

I, Jessica Anne BOOTH  
of Western Australia, am the promoter of this petition which contains 1 signature.

**PETITION IN RELATION TO THE USE OF SECTION 8 OF THE POLICE ACT TO MEDICALLY RETIRE SWORN OFFICERS, REDRESS SCHEME AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR WA POLICE OFFICERS.**

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

I, the undersigned, confirm that this Petition -

1. Strongly opposes the ongoing use of S8(1) and S33L of the *Police Act* 1892 to remove Police Officers declared medically unfit as a direct result of physical or mental injuries sustained within their work environment.
2. Strongly condemns the ongoing delays and failure by successive Governments over 30 years to finalise a Redress Scheme to compensate officers unfairly removed from their Police career due to no fault of their own and note that this delay has also resulted in hundreds more Police Officers suffering the same unfair removal during that time.
3. Strongly condemns the WA Government ~~and the Minister for Police~~ for failing to formally notify all medically retired unfit (MRU) ex Police Officers that their unfair S8 dismissal has been recognised and provide written confirmation that their specific case is one of those being considered under the current Redress Scheme.
4. Strongly condemns 30 years of successive WA Governments for failing in their duty as employers to provide Workers' Compensation to members of the WA Police Force.

I, the undersigned, therefore ask the Legislative Council to -

1. Recommend the Minister for Police or other Authority immediately provide an information update confirming whether the Redress Policy Proposal has gone to Cabinet? If so, was a decision made or was it sent back for further work? What is the expected timeframe for completion?
2. Recommend the Minister for Police formally acknowledge to the Legislative Council that she is fully aware that under S8(1) the Police Commissioner cannot remove Police Officers injured or disabled as a direct result of their work environment without her Ministerial approval.
3. Recommend the Minister for Police immediately suspend Ministerial Approval to the Police Commissioner for any further S8 medical retirements until S8 and S33L of the Act is amended, a Redress Scheme is completed and Workers' Compensation legislated to cover future cases of Police Officers injured in the line of duty.
4. Recommend the Minister for Police and Redress Committee immediately notify all ex MRU Police Officers negatively affected by S8 removal over the last 3 decades that their specific case is acknowledged and being considered under the current Redress Scheme, provide details of any Redress Scheme approved by Cabinet and a timeframe for completion of this Redress Scheme process.
5. Recommend the Minister for Police take immediate action and commit to amending S8 and S33L of the Police Act within 3 months to prevent this legislation being used for medical retirements.
6. Recommend the Minister for Police take immediate action to undertake and finalise a full 'Maximum Amount Payable' Redress Compensation Scheme payment to every single Police Officer medically retired against their will under S8, or their families in the event that the ex Police Officer has since taken their own life as a direct result of a S8 dismissal ending their long and dedicated career.
7. Recommend that the Minister for Police and the current Government consider any immediate action necessary to provide full Workers' Compensation for Police Officers within this term of Government.

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

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