

RESOURCES PROJECTS — LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Nonconforming Petition

MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro) [2.53 pm]: I have a petition bearing 44 signatures that reads as follows —

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

We, the undersigned, say the WA Parliament should pass laws that ensure a greater share of skilled engineering and fabrication work for our major resources projects is performed in Western Australia.

Our major resources projects are increasingly sending their skilled work offshore. Many of Western Australia's fabrication workshops do not have enough skilled work and our engineers have to go overseas if they want to help design our LNG projects.

Our natural resources can only be used once and we should use the current resources construction boom to provide training and apprenticeships for our young people, so that they can have a future after the boom.

Now we ask the Government of Western Australia to take full and comprehensive action to ensure a greater share of skilled work for our major resources projects is performed in Western Australia.

Unfortunately, the petition does not comply with standing orders, so I intend forwarding it to the responsible minister, the Premier.