



BAXTER CHANGES

The Baxter Plan, launched in September 2005, goes above and beyond the recommendations made in the Palmer Report to improve the Baxter Immigration Detention Facility and its services. The plan includes numerous construction projects, improved food services and greatly enhanced mental health services.

The Baxter changes include:

- a mental health team, which is now in place, to manage and review cases and proactively screen detainees to identify any mental health concerns. This team also ensures that a detainee's mental health care plan fits with their general case management. Detainees have access to the on-site or on-call services of qualified medical practitioners, psychologists and counsellors;
- a new visitor processing centre, opened in December 2005, to provide improved entry arrangements to the facility for visitors and staff including landscaping around the front entrance;
- the construction of new sporting facilities, including a floodlit sports oval with soccer and hockey pitches, a basketball court and a volleyball court;
- improved self-catering options such as barbeques and access to cooking facilities for detainees; and
- improving the visual outlook from some detention compounds.

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