

## MEDIA RELEASE

### BORONIA PRE-RELEASE CENTRE FOR WOMEN – REPORT NO.120

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In releasing his latest report on Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women, the Inspector of Custodial Services, Neil Morgan, said that:

‘This is our fifth inspection of Boronia Pre-release Centre for Women and it continues to be a shining light in the corrections environment.

Consistent with a pre-release philosophy, Boronia was purpose-built to reflect life in a community setting. It is in great shape and offers a calm and therapeutic environment. The gardens are thriving, the infrastructure is well maintained, and the staff and women have a respectful and positive relationship.

But one would expect Boronia to perform well, as it houses a group of carefully selected prisoners and is well-resourced compared with most prisons. Despite its achievements, there is still room to innovate and improve.’

The Inspector said it was difficult to comment on the effectiveness of Boronia:

‘Since 2006 we have called for the Department of Justice to put in place a robust system to measure Boronia’s effectiveness, especially in preventing reoffending. It has always agreed in principle to do this, but has not yet done so. In response to this report, it told us that an evaluation framework is being developed for the new Wandoo Rehabilitation Prison for Women. It should take this opportunity to develop an evaluation framework for Boronia.’

Neil Morgan  
**Inspector**

#### **For Further Media Information:**

The Inspector, Mr Neil Morgan, will be available for comment from 12 noon on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December and can be contacted on 0427 426 471.