

**MINERAL EXPLORATION LICENCES**

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**HON DR BRAD PETTITT (South Metropolitan)** [10.02 am]: I present a petition containing 605 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, believe the regulations regarding objections to applications for mineral exploration licences are inadequate and unnecessarily difficult, and that the regulations should require notice to be given to all landholders and other stakeholders of their right to lodge an objection. We also believe that there should be excluded areas where mineral exploration must not be allowed under any circumstances including high value conservation areas, wetlands, towns and tourist area, among others.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to recommend that State Government review the Mining Act 1978 and Mining Regulations 1981 with regard to:

- extending notice of mineral exploration licences to all landholders and other stakeholders in the proposed area irrespective of depth,
- reducing the complexity involved in the lodgement of objections to such applications, and
- creating exclusion zones to protect existing environmental, social and economic activities.

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

[See paper 1344.]