

FIONA STANLEY HOSPITAL — PAIN MEDICINE UNIT

Petition

MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle) [9.06 am]: I have a petition with 30 signatures, but I also have another petition signed by a further 25 petitioners that does not conform to the standing orders. The petition reads —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say we do not agree to the decrease in doctors, staff and service capacity of the Pain Medicine Unit, currently based at Fremantle Hospital, as a result of the proposed move to Fiona Stanley Hospital. This is a best-practice, multi-disciplinary, research-based program which helps patients with severe chronic pain. This program is an essential community health service and should not be eroded through reduction of doctors, therapists or essential staff.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the State Government to reverse this decision and reinstate the specific doctors and Pain Management team members who have been cut from this program, and to support the further development, expansion and advancement of the excellent work of this team.

[See petition 204.]