

KINGS PARK — CITY OF PERTH BILL 2015

Petition

HON SIMON O'BRIEN (South Metropolitan) [2.03 pm]: I present a petition containing 167 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 respectfully oppose the current actions being taken in Parliament to remove the status of Kings Park as a national treasure and replace it by incorporating Kings Park as a part of the proposed City of Perth District. Kings Park is Western Australia's most widely known icon and is visited by at least 5 million people each year. The fact that it has survived as a national treasure is due entirely to the foresight of the Parliament of Western Australia which provided Kings Park with triple-bottom-line protections, the chief of which was to ensure that Kings Park is NOT a part of and is separate from the City of Perth District. Parliament is now being asked to remove this protection by incorporating Kings Park as a part of the City of Perth District under Section 17(3)(a) and (b) of the City of Perth Bill 2015. This action would remove Kings Park's national and statewide status by making it no more than a city park. It would also lay Kings Park open to the encroachment of development for other purposes, contrary to the best interests of, not only the Park itself, but Western Australia's most iconic feature. Your Petitioners, therefore, respectfully request that the Legislative Council takes whatever action is deemed appropriate in order to protect and maintain the current status of Kings Park. And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 3850.]