cloudy markings

clean & rubber wipers after last use



Second Proposal

