PETITION IN RELATION TO ST JOHN AMBULANCE

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

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia are deeply concerned about the deaths by suicide of serving and former employees and associates of St. John Ambulance in Western Australia.

We respectfully request that the Legislative Council conduct a parliamentary inquiry into St John Ambulance in Western Australia to focus on the culture of this organisation which we believe is one of the contributing factors to the high rate of suicides connected with the organisation and seek that an inquiry goes beyond a consideration of the usual factors of mental health issues, workload stresses, related family issues, and regular exposure to trauma.

Any inquiry should address the following:

- 1. The extent of the problem, including an investigation of the number of suicides of employees, contractors and members of St John' Ambulance volunteer network.
- 2. The culture at St John Ambulance and the extent to which this culture has caused or contributed to mental health issues or suicides.
- 3. Whether the fear of litigation of employees or others associated with St John Ambulance has resulted in practices by St John Ambulance and those that insure it that cause or contribute to mental health issues or suicide rather than ameliorate them.
- 4. Whether improvements of oversight, transparency and accountability of the St John Ambulance service in Western Australia are required and specifically whether these improvements would be best implemented by centralised management by the Department of Health or an entirely or partially State run ambulance service in Western Australia.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to establish an inquiry for the above purposes.

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

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