

I, Kylee Hodder – CEO Bloodwood Tree in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter of this petition which contains 16 signatures.

PETITION – KEEP BUNARA MAYA HOSTEL OPEN FOR THE COMMUNITY

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 request that the State Government underwrite the operational costs for the 20-bed Bunara Maya Hostel in South Hedland on an annual and ongoing basis.

The Bunara Maya Hostel has serviced the community of the Town of Port Hedland for nearly forty years, offering a bed and meal to the Homeless, as well as ongoing support for personal, family and medical issues including mental health, drug and alcohol, family violence, housing and unemployment services.

Bloodwood Tree Association has managed the hostel throughout its 40-year tenure and has always helped the homeless and those desperately in need, offering a place to stay and a rest from the streets at night. The Australian Government, through Aboriginal Hostels Limited, withdrew ongoing funding in 2014, citing that homelessness is basically a State responsibility.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to undertake an enquiry into the need for ongoing funding for the Bunara Maya hostel which assists with the community in providing a valuable service to the homeless in Port Hedland that would otherwise not be helped.

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

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE