

RESOURCES PROJECTS — LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Petition

MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn) [2.59 pm]: I have a petition here signed by 218 petitioners that duly conforms with the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly.

The SPEAKER: Members! This is not an opportunity for an informal chat. If you want to have chats, take them outside this place. This is an opportunity for members to present petitions.

Mr F.M. LOGAN: As I said, this petition conforms with the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly and says the following —

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

We, the undersigned, say the WA Parliament should pass laws that ensure a greater share of skilled engineering and fabrication work for our major resources projects is performed in Western Australia.

Our major resources projects are increasingly sending their skilled work offshore. Many of Western Australia's fabrication workshops are almost empty and our engineers have to go overseas if they want to help design our LNG projects.

Our natural resources can only be used once and we should use the current resources construction boom to provide training and apprenticeships for our young people, so that they can have a future after the boom.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to urge all Members to support any legislation with the objective of ensuring a greater share of skilled work for our major resources projects is performed in Western Australia.

A similar petition was presented by **Mr C.J. Tallentire** (33 signatures).

[See petitions 446 and 447.]