

DEPARTMENT OF INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS, BUNBURY OFFICE

Petition

Mr P.D. Omodei presented the following petition bearing the signature of one person -

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

Department of Indigenous Affairs - South West Office - location Bunbury

We, the undersigned residents of Manjimup and surrounding areas, want the State Government, in particular the Minister for Indigenous Affairs, the Hon Alan Carpenter MLA to re-instate the Department of Indigenous Affairs, which is located in Bunbury and services the South West corner of our State. This Department is to cease at 30 June 2003.

The Department covers the areas of: Margaret River, Augusta, Nannup, Northcliffe, Pemberton, Bridgetown, Donnybrook, Collie, Boyup Brook and all the places in between.

The Southern Aboriginal Corporation has a large area to service from Albany and to take resources away from the needy families living in these areas and would be detrimental to these communities.

We now ask that the Premier take direct action to have the Department of Indigenous Affairs office in Bunbury kept open, with the same level of staff, so that the rapport that was being established with this department and in particular Angie Pusey and Joe Northover can be maintained.

[See petition No 202.]