

**MURESK INSTITUTE**

*Petition*

**HON COL HOLT (South West)** [10.04 am]: I present a petition on behalf of Hon Philip Gardiner containing 201 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia are concerned that

*the closing of agricultural education at the Muresk campus near Northam after 84 years serving rural and regional Western Australia will threaten the future of opportunities for young people to pursue careers that benefit all of its citizens, socially and economically.*

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council

1. To ensure a pathway is open to allow young people from rural and regional areas to progress from junior high school all the way through to post-graduate research with exit points along the way that will equip them for meaningful careers including that of farm management and agribusiness.
2. Encourage collaboration between Secondary Schools, TAFE universities and private providers in Australia and overseas to provide the best possible programs
3. Source the funds necessary to upgrade the Muresk campus near Northam to ensure that its infrastructure meets the education and training needs of regional Australia, particularly but not restricted to farm management and agribusiness.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 2182.]