

BANKSIA ROAD WASTE FACILITY, DARDANUP — LITHIUM TAILINGS

Petition

HON COLIN HOLT (South West) [2.02 pm]: I present a petition containing 564 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, are opposed to the storage of lithium tailings and associated leachate at the Waste Facility in Banksia Road, Dardanup. The Waste Facility has never been subject to a full EPA Environmental Impact Assessment in its entirety. Long-term and ongoing community concern regarding this waste site is validated by the continuing inability of Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd to control dust emissions, underground water contamination, containment of water on site, and visual amenity within the Ferguson Valley tourism precinct. This proposal poses unacceptable risks to the environment, the community and the economy of the region. The location, topography, and climatic conditions at the site will never safely allow any subsequent removal of stored tailings for repurpose or remining.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to oppose the storage of lithium tailings at this site and recommend that an alternative site is sourced in an area conducive to safe storage, future recovery, targeted research and re-purposing of this resource.

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

[See paper 2760.]