

**ROSSMOYNE AND WILLETTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS — FUNDING**

*Petition*

**HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan)** [10.08 am]: I present a petition containing 1 066 signatures couched in the following terms —

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 greatly concerned that the McGowan Government has cut funding to 26 of Western Australia's largest secondary schools, especially Rossmoyne and Willetton Senior High Schools. Rossmoyne SHS and Willetton SHS are two of the best performing schools in Western Australia, and are regularly recognised for their elite performances.

The McGowan Government's decision to reduce their funding by approximately \$2.3m combined will have serious consequences for these elite public schools, compromising their ability to continue providing the highest quality education. The cuts mean students will no longer receive equitable funding, with students receiving less for their education than elsewhere in the state. This is grossly unfair and needs to be addressed by the State Government.

We are also concerned that the McGowan Government has cut the \$11.78m for Stage 3 of the Willetton SHS rebuild, leaving staff and students in old demountables. Stage 3 is a vital part of the rebuild, as it includes an additional learning block comprising 24 classrooms, 3 incidental learning areas, toilets, store rooms, and car parking. This will have consequences for one of Western Australia's best performing schools.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council call on the Government of Western Australia to reinstate the funding so that students can continue to receive the quality education they deserve. And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 1381.]