

**SALLY ANNE ROBINSON**

*Petition*

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

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

We, the undersigned bring to your attention the situation of Sally Anne Robinson and her family.

Sally is a forty seven year old lady who has Paranoid Schizophrenia and an intellectual disability. She has lived at home with her parents all her life. She currently works two days a week at Good Samaritan Industries, and in recent years with a small amount of funding and support, she attends Tai Chi classes and horse riding. She also enjoys an overnight stay with one of her carers when her funding allows.

Sally's parents are a delightful couple. Her mother, Mary, is now EIGHTY FOUR and her father, William, is SEVENTY EIGHT. At their age they both have serious health problems. Sally's father has heart problems and her mother has poor mobility and severe asthma. This makes the day to day care of Sally very difficult, if not impossible.

William and Mary adore their daughter and would dearly love to see her settled in a small group home before their health deteriorates further. Sally doesn't like change or strangers, so they know it will take a lot to settle her in to supported accommodation.

The decision to apply for accommodation for Sally was a very hard one for her parents to make. They felt that they should be supporting their daughter, as they have done all of their lives. They have asked for very little assistance over forty seven years. But the reality is they now have no choice. Who will support Sally when they can no longer do so? She couldn't look after herself. She needs TWENTY FOUR HOUR SUPPORT.

The family have been applying for accommodation support for Sally for THREE AND A HALF YEARS with out success. In the last funding round they were deemed in critical need. At 84 and 78 years of age these parents wonder how long they will have to wait, and how long they will be able to wait, for the opportunity to secure the care essential to their daughter's very survival.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly give urgent attention to:

The provision of the accommodation support services needed by the estimated 300 people with disabilities and their families in Western Australia currently unable to access the accommodation support they need.

The provision of the respite services needed by the estimated 950 people with disabilities and their families in Western Australia currently unable to access the respite they need.

The provision of the "Post School Option" services needed by the estimated 800 people with disabilities in Western Australia currently unable to access the support they need to engage in activities during the day.

[See petition No 156.]