

# Youth Mental Health Petition

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Federal House of Representatives

This petition of the concerned residents of outer eastern Melbourne

Draws to the attention of the House the high incidence of **mental illness among young people** in the Knox area. Over a third of young people in Knox will be affected at some stage by depression, severe anxiety or worse before the age of 25. The impact of a mental problem can be devastating on the individual affected and their family.

We therefore ask the House to call upon the Federal Government to provide additional services in Knox to assist young local people with mental problems. In particular, we request the **funding of a Headspace Centre in Knox** (a one-stop-shop that focuses on 12-25 year olds) to reduce some of the current gaps in service provision and assist thousands of young people in our local community.