

MURDOCH UNIVERSITY — ROCKINGHAM CAMPUS — FEDERAL FUNDING

Petition

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Leader of the Opposition) [12.01 pm]: I have a petition that conforms with the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly. It contains 180 signatures and reads as follows —

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

We the undersigned are opposed to the recent cuts to university funding by the Abbott federal Liberal government, which has resulted in Murdoch University announcing it will close its Rockingham campus. The Rockingham campus provides a unique opportunity for local students who would be unable to afford transport and parking costs should they be forced to instead travel to the Murdoch campus. Furthermore, many mature age students who are also parents could not afford additional costs and time associated with long commutes.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Barnett Government to demand the Abbott Liberal government provide funds to ensure Murdoch University runs courses at its Rockingham campus and if the Abbott government refuses, that the Barnett government takes action to ensure the Rockingham campus continues to provide university education.

[See petition 169.]

A similar petition was presented by **Mr P. Papalia** (15 signatures).

[See petition 170.]