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Member for the Agricultural Region

Hon Matthew Swinbourn MLC  
Chairperson  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
via [env@parliament.wa.gov.au](mailto:env@parliament.wa.gov.au)

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Dear Mr Swinbourn

## PETITION NO 116 – BAN HELIUM BALLOONS

I write in regards to the above petition, which I tabled on behalf of constituents in Esperance on 9 May 2019.

As stated in the petition, there are a number of constituents in Esperance concerned with the environmental hazard the use of helium party balloons pose.

It is my understanding their concerns focus on the impact released balloons have on animals, people and the environment.

While there is currently no legislation in Western Australia addressing the mass release of balloons, I have been informed other states in Australia have laws regarding the release of balloons. These include:

- Restrictions on the number of balloons that can be released at any one time in New South Wales;
- Banning of intentionally released helium balloons on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland; and
- Consideration of banning mass balloon releases by the Tasmania Government.

I encourage the committee to review the submission provided by the principal petitioner.

If I can provide any more information in regards to this petition please do not hesitate to contact me via [colin.degrussa@mp.wa.gov.au](mailto:colin.degrussa@mp.wa.gov.au) or 9071 6555.

Kind regards



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