

HEALTH SYSTEM — ROYAL COMMISSION

Petition

HON DR STEVE THOMAS (South West — Leader of the Opposition) [2.03 pm]: I present an e-petition containing 1 576 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...

say that there have been too many tragedies and families who have suffered because of the chaos in the health system, and our dedicated health workers need more support in a better system. We have seen record levels of ambulance ramping, elective surgery blowouts, rise in clinical incidents and a health system which has gone from one crisis to another. We have a huge trust deficit with our health system and unfortunately there seems to be no end to the current health system crisis. There appears to be no transparency or accountability in decision making, but the Government are quick to blame someone if something goes wrong. West Australians have had enough, and we need to see a line in the sand. We need to see these issues further exposed through an independent inquiry which is at arm's length from politicians and health bureaucrats, and some meaningful recommendations implemented for a new approach to investing in WA Health. Too many people have suffered and are still suffering because they are unable to access health care when in need. West Australians deserve better. We therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council ask the McGowan Government to commit to conducting a Royal Commission into the Western Australian Health system in 2023.

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

[See paper 2184.]