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Infrastructure at Brisbane immigration facilities requires improvement

Today, the Commonwealth National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) published a summary of their visit to the Brisbane Immigration Detention Centre (BIDC) and the Brisbane Alternative Place of Detention (APOD).

The report highlights good practices in the facility such as reviewing all use of force incidents and there was strong engagement between staff and detained people. However, improvements can be made to infrastructure.

Head of the Commonwealth NPM, Mr Iain Anderson, said:

“One of the High Care Accommodation areas is not fit for purpose. We applaud the staff who have been proactive in not using this area, but we are disappointed that the Department of Home Affairs has not agreed to formally decommission the area as an HCA facility until improvements can be made.”

The infrastructure issues also extend to safety issues for staff in the control room, and lack of privacy for visiting families.

Mr Anderson concluded with:

“I would like to see significant improvements to the infrastructure and accommodation for the Brisbane immigration detention facilities.”

You can read the [full Post Visit Summary on our website](#).

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