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Ms Sharon Kelly

I am writing following the state government's announcement that it will be closing the Barrett Adolescent Centre.

I believe that a residential facility that offers care and treatment for young people with severe mental health issues will always be needed in Queensland. Mental illness will not go away! I ask that the government FULLY implement the recommendations of the Expert Clinical Reference Group which addresses the needs of young sufferers of severe mental illness and their families. The recommendations have been collated on the basis of a **successful model** that has not only enhanced quality of life but has **saved the lives** of hundreds of young people.

Without a **long-term residential** centre which offers treatment, education and support, lives already compromised will be in further turmoil, without any hope of improvement. Please do what you can to ensure an **IMMEDIATE PUBLIC COMMITMENT** to **EXTENDED, PATIENT CARE with ON-SITE SCHOOLING** for the young people of Queensland from 2014 onwards.

Your faithfully

