

**ABORIGINAL AFFAIRS — TRUTH-TELLING AND JUSTICE COMMISSION**

*Petition*

**HON DR BRAD PETTITT (South Metropolitan)** [1.06 pm]: I present an e-petition containing 734 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 ...

Acknowledge the importance of truth-telling when it comes to advancing the agency of First Nations peoples. Truth-telling allows First Nations peoples' experiences to be acknowledged and is an opportunity to document the past from different perspectives. This can uncover untold and unrecognised parts of our shared history. Truth-telling also provides an opportunity for First Nations peoples to share their culture, heritage, and history with broader society. This process will help cut through the misinformation around the intergenerational trauma experienced by First Nations peoples and highlight their incredible resilience. Western Australia has a number of ongoing injustices towards First Nations peoples that haven't been responded to. We need a mechanism to hold the State Government to account when it comes to these injustices and to ensure services and systems are designed and operated in a culturally safe way. The establishment of a Truth-Telling and Justice Commission in Western Australia, similar to the Yoorrook Justice Commission in Victoria, will allow the diversity of First Nations peoples' voices in Western Australia to be heard. The Commission will be able to make broad recommendations about practical actions and reforms to address systemic racial issues. We therefore request that the Legislative Council ask the McGowan Government —

Now the Cook government —

to commit to establishing an independent state-wide Truth-Telling and Justice Commission in 2023.

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

[See paper [2463](#).]