

I, Piers Versteegen of the Conservation Council (WA) Inc. of 2 Delhi St WEST PERTH, in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter this petition which contains ~~20~~ 211 signatures.



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Signed.....

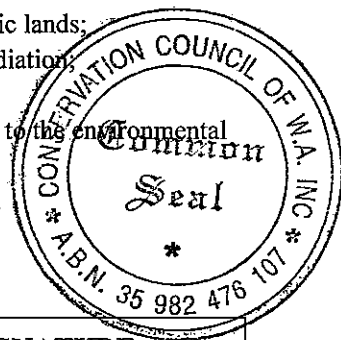
**PETITION IN RELATION TO
'A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEGACY OF MINING IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA'**

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

The Auditor General's report entitled 'Ensuring Compliance with Conditions on Mining' and tabled in September 2011 indicated that the State Government (in particular the Department of Mines & Petroleum) had grossly inadequate systems for monitoring the environmental outcomes of mining and for ensuring compliance with approval conditions. Little is therefore known about the condition of the mined lands in this State and consequently of the exposure of the environment and the taxpayer to legacy issues associated with abandoned and inadequately remediated mine sites.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia respectfully request that the Legislative Council of Western Australia conducts an open inquiry into the accruing mining legacy in this State giving particular consideration to

1. The level of transparency with respect to the environmental outcomes of mining on public lands;
2. The adequacy of the environmental standards being set for mine rehabilitation and remediation;
3. The environmental outcomes of mine closures to date;
4. The adequacy of the regulatory framework for protecting the public interest with respect to the environmental legacy of mining including the bond system; and
5. Current community perceptions and expectations with respect to mine closure outcomes.



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

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