

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES —
COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT SERVICE**

Petition

HON TJORN SIBMA (North Metropolitan) [10.01 am]: I present a petition containing 254 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia are opposed to the Department of Communities' proposed changes to the Community and Neighbourhood Development Service (CNDS) funding arrangements. We respectfully seek that the Department of Communities' proposed changes are stopped immediately, and that the Department of Communities engage in genuine consultation with the WA Neighbourhood Centre sector. The current process fails to provide any evidence for the proposed changes and fails to value the local decision making, place-based services and social impact of the Neighbourhood Centre model.

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Legislative Council request the Minister for Communities to: instruct the Department of Communities to negotiate a program which halts the open tender process; conduct an independent review of the Neighbourhood Centre sector; and negotiate with the sector on an equitable process and plan for a transition to the new model of service delivery.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 413.]

Nonconforming Petition

Hon TJORN SIBMA: For the interest of members, I also received a nonconforming petition couched in similar terms signed by 8 048 people.