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The Chair
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs
Parliament House
Perth WA 6000

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The Hon Brain Ellis,

Petition No 134 – Violence in the Community of Geraldton and the Midwest Region

Thank you for tabling our petition in the Legislative Council on the 22 September 2011. I have been on holidays and apologise for not replying sooner.

I still wish the Committee to most definitely, inquire into the matters raised in the petition No 134; this is an urgent matter. Just recently on the 11th of October, 2011, in Mullewa there was a brawl in Molster Street, involving 40 people, just after 2 weeks of the 26 September 2011 another brawl in Dalgety Street, involving these same family groups.

Police re-enforcements were called from Morawa and Geraldton to assist in breaking up the brawl and the violence continues to occur on a regular basis in our communities.

- To provide more resources to deal with the community violence and family feuding
- To increase the penalties and toughen up on the offenders
- To enforce the prosecution of the perpetrators
- Remove the perpetrators from the Geraldton and Midwest Region

At the present we have not taken our complaint to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (**Ombudsman**) but if we feel our complaint has not been dealt with appropriately we most certainly will consider doing so.

I look forward to your positive reply.

Yours sincerely

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