

ANIMALS IN ALFRESCO DINING AREAS

Petition

MR J.M. FRANCIS (Jandakot) [12.01 pm]: I have two petitions. The first one contains 368 signatures and is certified as complying with the standing orders. It 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;

That animals are currently not permitted in the alfresco or outside areas of food establishments and that this has a detrimental impact on the social environment of the Western Australian community.

Animals are an essential part of many families and allowing animals —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, I note the great enthusiasm that many of you share for the member for Jandakot's petition but generally in this place petitions are heard in silence. I would like that tradition to prevail. Member for Jandakot, please continue.

Mr J.M. FRANCIS: Thank you, Mr Speaker. The petition continues —

Animals are an essential part of many families and allowing animals to be present in alfresco areas will provide positive benefits for both animals and Western Australians alike.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to;

Make it lawful for animals to be present in alfresco areas of food establishments to ensure that Western Australians are able to enjoy the positive benefits of socialising with their animals.

[See petition 255.]