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We would like to make a submission re the above for the committee hearing on 31st March 2026.

The proposed site for this new facility is not fit for purpose due to the following reasons:

- Gun shot noise - range is open 7 days per week from 8 am - 8 pm - the proposed site is adjacent to this range (approx. 400 metres) and will be impacted by the noise from this range - particularly the outdoor areas and the site is also within the "drop zone" for stray bullets. the normal attenuation for a shooting range is 2,000 metres.
- Proximity to Tas Botanicals - this is the largest cannabis production and processing plants in Australia which regularly emits strong marijuana fumes which can be smelled up to 2 km away. This proposed site for these young at risk children is directly across the road from this facility.
- the site shares common boundaries with 4 residential homes which will be impacted by traffic/light pollution/safety and security issues as well as significant devaluation of property values.
- the site (whilst not heritage listed) sits directly between two of the most significant historic precincts, the first ones North of Hobart. Pontville village and the Mangalore Heritage Mile (possibly Australia wide due to the density of historic buildings/landscapes). This doe includes Shene Estate which looks directly onto the proposed site.
- Impact on tourism. This is the gateway to Hobart from the north on the main highway No 1. This site is visible from all directions and the juveniles held there will be on "display" for all to see.
- Asbestos contamination on the site.
- This will for all intents and purposes be a juvenile prison with 6 metre anti-climb fences and security lighting. We have already been told by the minister at the time (Roger Jaensch) "there will be escapes". Refer meeting at Wybra Hall 4/12/23 with approx. 20 people in attendance, where the minister also admitted (in reference to our concerns) that quote" everything you are saying is correct, but we are going to do it anyway". We are happy to provide names of people in attendance.

We have been lobbying against this site for 3 years along with many other people /organisations because of these reasons. Southern Midlands Council had 118 objections to this development. One of the objections was a group submission from no less than 15 welfare and support agencies and was submitted by Laurel House. We are happy to pass on that information. The council we feel were under duress to pass this development application and were also told to only address planning guidelines.

- This goes against the commission of inquiry:

Robert Benjamin (the commission of inquiry) stated:

"fixed time limitation should not undermine effective implementation of recommendation. For my part I would prefer a reasonable delay with an effective outcomes rather than

complying with arbitrary deadlines and give poor outcome for children".

The Commissioner of Children and Young people in a meeting with us said that they believed it was the wrong site and would have detrimental outcomes for rehabilitation of the young people held in this facility.

There appears to be no positive aspects to this site for anyone concerned and the Government may be leaving itself open to serious compensation and litigation in the future.

your faithfully

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