

Dear committee members.

I have been a resident in the remote Pilbara town of Paraburdoo for almost 30 years. I was also a volunteer for St. John for approximately 5 years. From my experience living in such a remote location, communities like mine rely on volunteers who live and work in the community. It is extremely difficult to attract and retain medical professionals to live in such places.

Paraburdoo sub centre could not exist without well trained and dedicated volunteers. This is the unique nature of Western Australia which is geographically vast.

I fear that handing over St. John ambulance service would not solve any current issues, but worsen them. With remote areas being the worst affected.

Thank you