

PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [2.58 pm]: The next petition I present regards public health and the natural environment. It reads —

Petition to Protect Public Health and the Natural Environment

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

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia, draw your attention to our call for all local, state and federal governments of Australia to implement the necessary measures, such as the following, to protect our health and environment:

- a. Ban the clearing of remnant bushland and the removal of mature trees from public land in urban areas.
- b. Adopt a Tree Policy for the preservation, safe and creative pruning of trees in urban areas.
- c. Promote better understanding of the role of trees and ground cover (including weeds) in the environment.
- d. Promote the cutting and slashing of weeds and their steam treatment instead of chemical treatment.
- e. Minimize the sale and availability to the general public of toxic pesticides.
- f. Ban the use of these pesticides, including herbicides and fungicides on: footpaths, verges, medians, drainage sumps, parkland, sports fields, playgrounds, bushland, kindergartens, schools, residential and public gardens and roof tile restorations.
- g. Adopt and enhance current international bans on pesticides.

This petition has been signed by 65 people and it has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house.

[See petition 118.]

Nonconforming Petition

Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE: This petition is accompanied by a further petition that has not been certified as conforming to the standing orders and that petition was signed by 256 people.