

I, Craig Parr

in the State of Western Australia, am the

promoter of this petition which contains 962 signatures.

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**PETITION IN RELATION TO CHILD PROTECTION AND FAMILY SUPPORT**

**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 oppose funding cuts to the Department of Child Protection and Family Support as outlined in the West Australian State Government mid-year economic review.

The rate of children requiring assistance from The Department of Child Protection and Family Support has increased significantly in the last five years and any reduction in funding presents an unacceptable level of risk for the most vulnerable children in this State.

There are currently over six hundred West Australian children without a direct caseworker, a figure that will continue to climb as a result of any reduction in funding.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council honour their commitment to the most vulnerable West Australian children by:

1. Providing enough resources to ensure that every West Australian Child at risk has a direct caseworker
2. Commit to the ongoing funding of preventative programs to reduce the number of children being taken into care.
3. Ensuring that all DCPFS employees have a safe, fair and reasonable workload.
4. Exempting the Department of Child Protection and Family Support from budget cuts.
5. Not privatising services delivered by the Department

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

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