

# Gilles Plains Assessment Unit

1992 –

## Details

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An assessment unit was the name given to a residential unit used for the short term placement of children under the care of the government. Children were placed in these units while their needs were assessed and longer term placements were found.

After the passing of the Community Welfare Act in 1972, assessment became the policy of the Department. It was introduced with the aim to ensure that the most appropriate form of longer term residential care was chosen for each child based on his or her individual needs.

The Gilles Plains Assessment Unit was one of the institutions that came under scrutiny for allegations of abuse during the Children in State Care Inquiry 2004-2008. The Unit was still operating at the time of the publication of the Children in State Care Inquiry Final Report in 2008.

## More info

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### Chronology

- Gilles Plains Community Unit (1979 - 1990)
  - **Gilles Plains Assessment Unit (1992 – )**

### Related Entries

#### Run by

- [Department for Family and Community Services, South Australian Government \(1990 - 1998\)](#)
- [Children, Youth and Family Services, Department for Families and Communities, South Australian Government \(2004 - 2006\)](#)
- [Family and Youth Services, Department of Human Services, South Australian Government \(1998 - 2004\)](#)
- [Families SA, Department for Families and Communities \(2006 - 2011\)](#)

#### Related Events

- [Children in State Care Commission of Inquiry, South Australia \(2004 - 2008\)](#)
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