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this petition which contains **969** signatures.

in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter of

## PETITION TO STOP THE CHLORINATION OF BUSSELTON'S WATER SUPPLY

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned children of Western Australia ask that the Legislative Council help us to get our precious water supply back the way it was before it was chlorinated. We have been taught that we live in a democratic country. Why is it then that none of the people of Busselton agreed to have their water chlorinated and yet Busselton Water (BW) made this decision and forced it on us? **Chlorine is not natural! Our water is!**

Now the water is chlorinated the whole town is angry because so many people are suffering especially us kids!! All of our schools are close to treatment plants and get the first and strongest blast of chlorine in our drink fountains. The chlorine taste is so strong children go all day without drinking water until they are so thirsty and can't bear it any longer. When they drink the water they feel sick. Children are meant to drink lots of water to be healthy but instead many children are drinking soft drinks and juice or adding cordial to hide the taste. It is bad enough that we swim in chlorinated pool water that hurts our eyes, hair and skin. **Kids should never have to drink pool water!**

**The water is causing everyone to suffer.** Adults and children have rashes, frequent asthma attacks, stomach problems, sore throats, ear infections and are taking longer than usual to get well. **How can this be safe? How can this be in our best interest?** What will happen to our health after years of drinking these chemicals? **Is this what you want for your children and grandchildren?**

Our pets are affected too. Pet birds have died, cats and dogs are dehydrated and sick. BW said that chlorinated water is not safe for aquatic life and fish in aquariums. How can it be safe for our local rare and endangered species of frogs? **Chlorine is harming our eco system.** Families are buying bottled water for themselves and their pets to drink and to bath children in. Our parents are already paying for the town water but have this added cost because the water is now ruined. **It was beautiful prior to this!** All those bottles mean more plastic litter in our environment. **Our environment is our future, we care about it and we want to protect it!**

Your Petitioners respectfully request that you **please call on the Minister for Water to direct BW to stop the chlorination of our water supply immediately. Our water is precious! Please listen and help us get it back.**

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.

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE
		