

**BIOSECURITY LEVY — SHIRE OF BRIDGETOWN–GREENBUSHES**

*Petition*

**HON COLIN HOLT (South West)** [2.19 pm]: I present a petition containing 280 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 biosecurity levy of \$40 for town blocks or \$50 for farm properties imposed on residents of Bridgetown–Greenbushes.

We believe the community consultation did not demonstrate support for the levy and the recent Office of State Revenue threats of legal action or a memorial over land titles, if overdue payment is not received by a certain date, is heavy handed and causing extreme angst.

**We therefore ask the Legislative Council to:**

- **recommend the State Government withdraw the current biosecurity levy from the Shire of Bridgetown–Greenbushes**
- **initiate an enquiry and review into the outcome of community consultation and the level of support received for a biosecurity levy in the Shire**
- **ensure community consultation is adequate and residents are supportive of the biosecurity levy before implementation of further requests**

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

[See paper 156.]