

**From:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**To:** [Leanne Linard](#)  
**Cc:** [Bernadette Condren](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre - Sunshine Coast Daily  
**Date:** Monday, 17 January 2022 2:54:14 PM

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Hi

Please see a draft response in relation to the questions posed in the attached email. Please let me know if you are happy for this to out as a Departmental response:

**Quote attributed to a spokesperson from the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs**

“To date, the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs has been invoiced \$345,000 for initial works, including design and preparation for upgrades to the facility’s systems which include fire, security and information technology.

These were due for replacement, meaning the work was required regardless of whether the building was used as a watchhouse or as a short-term remand centre.

There will be some additional costs to facilitate the return of the building for QPS use, however the exact costs are yet to be confirmed.”

Many thanks

Cathy

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**From:** Annett, Tegan Stakeholder information  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 9:13 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker Private contact information; CYJMA media  
<[Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi there,

I hope you're doing well.

I'm working on a story about the Caloundra Youth Remand Centre plans being scrapped.

Can I please get a response from the minister to the below questions:

- How much of the \$5.4m budgeted for this project has been spent?
- What were the majority of the funds spent on?
- How much will it cost and how long will it take to return the facility to a watchhouse?
- I understand cabling, cameras, security systems and most equipment has been stripped from the former watchhouse. Why was this done before consultation was completed?

Please let me know if there are any concerns with this request.

A response by 12pm would be appreciated.

Cheers,

**TEGAN ANNETT**

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RTI REQUEST

**From:** [Leanne Linard](#)  
**To:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statement/interview request - Grant Broadcasters  
**Date:** Monday, 17 January 2022 4:19:57 PM

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**Response attributed to Hon Leanne Linard MP, Minister for Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs:**

“The Queensland Government today announced that plans to repurpose the Caloundra watchhouse into a temporary short-term youth remand centre will no longer proceed following extensive community consultation.

“Last year we announced that Caloundra residents and businesses would have their say on plans to repurpose the existing watchhouse.

“As a government, we assured the community that we would listen to their views and we meant it.

“That process found that Caloundra wasn’t the right place for this temporary centre - we welcome the feedback, we listened to the community’s concerns and we have acted on those concerns.

“The facility’s systems which include fire, security and information technology were due to be replaced. This is why the work commenced during the consultation period.

The work was required regardless of whether the building was used as a watchhouse or as a short-term remand centre.

To date, the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs has been invoiced \$345,000 for initial works, including design and preparation for the upgrades.

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**From:** Catherine Baker <[Private contact details](#)>  
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**Subject:** FW: Statement/interview request

Hi

Please find attached an additional question about the Caloundra Watchhouse. Once you have your draft statement ready, let me know and after reviewing it I will send it to Grant Broadcasters as a written statement. I’ll send her an email saying that she should contact police media about these questions:

- Were police officers moved out of the facility while works were being done? When was this done and when will they be able to return?

Many thanks

Cathy

**From:** Naomi Lynch Stakeholder information  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 10:10 AM  
**To:** External - Caloundra Electorate Office <[caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au)>, Attorney <[attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Statement/interview request

Morning,

Just hoping to get a comment from the justice minister or member for Caloundra on the youth watchhouse at Caloundra. I've spoken to the Member for Ninderry and am hoping to get a government response on the below questions:

- Can you confirm that plans to use the watchhouse as a temporary youth detention facility have been scrapped?
- What led to the change of plans?
- The opposition claims the facility has already been gutted and it will cost "millions" to restore so police can use it as a watch house again, is this correct?
- Were police officers moved out of the facility while works were being done? When was this done and when will they be able to return?

If a spokesperson is happy to do a pre-recorded interview, the number is 5475 1982, otherwise a written statement is also fine.

Cheers,

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**Naomi Lynch**  
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**From:** Sara Lando  
**To:** Catherine Baker  
**Cc:** CYJMA media  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre - Sunshine Coast Daily  
**Date:** Monday, 17 January 2022 4:22:55 PM

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Thanks Cathy. Yes, I will send that on to Tegan.

Cheers, Sara

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**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact details>  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 4:20 PM  
**To:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; Sara Lando <Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre - Sunshine Coast Daily

Hi Sara

Attached is the version reviewed by the Minister. Let me know if you are happy with the changes. If you are happy with it can you send it directly to Tegan.

**Quote attributed to a spokesperson from the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs**

“The facility’s systems which include fire, security and information technology were due to be replaced. This is why the work commenced during the consultation period.

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Many thanks

Cathy

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**From:** Annett, Tegan <Stakeholder information>  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 9:13 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact details>; CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

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- How much will it cost and how long will it take to return the facility to a watchhouse?
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Please let me know if there are any concerns with this request.  
A response by 12pm would be appreciated.

Cheers,

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**From:** Sara Lando  
**To:** Catherine Baker  
**Cc:** CYJMA media  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre  
**Date:** Tuesday, 18 January 2022 1:45:44 PM

Hi Cathy,

Below is a DG-endorsed draft response to Tegan’s follow-up question about Caloundra. It’s been written as a departmental response.

**Draft response:**

Community consultation for this proposal was conducted on our behalf by the Department of Energy and Public Works at an estimated cost of \$35,000.

This is separate to the \$345,000 mentioned in our previous response.

**Background for Minister’s office:**

For community consultation, CYJMA engaged the Department of Energy and Public Works to work on our behalf through the Planning (Ministerial Designation) process. The fee proposal was approx. \$35k.

CYJMA has not been invoiced for this service as yet, so is not part of the \$345k in invoices received to date.

