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To whom it may concern,

I am writing this submission in regards to "Petition No 63 - Police Taskforce Port Hedland". I have not taken this complaint to the Parliamentary Commissioner for Administrative Investigations (Ombudsman), as at the time the petition was set up, it was partly to give a tangible vehicle for the public outcry that I had witnessed on local social media such as facebook- being the "Hedland neighbourhood watch" page. This page was subsequently closed by its management due to the violent threats that were being posted. People were reporting attacks in their homes as well as many thefts and subsequently others were threatening to form vigilante groups to begin assaulting any young people walking around the streets "looking" suspicious. The local newspaper reports are constantly telling of local drug busts, increases in crime and many other aspects of drug abuse such as needles being found in local parks and the like.

October 29/2014-"Syringe distribution soars in Hedland

October 29/2014- "FIFO suicide in focus"

October 29/2014 -"Surge in syringe use fans drug fears" all North West Telegraph

October 30/2014 "Drug suspect held" (\$100,000 drug haul of methamphetamines)...West Australian

I have had a personal experience with a family member of mine falling victim to "ice" abuse and I know of many other people who have suffered the abuse from having someone in their family addicted to this terrible drug. The toll on abusers family and friends is usually a lot worse(and kept quiet) than what the public would know of or suffer from. This drug is prevalent and the effect on the community is more than alarming. I urge your members to please invest in this community by sending aid the form of a Taskforce aimed at ridding our streets of this horrible drug.

Thank you, Chris Turland- Secretary of Bloodwood Tree Association.