

RESOURCES PROJECTS — LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [3.06 pm]: I have five petitions to table today. The first concerns local jobs, and 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 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 work to ensure a greater share of skilled work for our major resources projects is performed in Western Australia.

The petition has been signed by 51 petitioners and is certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house. I table the petition.

[See petition 609.]