

BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION BILL 2015 — COMMITTEE REFERRAL

Petition

HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the Opposition) [1.02 pm]: I present a petition containing 264 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 residents of Western Australia, are opposed to the Biodiversity Conservation Bill 2015 in its current form. We believe that the Bill requires extensive amendments to be able to adequately protect WA's highly valued and unique wildlife. The amendments must be developed in consultation with science experts, the conservation sector and the broader community.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to recommend that the Bill be sent to the Environment and Public Affairs Committee for examination, with opportunity for public submissions, and a thorough examination of its strengths and weaknesses.

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

[See paper 4383.]

A similar petition was presented by **Hon Lynn MacLaren** (207 signatures).

[See paper 4385.]