

POLICE — MEDICALLY RETIRED OFFICERS

Petition

HON CHARLES SMITH (East Metropolitan) [2.06 pm]: I present a petition containing one signature couched in the following terms —

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

I, the undersigned, confirm that this Petition —

1. Strongly opposes the ongoing use of S8(1) and S33L of the Police Act 1892 to remove Police Officers declared medically unfit as a direct result of physical or mental injuries sustained within their work environment.
2. Strongly condemns the ongoing delays and failure by successive Governments over 30 years to finalise a Redress Scheme to compensate officers unfairly removed from their Police career ...
3. Strongly condemns the WA Government ... for failing to formally notify all medically retired unfit (MRU) ex Police Officers that their ... S8 dismissal has been recognised ...
4. Strongly condemns 30 years of successive WA Governments for failing in their duty as employers to provide Workers' Compensation to members of the WA Police Force.

I, the undersigned, therefore ask the Legislative Council to —

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2. Recommend the Minister for Police formally acknowledge to the Legislative Council that she is fully aware that under S8(1) the Police Commissioner cannot remove Police Officers injured or disabled as a direct result of their work environment without her Ministerial approval.
 3. Recommend the Minister for Police immediately suspend Ministerial Approval to the Police Commissioner for any further S8 police medical retirements ...
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5. Recommend the Minister for Police take immediate action and commit to amending S8 and S33L of the Police Act within 3 months to prevent this legislation being used for medical retirements.
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And your petitioner as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 2061.]