Regards,

Sara Lando  
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**From:** Annett, Tegan [redacted]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2022 9:17 AM  
**To:** Sara Lando <Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Thanks for that Sara.  
Are you able to confirm if the \$345,000 included the cost of community consultation?  
If not, how much did that cost?

Cheers,  
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**From:** [Kerryn Manifold](#)  
**To:** [Catherine Baker](#); [@Premiers Media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Sign off - response for the Courier Mail  
**Date:** Tuesday, 18 January 2022 2:59:17 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
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[image005.png](#)

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Just give them this...

As stated yesterday, the cost involved initial works including design and preparation.

Community consultation was conducted by the Department of Energy and Public Works.

**Kerryn Manifold**

Director - Government Media Unit

**Office of the Hon. Anastacia Palaszczuk MP**

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**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
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<[premiers.media@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:premiers.media@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Sign off - response for the Courier Mail

Hi Kerryn

**The Courier Mail asked the following question:**

Are you able to confirm if the \$345,000 included the cost of community consultation?  
If not, how much did that cost?

**Our response,** which I suggest comes from the Department is as follows:

“Community consultation for this proposal was conducted on our behalf by the Department of Energy and Public Works at an estimated cost of \$35,000.

This is separate to the \$345,000 the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs has been invoiced for initial works, including design and preparation for the upgrades.”

Many thanks

Cathy

**Catherine Baker**

Senior Media Advisor

**Office of the Hon Leanne Linard MP**

Minister for Children and Youth Justice

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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RTI RELEASE

## Bernadette Condren

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**From:** Catherine Baker  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 12:32 PM  
**To:** Sara Lando  
**Cc:** CYJMA media; Michael Kely  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi Sara

The revised version is fine to go out as a Departmental response.

Many thanks

Cathy

**From:** Sara Lando <Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 10:47 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi Cathy,

I've put this text through approvals and made some very slight changes/additions (highlighted).

For background, contractors were instructed to complete current works in train and then stand down for the Christmas/New Year period.

Let me know if you're okay with these changes, and I will issue it as a departmental response.

### RESPONSE

The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to final approval. The government has allocated \$5 million in infrastructure funding for the centre.

A formal notification period closed on 15 November. Submissions are now being considered ahead of a final decision on whether the proposal will proceed.

The facility's systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) were at end of life and due for replacement and works are being undertaken to a level required for the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse. This work will resume in the new year.

If the proposal to repurpose the current watchhouse to a short-term remand centre is approved, additional works will be required and undertaken.

Kind regards,

**Sara Lando**  
Principal Media Officer | Strategic Communication and Media  
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**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 9:05 AM  
**To:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi

Please note the attached media enquiry. Third party personal information we will need to decide if this should go out as a comment from Minister Farmers or the Department?

The Minister and I prepared the following [redacted]

“The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to final approval. The government has allocated \$5 million in infrastructure funding for the centre.

A formal notification period closed on 15 November. Submissions are now being considered ahead of a final decision on whether the proposal will proceed.

The facility’s systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) were at end of life and due for replacement and works have been undertaken to a level required for the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse.

If the proposal to repurpose the current watchhouse to a short-term remand centre is approved, additional works will be required and undertaken.”

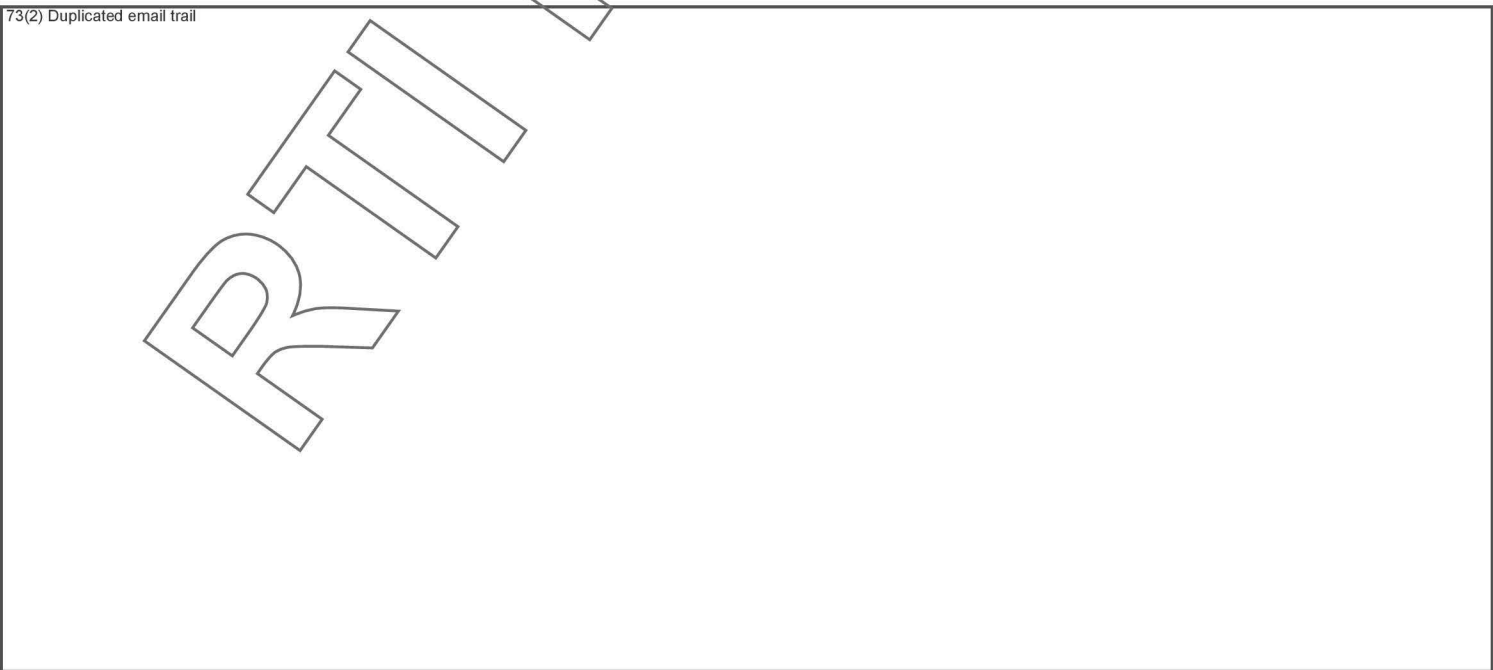
Let me know if this needs an edit or if it can go as is.

