

Response by Youth Justice to the West Moreton Youth Detention Centre Inspection Report, June 2021

On behalf of the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, we welcome the Youth Detention Inspectorate's June 2021 inspection report for 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*. Inspections provide critical insights and evidence-based advice to ensure youth detention services evolve with contemporary best practice.

It is noted this is the second report covering the inspection of WMYDC within the first six months of opening and focuses on on-site observations during the progressing stages of operation. As WMYDC is now fully operational this is the final stand alone report for the centre. Future inspection reports will cover WMYDC, plus the Brisbane Youth Detention Centre and the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre.

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

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