

**PLASTIC SHOPPING BAGS**

*Petition*

**HON SALLY TALBOT (South West)** [3.02 pm]: I present a petition containing 33 signatures 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, say that plastic shopping bags are highly damaging and destructive to the environment—injuring and killing precious wildlife, littering our oceans, water ways and public open spaces, taking 1,000 years to break down and clogging up landfill.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to follow the leadership demonstrated by the South Australian and Victorian Governments and ban the use of plastic shopping bags in the State of Western Australia by supporting the Private Members Bill, to be introduced by the State Opposition, which legislates for the ban of plastic shopping bags (but not plastic bags without handles which are used for the hygienic storage of food).

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

[See paper 2067.]