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I, Caroline Crisp of 4 Promoter of this petition which contains ~~4~~ 3 signatures.

in the State of Western Australia, am the

PETITION TO INCLUDE WEST LEEDERVILLE PRIMARY SCHOOL IN THE SHENTON COLLEGE CATCHMENT AREA

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 opposed to the exclusion of West Leederville Primary School students from the current Shenton College catchment area. We request a change of the local area intake boundary for Shenton College, to include West Leederville Primary School.

The reasons are outlined below:

1. Proximity of Shenton College:

- Shenton College is geographically the closest high school to West Leederville Primary School.
- WLPS is the only school on Perth – Fremantle train line excluded from the Shenton College catchment area.
- Transport routes to Churchlands Senior High School and Mount Lawley Senior High School are problematic due to distance, traffic congestion and limited public transport.

2. Local Alternative Lost:

- Perth Modern lost as a local high school for West Leederville P.S. after becoming scholarship only in 2007.
- West Leederville placed in ‘optional’ area for Churchlands SHS and Mount Lawley SHS, rather than Shenton College. Both these schools are further away from West Leederville, and less accessible. (See below).
- Our children are becoming disconnected from their community at a time of great transition.

3. Environmental and Health Benefits:

We view the train line and bike path as a benefit that connects our school community with Shenton College.

a. Trains:

- Easy access to West Leederville and Shenton Park train stations.
- Less reliance on cars, reduced congestion and lower exposure to air pollutants.
- Safe, independent and quick travel to and from Shenton College - 3 train stops on a 6 minute journey (approx).

b. Specially Marked Bike Path:

- Promotes regular exercise, improving physical health.
- Reduced exposure to air pollutants.
- Student independence.
- Improved mental health.

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

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4. WLPS Community Left in Limbo:

- Repeated appeals to the Education Department regarding the boundary issue have not been addressed.
- Parents unable to confidently finalise a plan for their child’s secondary schooling,
- Confusion, anxiety and stress for parents and students at the crucial transition stage.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to recommend the State Government to change the local area intake boundary for Shenton College to include West Leederville Primary School.

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

3 signatures

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE