

YALGORUP NATIONAL PARK — EXTENSION

Petition

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West) [3.34 pm]: I present a petition containing 216 signatures and couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia are conscious of the rich biological diversity of the Yalgorup National Park, Ramsar-listed wetlands, Lakes Clifton, Preston and others in this group. We are aware that threatened ecological communities such as the Lake Clifton thrombolites are vulnerable to falling water tables and pollution and we are therefore alarmed by reports of large scale urban development proposals in the vicinity. We believe that it is essential to include in the Yalgorup National Park the whole area between the eastern side of the Lakes and the Indian Ocean from the northern end of Lake Clifton to the southern end of Lake Preston, as a green break in the urban sprawl along the coast between Fremantle and Bunbury. We believe that this area should be dedicated primarily to conservation and compatible recreation and education activities.

Your petitioners therefore request the Legislative Council to support the extension and consolidation of the Yalgorup National Park through the acquisition of private enclaves so that the Park is compact and manageable and viable for the long term.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 365.]