

TO THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of certain citizens of Australia **draws to the attention of the House** the Federal Government's decision to cease funding the Neighbourhood Model Occasional Childcare Program as at July 1st 2010. Ultimately this could mean the closure of 28 centres Western Australia wide, including *Kojonup*.

We therefore ask the House to reinstate the funding to the Neighbourhood Model Occasional Childcare Program that provides 52% of the funds required for operational costs to 28 childcare centres Western Australian wide.