

MENTAL HEALTH AND SUPPORT SERVICES — EAST METROPOLITAN REGION

Petition

MS J.J. SHAW (Swan Hills) [9.02 am]: I have a petition that has been certified by the clerks from 224 complying and 589 non-complying petitioners in the following terms —

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

We, the undersigned, say that the East Metropolitan Region lacks facilities for community members experiencing mental health crises. Our community in Ellenbrook has experienced the trauma that can arise from the inadequate provision of mental health and support services. We have seen the suicides, the drug use, and the violence that is a result. We have come together as a community to support the people most heavily impacted by these tragedies. But there must come a point where we say ‘enough is enough.’

We call on the Legislative Assembly and the Minister for Health and Mental Health to take action to address the lack of crisis care in the North-Eastern Metropolitan Corridor and provide an appropriate mental health crisis facility at St John of God Midland.

[See petition 115.]