

## **Response by Youth Justice to the WMYDC, BYDC and CYDC Inspection Report, September 2022**

On behalf of the Department of Youth Justice, Employment, Small Business and Training (the department), we welcome the Youth Detention Inspectorate's September 2022 inspection report for the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre (BYDC), the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) and the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre (WMYDC).

Rigorous and transparent oversight is essential to ensuring young people in detention are managed appropriately, safely, and securely in accordance with the *Youth Justice Act 1992* and the Youth Justice Regulation 2016. Inspection recommendations provide critical insights to ensure youth detention services evolve with contemporary best practice.

The focus areas this quarter included:

1. Visits to young people
2. Structured day and program delivery
3. Centre facilities and environment

It is noted there are no recommendations arising from the September 2022 inspections. The department welcomes and accepts the report.

Sincere appreciation is extended to the Youth Detention Inspectorate (YDI) for their important work to improve the youth justice system. I also acknowledge the youth detention staff who work in these challenging environments and their commitment to improving the lives of young people and ensuring the safety of youth detention centres.

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