

PESTICIDES — ROYAL COMMISSION

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [9.01 am]: I rise to present a petition regarding a royal commission into the use of pesticides and harm to public health. The petition has been certified to conform to the standing orders of the house and bears 171 signatures. It reads —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in parliament assembled.

I, the undersigned resident of Western Australia, say that I know it is my duty to keep you informed of **MY WILL** on any matter that comes before the parliament or that should come before the parliament. Now I ask the Legislative Assembly to be informed of **MY WILL** and to support and initiate the following actions in the interest of public health and the natural environment:

- 1) a Royal Commission into the regulation, importation, sale and use of pesticides, related illnesses and environmental harm to fully explore systemic failure, evidence of harm to humans, animals and environment,
- 2) a Moratorium on the use of pesticides on public land in urban areas, including the falsely claimed “safe” weedkiller **Glyphosate** that in 2015 was listed by the WHO’s cancer authority as a **Class 2 A Probable Carcinogen**,
- 3) a Moratorium on the growing of pesticide reliant Genetically Modified crops such as Roundup Ready GM Canola,
- 4) laws to restrict government land management policies and practices that promote the use of pesticides and that result in increased pesticide residues in our bodies and natural environment, serious human illness and tree disease.

[See petition 378.]