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Hon Simon O'Brien MLC

Parliament House Perth Western Australia 6000

Dear Hon Simon O'Brien

This is my written submission in support of my petition for increased ultrasound services in the Pilbara.

Some of the issues regarding the lack of ultrasound facilities are people undergoing fertility treatments are required to attend one ultrasound per cycle to assess the stage in which cycle is progressing and to avoid serious cases of ovarian hyper stimulation. Emergency ultrasounds need to be available to all members of the public at any given time due to the uncertainty of pregnancy or other related issues such as ectopic pregnancy, miscarriage, failure to detect heartbeat, ovarian cysts and even other serious complications such as heart conditions, thyroid, testes, uterus, breasts, joints, ligaments, skin, eyes, hips and spine.

I along with a number of community members are concerned with the lack of ultrasound facilities in the Pilbara. Having to travel as far as Perth or to surrounding areas adds a lot of stress to an already stressful situation.

Providing Obstetrics and increased ultrasound facilities would certainly lower the stress of pregnancy, fertility treatments and other conditions that comes with living remotely.

There are a number of things that could be done to improve this situation. They include:

- Increasing the one day a week services to Tom Price and Newman.
- Longer treating hours.
- Emergency Ultrasounds readily available

We believe that these important actions would benefit everyone in the area.

Your attention to this issue will be greatly valued by the community in the Tom Price area.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards

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