

I, Douglas Noel Humphries
petition which contains signatures.

in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter this

PETITION IN RELATION TO THE MENTAL HEALTH BILL

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 would like to commend the all those who have worked tirelessly to try to find the balance between freedom of citizens and the involuntary provisions in the Mental Health Bill. We are pleased with the emphasis on “recovery” however we still believe that a balance is missing that many people with “lived experience” of being an involuntary “consumer” understand. The promoter of this petition Doug Humphries, has worked all his life as an engineer, paying his taxes and contributing to the community including fathering 5 children and yet was labelled as being mentally ill and treated involuntarily under the Mental Health Act for 3^{1/2} weeks in 1971 and 10 days in 2003. He contends that, as is the case in every field of human endeavour, error is possible and awareness and mechanisms are needed in perpetuity to protect against it. There are many measures towards this end in the new Bill and this achievement should be reflected in the “Short Title of the Act” as well as the “Objects” of the Act. The proposed addition to the Short Title for the Mental Health Bill 2013 is shown in red below.

in Act —

- to provide for the treatment, care, support and protection of people who have a mental illness; and
- to provide for the protection of the rights of people who have a mental illness; and
- to provide for the recognition of the role of carers and families in providing care and support to people who have a mental illness, and for related purposes.
- to provide for the protection of rights of people who do NOT have a mental illness and who for one reason or another find themselves subject to the provisions of this legislation in error.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to recommend the following action:-

Add this additional point to the short title of the Mental Health Bill 2013:-

- to provide for the protection of rights of people who do NOT have a mental illness and who for one reason or another find themselves subject to the provisions of this legislation in error.

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

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