

**SWAN RIVER TRUST — REINSTATEMENT**

*Petition*

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [12.02 pm]: I have a petition regarding the future of the Swan River Trust that reads as follows —

**To the Honourable the Speaker and members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia and Parliament assembled.**

*We, the undersigned, say*

The decision to axe the Swan River Trust will place huge stress on the deteriorating Swan River that has been crippled by algal blooms, low oxygen levels, fish and dolphin deaths. Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly call upon the Barnett Government to recognize the River and its catchment as a Western Australian icon with huge ecological, recreational, social and cultural value and therefore ask that the Trust must be reinstated as catchment manager, recognising the complexity of this responsibility. Furthermore, the staff, with their unique catchment management skills, must not be lost in a parks management agency.

The petition has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house, and it bears 38 signatures.

[See petition 124.]