Many thanks

Cathy

**From:** Peter Hall <Stakeholder information>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 8:25 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Cc:** Peter Hall [redacted]  
**Subject:** Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

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**Johanna Little**

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**From:** Catherine Baker  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 December 2021 5:18 PM  
**To:** 'Sara Lando'  
**Cc:** CYJMA media  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra youth remand centre

Hi Sara

Premiers have asked that the following be issued to Channel seven and Teagan:

Draft response attributed to the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs:

"No decision has been made at this stage.

Many thanks

Cathy

**Catherine Baker**  
Senior Media Advisor  
**Office of the Hon Leanne Linard MP**  
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RTI RELEASES



**Johanna Little**

**From:** Michael Frawley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 November 2021 9:42 AM  
**To:** 'CYJMA DLO'  
**Subject:** FW: Constituent Enquiry - [Third party personal]

Hi Jo,

I know that the answer is that we won't be leasing the watch house and the ownership will be transferred to DCYJMA, but can I get a response prepared that explains this?

Thanks,

Michael



**Michael Frawley**  
Policy Advisor – Multicultural Affairs  
**Office of the Hon. Leanne Linard MP**  
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**From:** Caloundra Electorate Office <CALOUNDRA@parliament.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 November 2021 4:07 PM  
**To:** Michael Frawley [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Constituent Enquiry - [Third party personal]

Hi Michael,



[Redacted] met with Jason today about the Caloundra watch house/proposed youth remand centre.

[Redacted] wants to know how long the lease is for the watch house?

Is that information we can provide for him?

Thank you!

Regards,



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**Johanna Little**

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**From:** Catherine Baker  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 December 2021 4:18 PM  
**To:** 'Sara Lando'  
**Cc:** CYJMA media  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre - Sunshine Coast Daily

Great work Sara. I'll send it around for review and will let you know what we end up issuing (if it a Ministerial response) or what our suggestion would be if the department issued it.

Many thanks

Cathy

**From:** Sara Lando <Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 December 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre - Sunshine Coast Daily

Hi Cathy,

Here's a draft response, endorsed by the DG, for today's media enquiry about the Caloundra short-term remand centre. It's written as a departmental response.

**DRAFT RESPONSE**

The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to final approval.

A formal notification period closed on 15 November, and submissions have been considered ahead of a final decision on whether the proposal will proceed.

Work has been underway on the facility's systems (fire, security, ICT, etc), which were due for replacement, to bring them to a level required for police to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse.

The cost of the upgrade will be met through the \$5 million in infrastructure funding allocated for the proposed short-term remand centre.

The work on the facility's systems is being paused because of the Christmas and New Year period, however it will resume in the new year.

Kind regards, Sara

**From:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 December 2021 3:05 PM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Cc:** Michael Kely <Michael.Kely@ministerial.qld.gov.au>; Deidre Mulkerin <Deidre.Mulkerin@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; Michael J Drane <Michael.Drane@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; Kate Connors <Kate.Connors@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra youth remand centre

Hi Cathy

The Sunshine Coast Daily is asking whether the proposed remand centre has been scrapped. We will pull together some largely existing lines unless you advise otherwise. The deadline is 5pm. The journo is seeking comment from the local member so you may know this already.

Cheers  
Breda

**Breda Wall** | Media manager  
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**From:** Annett, Tegan <[redacted]>  
**Sent:** Friday, 17 December 2021 2:41 PM  
**To:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; Caloundra Electorate Office <CALOONDRA@parliament.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Caloundra youth remand centre

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Hey there,

I hope you're doing well.

I've heard there has been some speculation that the government has scrapped its plans to turn the Caloundra watchhouse into a youth remand centre.

Is the department please able to provide a response on this by 5pm today.

- Has the department decided not to go ahead with the youth remand centre? Why?
- If not, when will a decision be made on this?
- How much has been spent to date on the facility and consultation process?
- Is the government considering another location for this youth remand centre?

Can I also please get a response from the Caloundra MP Jason Hunt on this.

- What do you make of the government's decision on the remand centre?
- Do you think the community was in favour of this facility?
- Are you pleased the project is not going ahead?

Please let me know if there are any concerns with this request.

I'll be working tomorrow so if the 5pm deadline today is too tight, a response before 11am Saturday would also be fine.

Cheers,

**TEGAN ANNETT**  
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**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 9:14 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker  
**Cc:** CYJMA media; Megan Graham  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi Cathy

Those lines look good but we will just double check with the program to make sure there's no update. The response doesn't address the issue of the works allegedly stopping so the journo may come back to you on that, of course.

I think this response can come from the department if you wish.

Sara will be back to you in due course.

Cheers

Breda

**Breda Wall** | Media manager

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RTI REVIEW

**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Date:** 18 November 2021 at 7:07:54 pm AEST  
**To:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Media enquiry

Hi

Caloundra mp, Jason hunt has received the following email about the Caloundra watchhouse.

Could your team draft a response? I'll find out what the deadline is. Hopefully it is tomorrow and not tonight.

Cathy

**From:** Annett, Tegan <Stakeholder information>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 November 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** Caloundra Electorate Office <CALOUNDRA@parliament.qld.gov.au>; Jason Hunt <Jason.Hunt@parliament.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Caloundra remand centre - Sunshine Coast Daily request

Hi there,

I hope you're doing well.

I'm working on a story about the Caloundra Youth Remand Centre and would appreciate a response from Jason.

- Do you still support the youth remand centre proposal? Why/why not?
- Are you concerned that 6000 people signed a petition against the remand centre? Just over 4000 of those were from the Caloundra area, according to Jarrod Bleijie.
- Do you believe this accurately shows the community sentiment around the remand centre?
- A nearby business owner said he has seen tradespeople working at the site regularly and he believes the remand centre is a 'done deal'. What's your response to this? If tradespeople are on site, what work are they completing?
- Does it concern you that residents believe this is going ahead despite consultation only being completed recently?

Please let me know if there are any concerns with this request.

Cheers,

TEGAN ANNETT  
Journalist

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RTI RELEASE

**From:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**To:** [Breda Wall](#)  
**Cc:** [CYJMA media](#); [Megan Graham](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra media response for approval please  
**Date:** Friday, 19 November 2021 9:34:37 AM

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Thanks Breda. You are correct. I'll take it from here.  
Cathy

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**From:** Breda Wall <[Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 19 November 2021 9:02 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <[Private contact information](#)>  
**Cc:** [CYJMA media](#) <[Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>; [Megan Graham](#) <[Megan.Graham@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Megan.Graham@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra media response for approval please

Hi Cathy

Here is our response to the Sunshine Coast Daily on Caloundra. I presume your office will look after issuing this and it won't come back our way?

**RESPONSE**

The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to planning approval.

A formal notification period closed on 15 November and the Department of State Development, Infrastructure and Local Government received 753 submissions from local residents. The submissions are being considered and will inform the final decision on whether the proposal will proceed.

Works have commenced on essential systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) inside the Watchhouse but the proposal remains subject to planning approval.

The facility's systems were at end of life and due for replacement regardless of the proposal proceeding. Should the proposal not be approved, the current works will be completed and enable the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a Watchhouse.

Cheers

Breda

**Breda Wall** | Media manager

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**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** Sara Lando <Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; Michael Kely <Michael.Kely@ministerial.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Hi

The Minister has signed off the following response (which includes some minor changes) and asks that this response be attributed to her.

Quote attributed to Minister Leanne Linard, Minister for Children and Youth Justice:

“The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to planning approval.

A formal notification period closed on 15 November. Submissions are now being considered ahead of the final decision of the Planning Minister on whether the proposal will proceed.

Works have commenced on essential systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) inside the watchhouse but the proposal remains subject to planning approval. The facility’s systems were at end of life and due for replacement regardless of the proposal proceeding.

Should the proposal not be approved, the current works will be completed and enable the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse.”

Many thanks

Cathy

**From:** Shirley Sinclair <Stakeholder information>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 9:03 AM  
**To:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Caloundra youth remand centre article

Good morning, Media Team.

I’m hoping to get some comment/figures on the Caloundra youth remand centre facility.

My deadline is 4pm today.

Background: Sunshine Coast News understands that the tender process for works associated with turning the Caloundra Watchhouse into a youth remand centre has begun.

Can you please tell me:

1. When did the Youth Justice Minister approve the project?
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5. How many jobs (full-time, part-time, casual) will be created once it opens as a youth remand centre facility?
6. When is it expected to be operational?

Thanking you, Shirley.

**Shirley Sinclair**

Journalist/Travel Editor

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**From:** Sara Lando  
**To:** Catherine Baker  
**Cc:** CYJMA media  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article  
**Date:** Friday, 26 November 2021 9:01:29 AM

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Hi Cathy,

I've checked on this – we don't have a figure for the systems work, but yes, the costs will be coming out of the \$5M allocated capital budget received and announced in the budget papers.

Sara

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**From:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 8:19 AM

**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>

**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Let me check on that Cathy.

I think we have already used that number anyway in previous responses.

Also not sure if the systems upgrades cost is coming from that \$5m although it would make sense if it didn't.

Back to you as soon as we can.

Cheers

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**Breda Wall** | Media manager

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**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>

**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 8:15 AM

**To:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Hi Breda

Do you want me to check if I can get sign off for the line which was deleted by Premiers ie: "The government has allocated \$5 million in infrastructure funding for the centre."

Many thanks

Cathy

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**From:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 4:52 PM

**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>

**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** Re: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Hi Cathy

We don't have that figure and won't have it for some time so the extended deadline to tomorrow doesn't help.

Cheers

Breda

Sent from my iPhone

On 25 Nov 2021, at 4:16 pm, Catherine Baker

<Private contact information> wrote:

Hi

Are you able to dig out the amount for Shirley or if there is a good reason why we can't provide this information then I will say it is not available?

Many thanks

Cathy

**From:** Shirley Sinclair <Stakeholder information>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 4:14 PM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Thanks again for the response below, Cathy.

I take all the information on board.

But I have one further question. My deadline will now be 4pm tomorrow (Friday).

