

**DOCTORS' SURGERIES, KINGSLEY**

*Petition*

**MRS C.L. EDWARDES** (Kingsley) [3.09 pm]: I present the following petition -

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. We, the undersigned residents of Kingsley and surrounding areas are strongly concerned about the relocation of all remaining doctors' surgeries in Kingsley to other suburbs. This leaves zero doctors practicing within the entire suburb of Kingsley. We are specifically concerned with the following areas:

1. There are a number of retirement villages and elderly people within Kingsley who depended on having a local family surgery within walking distance.
2. The entire concentration of doctors for two suburbs, Woodvale and Kingsley, is located in the Woodvale Park Shopping Centre, in two different surgeries.
3. Both surgeries in Woodvale are fully booked on most occasions, making local medical attention for Kingsley residents difficult to access.
4. There are insufficient medical facilities within Kingsley to service the needs of the community adequately.
5. We are also concerned with the potential impact on various small businesses, in Kingsley, due to the concentration of facilities in the Woodvale shopping precinct.

We trust the Parliament of Western Australia will do whatever it can to rectify the situation, to ensure Kingsley regains the services of a general practice surgery within its bounds. Your petitioners, therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Assembly will give this matter earnest consideration.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

The petition bears 499 signatures and I certify that it conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly.

[See petition No 415.]