

TO THE HONERABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF RESPRESENTATIVES

This petition of members of the Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School community

Draws to the attention of the House child marriage. Child marriage is a human rights violation that robs girl of their right to health, to live in security, and to choose if, when and whom to marry. It is one of the barriers which prevent girls from getting an education and as consequence stunts communities and even entire nations.

We therefore ask the House to:

1. Work with the International community to take all possible steps to end the practise of child marriage within a generation, by 2030
2. Use its position on the international stage to encourage global policy responses that recognise
 - a. The relationship between marriage and other rights
 - b. The need to address harmful practises in communities, and the increases threat of early marriage in humanitarian and fragile contexts