Can you please tell me:

What is the monetary value of the work currently being done on the essential systems upgrade (fire, security and ICT) at Caloundra Watchhouse?

Thanks as always, Shirley.

**Shirley Sinclair**

Journalist/Travel Editor

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**From:** Catherine Baker  
**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 2:54 PM  
**To:** Shirley Sinclair  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Hi Shirley

Thanks for your enquiry to the department about the Caloundra Watchhouse. On this occasion, the Minister will be providing a response. The response should read as follows:

Quote attributed to Minister Leanne Linard, Minister for Children and Youth Justice:

"The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to planning approval.

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Works have commenced on essential systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) inside the watchhouse but the proposal remains subject to planning

approval. The facility's systems were at end of life and due for replacement regardless of the proposal proceeding. Should the proposal not be approved, the current works will be completed and enable the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse."

Many thanks

Cathy

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**Catherine Baker**

Senior Media Advisor

**Office of the Hon Leanne Linard MP**

Minister for Children and Youth Justice

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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1 William Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

**From:** Shirley Sinclair Stakeholder information

**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 9:03 AM

**To:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** Caloundra youth remand centre article

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I'm hoping to get some comment/figures on the Caloundra youth remand centre facility.

My deadline is 4pm today.

Background: Sunshine Coast News understands that the tender process for works associated with turning the Caloundra Watchhouse into a youth remand centre has begun.

Can you please tell me:

1. When did the Youth Justice Minister approve the project?
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4. How many jobs is it expected to create in the construction/refurbishment phase?
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6. When is it expected to be operational?

Thanking you, Shirley.

**Shirley Sinclair**

Journalist/Travel Editor

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**From:** [Sara Lando](#)  
**To:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**Cc:** [CYJMA media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article  
**Date:** Monday, 29 November 2021 9:05:28 AM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Hi Cathy,  
Our department is funding the work being done on the essential systems upgrade.  
Cheers, Sara

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**From:** Catherine Baker <[Catherine.Baker@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:Catherine.Baker@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 November 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** Sara Lando <[Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>; CYJMA media <[Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Caloundra youth remand centre article


Hi Sara  
Can I safely assume that it is our department funding the watchhouse or is it the Department of Justice?  
Many thanks

Cathy

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**From:** Shirley Sinclair <[Stakeholder information](#)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 29 November 2021 8:41 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <[Private contact information](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Hi again, Cathy.  
Sorry to be a pain with this but could you please clarify which State Department is funding the work currently being done on the essential systems upgrade at Caloundra Watchhouse?  
If you could let me know this morning, that would be wonderful.  
Thanking you, Shirley

**Shirley Sinclair**  
Journalist/Travel Editor  




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**From:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, 26 November 2021 2:56 PM  
**To:** [Shirley Sinclair](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Hi Shirley  
Thanks for the email and for your interest in this story. In relation to the cost, I would like to use the following response:  
Quote attributed to Minister Leanne Linard, Minister for Children and Youth Justice:  
"The government has allocated \$5 million in infrastructure funding for the centre."  
Many thanks  
Cathy



**Catherine Baker**

Senior Media Advisor

**Office of the Hon Leanne Linard MP**

Minister for Children and Youth Justice

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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1 William Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

**From:** Shirley Sinclair <[Redacted Stakeholder information]>

**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 4:14 PM

**To:** Catherine Baker [Redacted Private contact information]

**Subject:** RE: Caloundra youth remand centre article

Thanks again for the response below, Cathy.

I take all the information on board.

But I have one further question. My deadline will now be 4pm tomorrow (Friday).

Can you please tell me:

What is the monetary value of the work currently being done on the essential systems upgrade (fire, security and ICT) at Caloundra Watchhouse?

Thanks as always, Shirley.

**Shirley Sinclair**

Journalist/Travel Editor

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**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 2:54 PM

**To:** Shirley Sinclair

**Subject:** FW: Caloundra youth remand centre article

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Should the proposal not be approved, the current works will be completed and enable the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse.”  
Many thanks

Cathy

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Senior Media Advisor

**Office of the Hon Leanne Linard MP**

Minister for Children and Youth Justice

Minister for Multicultural Affairs

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1 William Street, Brisbane Qld 4000

**From:** Shirley Sinclair Stakeholder information

**Sent:** Thursday, 25 November 2021 9:03 AM

**To:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** Caloundra youth remand centre article

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**Shirley Sinclair**

Journalist/Travel Editor

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**From:** [Breda Wall](#)  
**To:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**Cc:** [CYJMA media](#); [Megan Graham](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre  
**Date:** Monday, 13 December 2021 9:14:14 AM

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Hi Cathy

Those lines look good but we will just double check with the program to make sure there's no update.

The response doesn't address the issue of the works allegedly stopping so the journo may come back to you on that, of course.

I think this response can come from the department if you wish.

Sara will be back to you in due course.

Cheers

Breda

**Breda Wall** | Media manager

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**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>

**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 9:05 AM

**To:** Breda Wall <[Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>; CYJMA media <[Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** FW: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi

Please note the attached media enquiry. As the Minister is away, we will need to decide if this should go out as a comment from Minister Farmers or the Department?

The Minister and I prepared the following before she went on leave:

"The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to final approval. The government has allocated \$5 million in infrastructure funding for the centre.

A formal notification period closed on 15 November. Submissions are now being considered ahead of a final decision on whether the proposal will proceed.

The facility's systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) were at end of life and due for replacement and works have been undertaken to a level required for the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse.

