



14<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Chairman,

**re: Petition No 144 – WA Jobs from WA Resources**

We recently signed the abovementioned Petition in the hope that some of the resources boom will flow on to the Western Australian population in the form of jobs and apprenticeships.

We feel that it is imperative that we train apprentices in the trades required in the mining and engineering fields. But, it is equally important that we have the industry to train the said apprenticeships. Presently, there are fabrication workshops sitting idle whilst work is being sent offshore. Some places have already closed down due to lack of work.

This situation should not be allowed to continue. Australians should not be out of work, companies should not face the prospect of laying off more staff and cutting short the apprenticeship hopes of many of our young generation. The government has the chance to rectify this situation with the Skilled Local Jobs Bill 2011 and we strongly urge the committee to enquire into the possibility of legislating to ensure that as much local content as possible goes in to manufacturing for the projects in our state.

Yours faithfully

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