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[ASSEMBLY - Wednesday, 4 December 2002] p3908b-3908b Mr Paul Omodei

HEALTH SERVICES, SHIRE OF MANJIMUP

Petition

Mr P.D. Omodei presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 53 persons -

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

Health Services - Shire of Manjimup

We the undersigned wish to express in the strongest possible terms our concern about Health Service in the Shire of Manjimup, which is centred on the Warren District Hospital, the Pemberton Hospital and the Northcliffe nursing post.

The inadequacy of services at the hospital has led to huge pressure being put on our St John's Ambulance Centre and volunteer ambulance personnel.

The lack of medical practitioners with visiting rights to hospitals at Manjimup and Pemberton has caused St Johns to by-pass these hospitals on a number of occasions placing patients and volunteers alike in danger.

Now we ask the State Government to take whatever action necessary to ensure Volunteer ambulance drivers and personnel are protected by ensuring that hospitals are properly staffed with doctors on duty to ensure that patients are given appropriate medical attention and St John's ambulance drivers and personnel are not placed in impossible situations where their lives are also placed at risk.

[See petition No 57.]