



## More aid needed for mentally ill

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With the Federal election less than three weeks away, a survey has found that two-thirds of West Australians believe the Government is not doing enough to help people with mental illness.

Former WA health minister and mental health advocate Keith Wilson said the findings were no surprise as both State and Federal governments were yet to take action on the issue.

He said the public perception reflected reality, where up to 70 per cent of people with mental illness did not



receive any services. "The Federal Government keeps saying they will get around to fixing mental health in their next term if they get elected but while they were in office they cut funding," he said. WA Mental Health Minister Graham Jacobs said the public perception on the issue was a result of minimal action by previous governments.