If the proposal to repurpose the current watchhouse to a short-term remand centre is approved, additional works will be required and undertaken."

Let me know if this needs an edit or if it can go as is.

Many thanks

Cathy

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**From:** Peter Hall <Stakeholder information>

**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 8:25 AM

**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>

**Cc:** Peter Hall <>

**Subject:** Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hello Cathy, I am writing an update on the proposed youth remand centre at Caloundra and would appreciate your help in gaining answers to below:

BACKGROUND: We understand work has been halted on the repurposing of the Caloundra Watchhouse for a youth remand centre/detention centre

1. When was the project put on hold?
2. Why was the project put on hold?
3. How long will it be until work resumes at the site?
4. Will workers who were engaged still have to be paid during the delay?
5. Are public submissions still being considered ahead of the final decision by the Planning Minister on whether the proposal will proceed?
6. Do we know if the decision will be made this year or early 2022?

Thanks for your help and my preferred deadline would be 4pm today (Monday).

Please call if you need any more clarification

Peter

P.S. pls let me know you have received my email

**Peter Hall**

Editor

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**From:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**To:** [Sara Lando](#)  
**Cc:** [CYJMA media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre  
**Date:** Monday, 13 December 2021 1:03:47 PM

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Hi Sara

I'm happy with the additional information you have provided. It is completely accurate that it was scheduled work that was always due to be paused over the Christmas period.

Cathy

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**From:** Sara Lando <[Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 1:01 PM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Cc:** CYJMA media <[Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi Cathy,

Please see Peter's email below – are you okay with me providing the following response back to him? From what I'm advised, the pause over Christmas had always been scheduled and is nothing new.

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As you know, work had commenced on upgrading essential systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) inside the watchhouse. This work is being paused because of the Christmas and New Year period, however it will resume in the new year.

Sara

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**From:** Peter Hall <Stakeholder information>  
**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 12:43 PM  
**To:** Sara Lando <[Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

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Hi Sara, can I clarify that works have been put on hold?

My questions don't appear to have been answered.

The below response is same as one we have previously received.

Peter

**Peter Hall**

Editor



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**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 12:39 PM  
**To:** Peter Hall < >

**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** FW: Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi Peter,

Cathy Baker has advised us of your enquiry.

Please find below a response – if needed, please attribute to a spokesperson for the Department of Children, Youth Justice and Multicultural Affairs.

**RESPONSE**

The proposal to repurpose the existing Caloundra Watchhouse as a short-term remand centre for young offenders remains subject to final approval. The government has allocated \$5 million in infrastructure funding for the centre.

A formal notification period closed on 15 November. Submissions are now being considered ahead of a final decision on whether the proposal will proceed.

The facility’s systems (fire, security, ICT, etc) were at end of life and due for replacement and works are being undertaken to a level required for the Queensland Police Service to continue to operate the facility as a watchhouse. This work will resume in the new year.

If the proposal to repurpose the current watchhouse to a short-term remand centre is approved, additional works will be required and undertaken.

Kind regards,

Sara Lando

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**From:** Peter Hall

**Sent:** Monday, 13 December 2021 8:25 AM

**To:** Catherine Baker

**Cc:** Peter Hall

**Subject:** Questions re proposed Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hello Cathy, I am writing an update on the proposed youth remand centre at Caloundra and would appreciate your help in gaining answers to below:

BACKGROUND: We understand work has been halted on the repurposing of the Caloundra Watchhouse for a youth remand centre/detention centre

1. When was the project put on hold?
2. Why was the project put on hold?
3. How long will it be until work resumes at the site?
4. Will workers who were engaged still have to be paid during the delay?
5. Are public submissions still being considered ahead of the final decision by the Planning Minister on whether the proposal will proceed?
6. Do we know if the decision will be made this year or early 2022?

Thanks for your help and my preferred deadline would be 4pm today (Monday).

Please call if you need any more clarification

Peter

P.S. pls let me know you have received my email

**Peter Hall**

Editor



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RTI RELEASED



**From:** Catherine Baker  
**To:** Breda Wall  
**Cc:** CYJMA media  
**Subject:** RE: Youth remand centre Caloundra - Sunshine Coast Daily request  
**Date:** Thursday, 23 December 2021 9:16:18 AM

12 noon! Thanks for letting me know. I'll let Annette know we are working on it.

Cathy

**From:** Breda Wall <Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 December 2021 9:13 AM  
**To:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>  
**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>  
**Subject:** FW: Youth remand centre Caloundra - Sunshine Coast Daily request

One for you I think Cathy.

Cheers

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**From:** Annett, Tegan <Stakeholder information>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 December 2021 9:07 AM  
**To:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>; Tony Reeves (Ministerial)

<Private contact information>  
**Subject:** Youth remand centre Caloundra - Sunshine Coast Daily request

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I hope you're doing well.

Can I please get a response from the department & minister Leanne Linard on the below questions in regards to the Caloundra Youth Remand Centre proposal.

A response by 12pm would be great.

- What is the minister's response to Jason Hunt's letter, requesting the government scrap the Caloundra youth remand centre plans?
- How much has been spent on this project to date?
- What will happen with the facility if it is not used as a remand centre?
- When will a decision be made on this proposal?

Please let me know if there are any concerns with this request.

