

I, Lauren Rogers of
am the promoter of this petition which contains 189 signatures.

in the State of Western Australia,

PETITION IN RELATION TO FACE COVERINGS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

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

We the undersigned are opposed to the mandate for children in Year 3 to Year 7 to wear masks in any setting.

Since the first case of Covid was reported in Australia in January 2020, there have been approximately 3 million cases of Covid and 5000 deaths. 0-9 year olds make up 6.6% of cases and 10-19 year olds make up 8.6% of cases; the risk of transmission in these age groups is low. The severity of Covid in these age groups is even lower and the now dominant variant, Omicron, further reduces the risks for children. The statistics do not support the need for the directive nor do they outweigh the developmental risks associated with mask wearing. The practicalities of small children wearing masks also makes the exercise futile; to enunciate and participate in the classroom properly requires the removal masks, children will be mixing closely with friends outside the classroom with no masks, and the effectiveness and safety of masks relies on the wearer's ability to refrain from touching it and handle it in a sanitary manner.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to request that the Government of Western Australia and any other necessary bodies or people immediately revoke the directive for children from Year 3 to Year 7 to wear masks in any setting.

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

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