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Commonwealth torture prevention body visits Villawood Immigration Detention Centre

Today, the Commonwealth National Preventive Mechanism (NPM) published a summary of their visit to the Villawood Immigration Detention Centre.

The Commonwealth NPM monitors the conditions of facilities and treatment of people in places of detention in accordance with the *Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture* (OPCAT).

The Department of Home Affairs accepted all seven (7) recommendations for improvement that were made to them.

The recommendations were generally focussed on ensuring improvements for detained people with complex health needs and for women in detention.

Head of the Commonwealth NPM, Mr Iain Anderson, said "*Villawood Immigration Detention holds more women than any other immigration detention facility in Australia. Yet more can be done to improve how they are accommodated and treated within the facility.*"

Read the full Post Visit Summary [here](#).

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