

# PETITION AGAINST PILBARA INSTITUTE FUNDING CUTS

I, **ROBERT SHEEHY**

IN THE STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA, AM THE PROMOTER THIS

PETITION WHICH CONTAINS **43** SIGNATURES.

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 are strongly opposed to the decision forcing the Pilbara Institute (TAFE) to cut \$6.7 million from their 2014/2015 budget.

We believe these cuts will reduce access to courses, reduce student support services and leave less education options for the Pilbara region.

We call on the State Government to:

- Immediately call a halt to the budget cuts imposed at the Pilbara Institute.
- Provide additional support to the Pilbara Institute to assist with the transition of the local economy and to reflect the costs of providing education across a vast and strategically important region of WA.
- To ensure TAFE course fees do not increase further in 2015 and to lower TAFE course fees to 2013 levels.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council investigate the impact that these funding cuts will have on students accessing and participating in tertiary education in the Pilbara region and subsequently make recommendations to the State Government on measures that will enhance the learning opportunities to residents of the Pilbara Region.

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

I certify that this Petition is in conformity with the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council

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SIGNATURE