

## Executive Summary to Inspection Report Cleveland Youth Detention Centre December quarter 2014

Inspections of Queensland's youth detention centres are required by s263 of the Youth Justice Act 1992 to be conducted quarterly. These are carried out by delegated Principal Inspectors within the Youth Detention Inspectorate, Ethical Standards Unit. The December quarter 2014 inspection of the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre (CYDC) occurred from 17 to 21 November 2014.

In accordance with the approved inspection framework, the final inspection of each year involves inspectors verifying that approved recommendations from previous reports have been appropriately implemented.

Findings were based on interviews with the Centre Executive Director; Deputy Director; Operations Manager; Unit Managers, Accommodation; Manager, Monitoring and Compliance; Shift Supervisors Accommodation; Team Leader Casework; Programs Support Officer; Transition Officer; conversations with a variety of section supervisors, youth workers and young people throughout the centre; and examination of data in the Detention Centre Operational Information System (DCOIS).

December quarter inspections provide a round-up of the extent to which approved, active recommendations have been implemented within agreed timeframes. Original findings are tabled within the report alongside each corresponding recommendation and the implementation status as at December 2014 (some are grouped together for having common themes and are therefore listed out of sequence).

For CYDC there were thirteen (13) recommendations outstanding from previous inspection reports, ranging from 2011 to 2014. Of these:

- Seven (7) have been implemented and will be closed (with one to be monitored in 2015)
- Three (3) were slated for monitoring only due to the nature of the issues and to gauge the effectiveness of their intended remedies
- Two (2) were not implemented and will remain open
- One (1) was in progress but will be closed due to actions that had commenced.

Particular challenges remaining for CYDC in 2015 are the arrival of female detainees in late January, and the need to further progress consistent and effective management of detainees in order to reduce incidents of concern.

Although outside the scope of the recommendation under review, the Inspectorate commends CYDC and its Transition Officer for his recent collaborative work with the Royal Australian Army. Following extensive off-centre reintegration work by the Transition Officer and post-release follow-up with the Youth Justice Service Centre, one young person now looks highly likely to be accepted into the army. Other potential recruits will be assisted in future, where appropriate.