

PETITION (NT)

To the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly for the Northern Territory.

This petition of residents of the Northern Territory draws to the attention of the Assembly: the infant mortality of Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID). SCID is a life-threatening condition that without early diagnosis and treatment results in death within the first few months of life. Inclusion in the Newborn Screening test would enable early detection, diagnosis and lifesaving treatment for these babies.

Your petitioners therefore request that the Assembly calls on the Government to: introduce the inclusion of screening for Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) into the existing Newborn Screening (Guthrie test) to reduce preventable infant mortality. This is already standard practice in New Zealand, Canada, most US states and other OECD countries.

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