

DOG AND CAT FUR PRODUCTS — BAN

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [3.33 pm]: I have a petition regarding the sale of fur products from dogs and cats. It reads —

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

We, the undersigned, call on the Western Australian Government to use the Department of Commerce's inspection powers to assist the Federal Government police its ban on the importation of fur from dogs and cats. The State Government must inspect and expose clothing retailers and other businesses involved in the sale of items containing dog and cat fur. When dog and cat fur is found the Department should provide evidence to the Federal Government so that tough penalties are imposed on the retailer, importer and others involved in the supply chain of this cruel and bloody trade.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to urge the State Government to act immediately to protect consumers from fur products that have been gathered through horrific practices like the skinning of live animals.

The petition has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house and it contains 232 signatures.

[See petition 500.]