

Christmas Island Immigration, Reception and Processing Centre



LOCATION

Christmas Island, Indian Ocean
(2600km from Perth and
2800km from Darwin)

CONTRACT VALUE

\$208 million

CONSTRUCTION PERIOD

6 January 05 – 31 August 06

TYPE OF CONTRACT

Construct only

CLIENT

Department of Finance and
Administration (DOFA)



Christmas Island Immigration, Reception and Processing Centre (IRPC) is the first purpose built facility of its kind built in Australia and is on a 40 ha site on the North West Point of Christmas Island, formerly a phosphate mining lease.

The scope of works include the construction of a purpose-designed and purpose-built IRPC comprising 416 places for detainees, 384 overflow contingency places in a basic standard of accommodation and a 20 place management unit. The perimeter security and detection zone include outer and internal patrol roads, security fencing, and a cleared landscaped zone.

Central facilities include induction/visiting area, main reception, administration centre, conference centres, kitchen,

laundry and stores, medical centre and utilities building.

Education and recreation facilities include three education activities group areas. Tennis courts and central sports area, recreation building as well as detainee accessible active and passive recreation areas.

External facilities include an external warehouse, visitor processing building, visitor and staff car park, entry road. Associated site works include, services, and landscaping.

The island has limited existing infrastructure which required the project to establish stand-alone shipping operations, supplementary air services to transport the workers to and from the site and their home base, and the importation of an extensive range of earthmoving equipment,

trucks, cranes, materials handling and access equipment.

During construction, the 350+ workers were housed at a purpose built Village with a variety of sports and recreational facilities. A local bus service transported them the 15km to the project site.

The site, located within a National Park, is home to some unique and endangered flora and fauna found only on the Island. Similarly, the area has been subjected to introduced species that have had an impact on these indigenous species. Given the uniqueness of the island flora and fauna, strict environmental controls were put in place by the Project Team to minimise the impact on the environment.