

**MANDATORY SENTENCES — MENTAL IMPAIRMENT**

*Petition*

**HON ALISON XAMON (East Metropolitan)** [10.02 am]: I present a petition containing 68 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 residents of Western Australia are concerned at the impact of mandatory sentencing on people suffering from a significant mental impairment, their carers, families and their loved ones.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to recommend to the Attorney General that he urgently act to ensure that our courts are able to use appropriate discretion when sentencing people with a significant mental impairment.

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

[See paper 3615.]