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the Conservation Council (WA) Inc. of 2 Delhi St WEST PERTH, in the State of Western Australia, am the promoter this petition which contains 98 signatures.

PETITION IN RELATION TO

'A PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO CONFLICTS BETWEEN THE AQUATIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT ACT AND OTHER EXISTING AND PROPOSED LEGISLATION'

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

The Government proposes to introduce the Aquatic Resources Management Bill to the parliament in September 2013. It will do so after limiting its consultation on the draft bill to the commercial and recreational fishing sectors, overlooking that the wider community also has an interest in aquatic resources. Of particular concern are the consequences of the provisions in Aquatic Resources Management Bill on the conservation of aquatic biodiversity and the interaction of this Bill with the government's proposed Biodiversity Conservation Bill.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia respectfully request that the Legislative Council of Western Australia conducts an open inquiry into the most appropriate legislation for the conservation of aquatic biodiversity including protected species of reptiles, birds and mammals. Specifically the inquiry should consider;

1. Whether all aquatic biodiversity should be regulated through legislation which is primarily designed to manage commercial and recreational fisheries and aquaculture.
2. Whether there is an inbuilt conflict of interest in the proposed Aquatic Resources Management Bill 2013 between biodiversity conservation and exploitation of aquatic resources.
3. Whether protected species (turtles, seabirds, sealions, whales & dolphins) bycatch issues existing in WA fisheries will be appropriately managed through the proposed legislation, and
4. Whether the legislation is compatible with the management of aquatic biodiversity within marine protected areas established under Acts Amendment (Marine Reserves) Act 1997.

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

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