

COAL MINING — COAL-FIRED POWER STATIONS

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [9.05 am]: I have a petition that is part of an 8 000-signatory petition. I am tabling the first part of it, which has 110 signatures. The petition concerns proposals for coal developments in Western Australia, and I acknowledge the presence in the gallery of petitioners. The petition reads —

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

We, the undersigned, express our opposition to the further development of coal mining and coal-fired power stations in Western Australia at a time when immediate and substantial cuts in carbon emissions are needed and when it has been demonstrated that this country can supply its power needs with 100% renewable energy.

For these reasons, we call on the Legislative Assembly to:

1. Establish as policy that there be no further expansion of coal infrastructure (including coal mines, coal-fired power stations or port/rail facilities dedicated to coal transport) in WA;
2. Cancel the approval given to new or refurbished coal-fired power stations (Muja A&B, Bluewaters 3&4, Coolimba) and refuse approval of the Perdaman proposed coal-to-urea plant;
3. Ensure that Verve Energy, which is government-owned, uses only renewable energy sources to supply new power needs;
4. Embark on a massive and immediate development of publicly-owned renewable energy infrastructure (including wind and concentrating solar thermal); and
5. Ensure that workers in coal communities have priority access to new jobs in renewable energy with equivalent pay and conditions.

I table this part of the petition with 110 signatures.

[See petition 370.]