

**PERTH CULTURAL CENTRE PRECINCT — WETLAND**

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**HON DR BRAD PETTITT (South Metropolitan)** [10.03 am]: I present a petition containing 328 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 oppose the destruction of the wetland at the Perth Cultural Centre.

Situated in the heart of Boorloo (Perth) on the lands of the Wadjuk Noongar people, the small wetland is the last cultural reminder of the original landscape in the precinct, and a contributor to the biodiversity of the local ecosystem, holding numerous species of plants, birds, amphibians and insects. Together with the Urban Orchard, it provides a wonderful living education resource on sustainability, which has been used by thousands of children and adults.

It is also a performance space, a political space for rallies, adding to our great democracy, and plays a significant role in reducing stress and improving the mental health of visitors and workers.

It is a place of beauty, wonder, enchantment, education, biodiversity, history, and culture that adds to the area immensely, framing the art gallery with living art, reducing the heat island effect, and reducing the carbon and biodiversity footprint of the area. We therefore ask the Legislative Council to support its preservation rather than its destruction.

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

[See paper 2883.]