Cheers,

**TEGAN ANNETT**  
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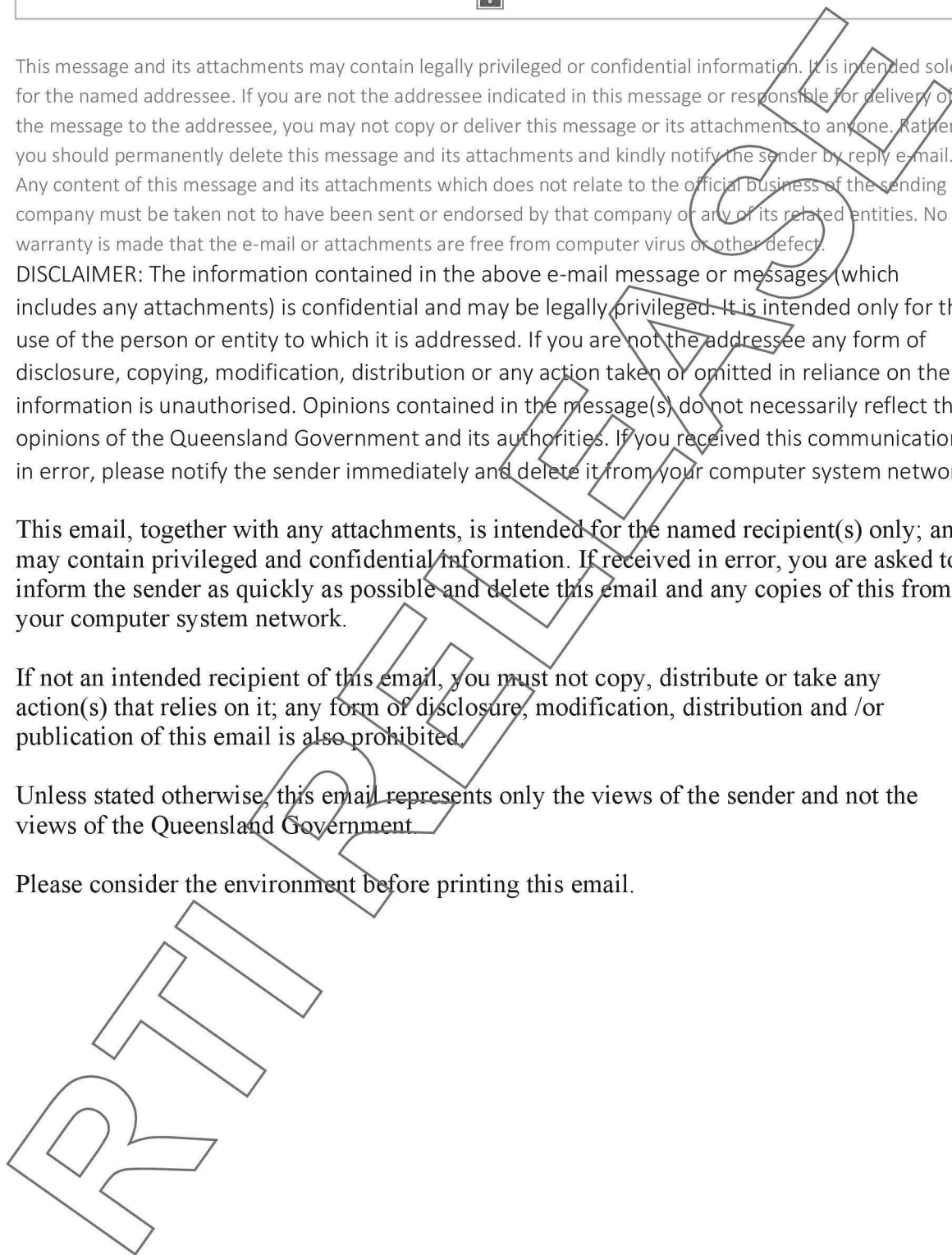
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**From:** Catherine Baker  
**Sent:** Sunday, 16 January 2022 4:04:53 PM  
**To:**   
**Subject:** FW: Embargoed media release

Hi

As mentioned on the phone, the following announcement is due to be made at approximately 10am tomorrow. Can I therefore ask you to hold off making this public until this time. If you have any questions about the issue, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Cathy

Embargoed to 10am 17 January 2022

**Caloundra short-term remand centre proposal withdrawn following community consultation**

Plans to repurpose the Caloundra watchhouse into a temporary, short-term youth remand centre will no longer proceed after extensive community consultation, Youth Justice Minister Leanne Linard announced today.

“Last year we announced that Caloundra residents and businesses would have their say on plans to repurpose the existing watchhouse to a short-term remand centre for young people,” Ms Linard said.

“As a government, we assured the community that we would listen to their views and we meant it.

“The department and the Member for Caloundra Jason Hunt were part of an extensive community consultation process.

“That process found that Caloundra wasn’t the right place for this temporary centre - we welcome the feedback, we listened to the community’s concerns and we have acted on those concerns.

“I’d also like to thank Jason for being a passionate advocate for Caloundra and the residents in his community.

“His input on behalf of his community has been invaluable.”

The Caloundra watchhouse will continue to be used by police as an operational watchhouse and the government will continue to progress the business case announced last year for additional youth detention capacity in Queensland.”

Ms Linard said the Palaszczuk Government introduced tough new youth justice reforms in 2021 to ensure recidivist offenders were accountable for their actions.

“We remain committed to community safety and ensuring that young people who need to be detained are kept in safe and secure custody,” she said.

**Ends**

Media Contact: Cathy Baker, Senior Media Advisor tel: Mobile phone number

**Catherine Baker**

Senior Media Advisor

**Office of the Hon Leanne Linard MP**

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**From:** [Tiffany Tonto](#)  
**To:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**Cc:** [CYJMA media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Statement/interview request - Grant Broadcasters  
**Date:** Monday, 17 January 2022 2:53:30 PM

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Hi Cathy

Below are DG-endorsed lines for Grant Broadcasters.

Many thanks

Tiffany

**DRAFT RESPONSE**

The Queensland Government today announced that plans to repurpose the Caloundra watchhouse into a temporary short-term youth remand centre will no longer proceed following extensive community consultation.

After listening to the views of Caloundra residents and businesses, the community consultation process found that this wasn't the right place for this temporary centre.

There will be some additional costs to facilitate the return of the building for QPS use, however the exact costs are yet to be confirmed.

Questions regarding the movement of Queensland police officers will need to be redirected to Queensland Police Services' media department.

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**From:** Catherine Baker <[Private contact information](#)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 1:30 PM  
**To:** Breda Wall <[Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>; CYJMA media <[Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** FW: Statement/interview request

Hi

Please find attached an additional question about the Caloundra Watchhouse. Once you have your draft statement ready, let me know and after reviewing it I will send it to Grant Broadcasters as a written statement. I'll send her an email saying that she should contact police media about these questions:

- Were police officers moved out of the facility while works were being done? When was this done and when will they be able to return?

Many thanks

Cathy

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**From:** Naomi Lynch <[Stakeholder information](#)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 10:10 AM  
**To:** External - Caloundra Electorate Office <[caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au](mailto:caloundra@parliament.qld.gov.au)>; Attorney <[attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** Statement/interview request

Morning,

Just hoping to get a comment from the justice minister or member for Caloundra on the youth watchhouse at Caloundra. I've spoken to the Member for Ninderry and am hoping to get a government response on the below questions:

- Can you confirm that plans to use the watchhouse as a temporary youth detention facility have been scrapped?
- What led to the change of plans?
- The opposition claims the facility has already been gutted and it will cost "millions" to restore so police can use it as a watch house again, is this correct?

- Were police officers moved out of the facility while works were being done? When was this done and when will they be able to return?

If a spokesperson is happy to do a pre-recorded interview, the number is 5475 1982, otherwise a written statement is also fine.

Cheers,

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**Naomi Lynch**  
**Senior Journalist**

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RTI REVIEW

**From:** Catherine Baker <Private contact information>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2022 3:12 PM

**To:** Sara Lando <Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** RE: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi Sara

I checked with the Minister and Prems and they suggested the following as a Departmental quote:

"As stated yesterday, the cost involved initial works including design and preparation. Community consultation was conducted by the Department of Energy and Public Works."

I'll leave it up to you to decide which direction you want to go and to send this across to Tegan.

Many thanks

Cathy

**From:** Sara Lando <Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2022 1:46 PM

**To:** Catherine Baker <>

**Cc:** CYJMA media <Media@cyjma.qld.gov.au>

**Subject:** FW: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Hi Cathy,

Below is a DG-endorsed draft response to Tegan's follow-up question about Caloundra. It's been

written as a departmental response.

**Draft response:**

Community consultation for this proposal was conducted on our behalf by the Department of Energy and Public Works at an estimated cost of \$35,000.

This is separate to the \$345,000 mentioned in our previous response.

**Background for Minister's office:**

For community consultation, CYJMA engaged the Department of Energy and Public Works to work on our behalf through the Planning (Ministerial Designation) process. The fee proposal was approx. \$35k.

CYJMA has not been invoiced for this service as yet, so is not part of the \$345k in invoices received to date.

Regards,

Sara Lando

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**From:** Annett, Tegan

**Sent:** Tuesday, 18 January 2022 9:17 AM

**To:** Sara Lando <[Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Sara.Lando@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

Thanks for that Sara.

Are you able to confirm if the \$345,000 included the cost of community consultation?

If not, how much did that cost?

Cheers,

**TEGAN ANNETT**

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**To:** [Catherine Baker](#)  
**Cc:** [Deidre Mulkerin](#); [Melinda Rabbitt](#); [CYJMA media](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre media enquiry  
**Date:** Monday, 17 January 2022 9:56:14 AM

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Great – thanks Cathy. A busy start back for you (and for Sara). And so good to have Bernie back.

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**Subject:** RE: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre media enquiry

Hi Breda

I had a quick chat to Sara about this. If you guys could pull together a draft response and that would be a great help. The Minister is in the office (and Bernie is back – yayy!) so we will add our own slant.

Many thanks

Cathy

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**From:** Breda Wall <[Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au](mailto:Breda.Wall@cyjma.qld.gov.au)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 9:24 AM  
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**Subject:** FW: Caloundra Youth Remand Centre media enquiry

Hi Cathy

The Sunshine Coast Daily is enquiring about the details of how much money spent on the planned watch house and probably some questions for police in there about the cost of restoring it to a watch house.

Would you like us to get some of this detail or do you have it to hand?

Journo said she wants the questions to go to your office.

Tight deadline of noon!

Cheers

Breda

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**From:** Annett, Tegan

**Sent:** Monday, 17 January 2022 9:13 AM

**To:** Catherine Baker ; CYJMA media  
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**Subject:** Caloundra Youth Remand Centre

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here,

I hope you're doing well.

I'm working on a story about the Caloundra Youth Remand Centre plans being scrapped.

Can I please get a response from the minister to the below questions:

- How much of the \$5.4m budgeted for this project has been spent?
- What were the majority of the funds spent on?
- How much will it cost and how long will it take to return the facility to a watchhouse?
- I understand cabling, cameras, security systems and most equipment has been stripped from the former watchhouse. Why was this done before consultation was completed?

Please let me know if there are any concerns with this request.

A response by 12pm would be appreciated.

Cheers,

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