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Rationale for closing Barrett adolescent centre

The BAC was opened in 1983 on the Wolston Park Hospital Site. At that time it was co-located with the Barrett Centre (acute mental health unit) that served the acute MH needs of the West Moreton District Health Service.

It functioned as an extended treatment rehabilitation unit for adolescents. It attracted controversy, a number of reviews and a number of threats to its continued existence that were resisted by the staff and a committed group of parents, whose children had used the service.

In the mid to late 90's the Wolston Park Hospital was extensively redeveloped and all acute services moved offsite, leaving an extended treatment and rehabilitation service, a medium secure mental health service, a service for those with intellectual disability and mental illness and the High Secure Facility for the forensic mental health population. Over time it became increasingly difficult to justify leaving an adolescent centre on the same campus as adults many of whom were detained in relation to very serious offences.

In the recent past an extensive project conducted by the Commonwealth developed the National Mental Health Services Planning Framework. The work is still in draft but does not describe the model of service provided by the BAC which has become increasingly out of step with contemporary treatment models.

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On review by the CEO of West Moreton HHS it was clear that there was a significant failure of governance within the unit. Critical incidents were not being reported beyond the unit. The CEO had no option other than to investigate alternative care arrangements for this group of vulnerable young persons.

Is this what you need, let me know if you need more.  
regards Bill K