

BRIDGETOWN CAMP SCHOOL — CLOSURE

Petition

HON COLIN HOLT (South West) [2.02 pm]: I present a petition containing 468 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, are opposed to the closure of the Department of Education Bridgetown Camp School at the end of 2018.

The Bridgetown camp school experience enriches the lives of up to 2,000 children every year and gives children the opportunity to experience farm activities, nature play and physical challenges.

The decision to close the facility has not been adequately considered and we therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to investigate:

- The importance of affordable school camps for disadvantaged families
- That the camp school residential facility provides unique opportunities for personal growth and social development
- That there are no other comparative facilities or services to replace the camp school experience
- The negative economic impact on the local area

And for the Legislative Council recommend the Government to reverse the decision. And your petitioners as duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 1357.]