

# Cleveland Youth Detention Centre

1980 –

## Details

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The Cleveland Youth Detention Centre was established in 1980 at Old Common Road, Belgian Gardens, Townsville. It is a government-run facility, housing males aged 10 to 17 years who have been refused bail and remanded in custody, or who have been sentenced by the courts to a period of detention.

## Commission of inquiry into abuse of children in Queensland institutions.

In August 1998 in Queensland, the Minister for Families, Youth and Community Care established a Commission of Inquiry to examine whether there had been any abuse, mistreatment or neglect of children in Queensland institutions.

This Inquiry is widely known as the Forde Inquiry, in reference to the Chairperson, Leneen Forde. The Committee reported on incidents of unsafe, improper and illegal treatment of children in Queensland institutions, including cases of sexual, physical, emotional and systems abuse. It is known as *The Report of the Commission of Inquiry into Abuse of Children in Queensland Institutions*.

The Commission inquired into the current and past administration of the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre and submissions from former residents were taken. The full report is a public document, available free of charge to anyone who requests it from the Queensland Government. Its findings are detailed and explicit.

## More info

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### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Children's Services Department, State Government of Queensland \(1 August 1966 - 6 June 1987\)](#)
- [Family and Youth Services Department, State Government of Queensland \(9 June 1987 - 14 December 1987\)](#)
- [Family Services Department, State Government of Queensland \(14 December 1987 - 7 December 1989\)](#)
- [Family Services and Aboriginal and Islander Affairs Department, State Government of Queensland \(7 December 1989 - 25 January 1996\)](#)
- [Department of Families, Youth and Community Care, State Government of Queensland \(26 February 1996 - 22 February 2001\)](#)
- [Department of Family and Community Services, State Government of Queensland \(25 January 1996 - 26 February 1996\)](#)
- [Department of Families, State Government of Queensland \(17 February 2001 - 12 February 2004\)](#)
- [Communities Department, State Government of Queensland \(12 February 2004 - 3 April 2012\)](#)
- [Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services Department, State Government of Queensland \(3 April 2012 - 12 December 2017\)](#)
- [Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women, State Government of Queensland \(12 December 2017 - 12 November 2020\)](#)

- [Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs, State Government of Queensland \(2020 - current\)](#)

#### Related Events

- [Child Protection Commission of Inquiry, Queensland \(1 July 2012 - 30 June 2013\)](#)

#### Related Organisations

- [Department of Justice and Attorney General \(2012 - current\)](#)

The Department of Justice and Attorney General controls access to the records of the Cleveland Youth Detention Centre.

## Resources

- Atkinson, Lynn, [An overview of juvenile detention in Australia](#), National Conference on Juvenile Detention: Proceedings of a conference held 10-13 August 1993, 1994
- Dibben, Kay, [Children's commission report critical of Cleveland Youth Detention Centre's decision to keep boys in lockdown](#), Courier Mail, 21 January 2014

## Records

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For more information and to access your records, follow the links below:

### Records

- [Institution Files, Queensland Government-run Institutions \(c. 1871 - c. 2001\)](#)
  - [Operational Registers, Queensland Government-run Institutions \(c. 1870 - c. 2001\)](#)
  - [Administrative Records, Queensland Government-run Institutions \(c. 1865 - 2001\)](#)
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