

**LAND CLEARING — MT HELENA**

*Petition*

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [9.01 am]: I have a petition that has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house and reads —

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

*We, the undersigned, say*

- 1 The current process for treating land clearing permit applications under Part V of the Environmental Protection Act fails to ensure that adjacent landholders are informed of proposals that could impact on the environmental and amenity values of their community;
- 2 This has resulted in a decision by the Department of Environment and Conservation to allow the destruction of 1.28 hectares of native vegetation, located in the William Road and Samuel Street road reserves in Mount Helena, without the local community being made aware of the proposal while it was at the assessment stage;
- 3 As the local community has been unaware of the project it has been impossible for it to present its views, advice or technical knowledge.

*Now we ask the Legislative Assembly*

- 4 To require that the Department of Environment and Conservation recommence the land clearing permit assessment process for the native vegetation located in the William Road and Samuel Street road reserves so that the views, advice and technical knowledge can be properly considered;
- 5 To amend the land clearing assessment process so that there is a statutory requirement for land clearing proponents to contact by registered post all adjacent landholders prior to lodging an application with the Department of Environment and Conservation.

The petition has been signed by 68 people.

[See petition 344.]