

I, Kelly Somers, on behalf of Bandyup Action Group

in the State of

Western Australia, am the promoter this petition which contains ¹³⁸ signatures.

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PETITION IN RELATION TO WOMEN ON REMAND AND THE CONVERSION OF HAKEA

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 part of Hakea men's facility being converted into a remand facility for women.

Observing article 9(3) of the United Nations International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, that 'It shall not be the general rule that persons awaiting trial shall be detained in custody', we petition the government to halt the conversion of Hakea men's facility into a remand facility for women and use the money allocated for this (\$20 million) to instead fund bail and legal services for women in order to reduce the number of women on remand.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to support:

- resourcing of a women-only hostel that can accommodate women on bail;
- that bail be accommodated in all instances for women charged with non-violent offences;
- improved communication facilities at Bandyup so that lawyers are easily able to phone or skype clients to organise bail/defence;
- improved official visits facilities and removal of restrictions at Bandyup so that lawyer-client contact and confidentiality is not compromised;
- improved and up-to-date legal resources in Bandyup prison library and prisoner access to computer-based legal databases.

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

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