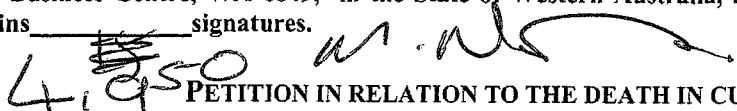


I, **Mark Newhouse** on behalf of the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of P. O Box 8196 Perth Business Centre, WA 6849, in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter of this petition which contains 4,950 signatures.



PETITION IN RELATION TO THE DEATH IN CUSTODY OF MR WARD

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia support fundamental changes to the system of transportation of detained persons and the administration of justice that led to the death in custody of Mr. Ward who died of heatstroke in inhumane and avoidable circumstances in January 2008. Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to recommend:

1. Full and prompt implementation of the Coroners Findings;
2. That there be criminal charges laid against those responsible for Mr Wards death, as soon as possible;
3. Immediate termination of the contract between G4S and the State of Western Australia;
4. The return of responsibility for the custodial transport in WA to the Department of Corrective Services;
5. An end to the privatization of custodial services;
6. Using air transport or video conferencing instead of long haul vehicle transport;
7. That immediate steps are taken to reduce Indigenous incarceration and recidivism rates to prevent further Indigenous deaths in custody;
8. A public inquiry into systemic racism or Royal Commission into the administration of Justice;
9. That the *Coroners Act* 1996 (WA) be amended to ensure that there are positive obligations on the WA Government to respond to coronial recommendations within set periods; and
10. That relevant international human rights instruments and recommendations of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody are reviewed and where they have not yet been implemented, that they are now fully implemented and funded in the administration of justice in WA.

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

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