

BUILDING INDUSTRY — INQUIRY

Petition

HON BEN DAWKINS (South West) [1.02 pm]: I present an e-petition containing 421 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 ...

1. Call upon the Legislative Council and WA Government to conduct an inquiry into the WA building industry. 2. During the pandemic builders in Western Australia took advantage of government stimulus grants to sign up thousands of clients beyond what they had the capacity to handle. After calling for the grants themselves, they now blame the government for their own poor choices. 3. Tens of thousands of West Australians are facing homelessness, mental health crises, marriage and family breakdowns, and suicidal ideation at the current state of the industry. The Government must act to protect the lives and livelihoods of the people. 4. Call upon the Legislative Council and WA Government to protect vulnerable Western Australians by ensuring the review of the regulatory framework of the building industry, including but not limited to the State Administrative Tribunal Act 2004, the Home Building Contracts Act 1991, and the Building Services (Complaint Resolution and Administration) Act 2011.

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

[See paper 2863.]