

ALCOA — HUNTLY BAUXITE MINE

Petition

HON COLIN HOLT (South West) [1.02 pm]: I present a petition containing 1 866 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 proposed clearing and mining of a further 6700 ha of jarrah forest ecosystems and expansion of alumina production because of the impact that such clearing would have on the forest, wildlife, water, climate and local communities and the increased pressure that the additional mining activity would place on local communities as a result of noise, traffic, loss of amenity and negative impacts to local businesses and tourism that depend on the forest. Increased production at the Pinjarra Refinery would cause additional pollution and pose health risks to the surrounding communities.

We oppose the following:

1. The Huntly mine expansion
2. The proposed clearing and mining of a further 6700 ha of jarrah forest
3. The increase of production at the Pinjarra Alumina Refinery

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to recommend that the State Government reject Alcoa's proposed Huntly mine expansion and reject the proposed increase in production at the Pinjarra Refinery and bauxite export. And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 4592.]