

PETITION

to the Legislative Council of Victoria

This Petition of residents of Victoria draws to the attention of the Council that:

1. *The Western Region Health Centre provides annual emergency and general dental care to over 10,000 children and adults from sites at Geelong Road and Paisley Street, Footscray;*
2. *These services are the major dental facility for some of the most disadvantaged residents of the West, who have poor oral health compared to the State average and are otherwise unable to access dental care;*
3. *We are disappointed with the lack of commitment in the Victorian State Budget 2011-2012 to redevelop these ageing facilities in line with the recommendations of several reports; and*
4. *We are concerned that these vital services now face a critical threat of closure.*

The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Council of Victoria:

1. *Take all necessary steps to ensure the safety, quality and future viability of the services, including a commitment to the provision of urgently needed capital upgrades for a new facility.*

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Please return by Friday 5th August 2011 to:
Western Region Health Centre Ltd
Reply Paid 84795, Footscray 3011