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**To:** WM TeamConnect  
**Subject:** Barrett Adolescent Centre Closure - A past patient's perspective

To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] I have no doubt that many of them would have been greatly disadvantaged in not having the constant care and structure that the Barrett Centre provided, and being able to share their issues with others in a similar state of distress and confusion. I strongly believe that, had they not been hospitalised in such an environment, some of them would be dead by their own hand. They needed that support to ensure their safety. It provided an environment where they felt they belonged, and were understood. They needed constant care and monitoring to minimise the risk of self harm [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

To send these adolescents, children, out into the world in that state would be nothing short of inhumane. They would be isolated and alone (as many of them were), and would be at serious risk of harming themselves or others. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

The centre had the advantage of being in an open environment, as opposed to the closed, claustrophobic environment of city hospitals, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

I implore you to rethink this decision to close the centre, in the absence of any suitable alternative. You will be seriously endangering the lives of the children that depend on this centre.

Unfortunately I cannot sign the petition as I am no longer a Queensland resident, but feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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