

# Albany Prison

## Purposes:

- Male regional prison – men received from court on remand or following a sentence. May be held, returned to court, assessed, serve a sentence and released locally.
- Male maximum-security prison – a dispersal option for prisoners transferred from other facilities due to management reasons and for persons lacking regular visitors.
- Female reception facility - women received from court on remand or following a sentence but held only very briefly on remand, for a trial, or for transfer to Bandyup Prison in Perth.

## Capacity Information & crowding measures

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| Design standard capacity         | 244    |
| Modified standard capacity       | 489    |
| Special beds                     | 21     |
| Total capacity                   | 510    |
| Compliant standard beds          | 67     |
| Count: 30 June 2016              | 418    |
| Increase over 12 months          | 53.1%  |
| Unused modified capacity         | 71     |
| Utilisation of modified capacity | 85.5%  |
| Utilisation of design capacity   | 171.3% |
| Compliant beds over 2016 count   | 16.0%  |

## Key overcrowding issues:

- Other than Pardelup, Albany has the highest level of displaced prisoners in the state. On 13 May 2016 this included 197 prisoners from Perth metro and surrounding areas and 78 from remote regional areas of the state, primarily Aboriginal people.
- Only Unit 4 has cells compliant with Australasian Standard Guidelines 1990 for single bed accommodation. The cells in the other three units are not compliant with the Standard Guidelines for single bed accommodation. However, all four units are fully double-bunked with none, therefore, compliant. The single women's cell has three beds installed and is compliant with Standard Guidelines.
- There has been no growth in Vocational Support Officer positions since numbers have escalated, and prisoner employment has been stagnant for many years.
- Conflict between OMCG affiliates, feuding family members and others has caused recreation access to be restricted to just three hours per week per unit, each unit recreating separately. The traditional winter football competition has been abandoned.
- There has been unprecedented demand for video-linked courts and official interviews, and for Skype visits with family and children of displaced prisoners. However, the video link service is inadequate and the quality of the Skype service poor.