

**GERALDTON CAMP SCHOOL — FUNDING**

*Petition*

**HON JIM CHOWN (Agricultural)** [10.06 am]: I present a petition containing 801 signatures couched in the following terms —

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

We the undersigned vehemently oppose the WA Government's planned funding cuts to the Geraldton Camp School, proposed to commence at the start of the 2019 school year. Geraldton Camp School's site has remained a vital part of our local community and surrounding areas, since beginning as a school in 1913. It helps students develop individual, team and leadership skills, many of which cannot be learned in the classroom alone. The school has undergone significant improvements over the past few years and offers instruction on numerous outdoor and physical activities. It provided educational services to over 2100 students in 2017. School visits made up 82% of client groups in 2017 and community groups generally visit on weekends and in school holidays. A loss of funding would have a devastating effect on these groups.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to oppose the proposed funding cuts to the Geraldton Camp School and call on the WA Government to abolish these proposed cuts.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 1379.]