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## **Response to commentary about redacted sections in the Inspection of Youth Custodial Services in Tasmania, 2018 report.**

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### **Statement from Mr Richard Connock, Custodial Inspector Tasmania**

On completion of the custody inspection report relating to Youth Custodial Services in Tasmania, 2018, my office presented the report to the Department of Communities Tasmania and Minister Jaensch with no parts of the report redacted.

At the request of Communities Tasmania in response to concerns about information contained in the report, specifically communicating security concerns, parts of the Inspection of Youth Custodial Services in Tasmania, 2018 were redacted.

The redacted version as requested by Communities Tasmania was then presented to Minister Jaensch for tabling.

As a result of events, the Inspectorate will be taking a strong stance in relation to future

redactions of reports. No redactions will be made unless the information is considered by the Inspector to be a significant security risk.

I stress that the Custodial Inspector is here to ensure accountability and scrutiny of Tasmanian prisons and the Ashley Youth Detention Centre and will always ensure the Inspectorate performs its functions with the utmost integrity.

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