

NORTHCLIFFE FAMILY CENTRE

Petition

MR P.D. OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood - Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [12.02 pm]: I present the following petition on the Northcliffe Family Centre -

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

We, the undersigned community members, are extremely concerned that the Northcliffe Family Centre, the only social support infrastructure within a 60km radius, the hub and 'heart' of Northcliffe, does not receive secure recurrent Family Support Program Funding to deliver essential services and programs to the families, young people and children of Northcliffe, which has been hard hit by both the restructuring of the timber industry and the deregulation of the dairy industry. As of June 17, staffing hours have been cut back from 90 hours per week to 24 hours per week, with the Family Support Worker, Youth Development Worker and Admin/Finance Manager on eight hours per week each. Twenty two per cent of the total population of Northcliffe access these programs weekly.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly direct the Minister for Community Development to ensure that the Northcliffe Family Centre receives secure recurrent Family Support Program Funding for the centre to continue supplying this most imperative service to the Northcliffe Community.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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

[See petition 33.]

Mr P.D. OMODEI: Mr Speaker, I have another petition in similar terms with about 240 signatures, but it does not comply with our standing orders. I will find another way to present it to the house.

The SPEAKER: The member could lay the petition on the table of the house for the balance of today's sitting if he wishes to tell people that the petition was presented to the Parliament, or he could send it directly to the minister, which is probably what he intends to do.

Mr P.D. OMODEI: I intend to raise this matter during 90-second statements, and will table it then.