

Ashley Youth Detention Centre

Ms HADDAD question to MINISTER for CHILDREN and YOUTH

My question is on behalf of my constituent, Ace. Ace asks and says:

“As a young person and as a Hobart College student, I am concerned with the lack of action regarding the closure of Ashley Youth Detention Centre. Despite a class action being filed in the Supreme Court by 129 inmates with abuse allegations dating back as far as 1960, the Ashley Youth Detention Centre is yet to close.”

The closure of Ashley was announced in 2021, but this has now been dragged out to 2026. Furthermore, a \$75 million settlement has been issued in compensation for historic abuse, yet there have been reports of ongoing abuse in the last three or four years as the centre remains operational. What are the state government's current plans to address the serious issue of ongoing abuse of young people in the centre that was set to close four years ago?