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A. Watson

I, Marc Newhouse on behalf of the Deaths in Custody Watch Committee of Western Australia Inc of 27 Moore Street, East Perth 6004 in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter this petition which contains _____ signatures.

PETITION IN RELATION TO THE DEATH OF MR. WARD AND THE RETURN OF THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY, MANAGEMENT AND DELIVERY OF CUSTODIAL TRANSPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIVE SERVICES

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 believe that morally and legally the policy and practice of contracting out of detainee transport to private companies must cease. Experiences in Australia and overseas have shown that privatisation of prisons and custodial services including transport result in greater financial and social costs. The West Australian Coroner found Mr. Ward's case highlighted the dangers associated with the privatization of services.

In light of Mr. Ward's case, we are opposed to G4S continuing to operate the transportation of detained persons in Western Australia.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council recommend and empower the Department of Corrective Services to: 1) Resume the sole responsibility, management and delivery of all custodial transport and, 2) Immediately terminate the contract between the Department of Corrective Services and G4S for the transportation of detained persons. And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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