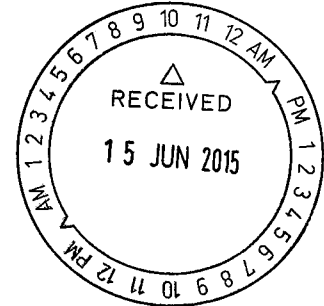




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Our Ref: 45-14999  
Your Ref: Petition No 82



Hon Simon O'Brien MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr O'Brien *Simon*

Thank you for your letter of 12 May 2015, concerning Petition No 82, food security capacity building project in Broome.

I am advised, Feed the Little Children have applied for a grant funding from the Community Crime Prevention Fund to support the food program in Broome on two occasions. Applications for \$25,000 was submitted in November 2012 and October 2014. Advice from the Kimberley Police District was sought in relation to both applications.

The nexus between offending behaviour and drugs is well known. Youth feature regularly as recidivist offenders in the Broome sub-district and 64% of identified prolific priority offenders in Broome are juveniles. However, Western Australia Police have not identified any tangible evidence that directly links young children to committing crime for food.

When considering these applications the Community Crime Prevention Fund - Funding Assessment Committee recognised the importance of providing meals to disadvantaged young people, however did not recommend the applications as it did not link to a formal crime prevention strategy.

Consequently, Crime Prevention funding is not considered appropriate for this program and it is recommended that Feed the Little Children seek alternative funding sources.

The feeding of young children whose parents are caught up in a cycle of alcohol, drugs and domestic violence is commendable and I applaud this group for their work.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and trust the information provided is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liza Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**LIZA HARVEY MLA  
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