

ALCOA'S SUPPLEMENTARY PROPERTY PURCHASE PROGRAM

As to Presentation of Non-conforming Petition

HON GIZ WATSON (North Metropolitan) [4.02 pm]: I seek the leave of the house to present a non-conforming petition in relation to Alcoa's compensation for affected landholders in Wagerup. This petition does not conform to standing orders because it calls on the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs to inquire into this matter, and to report back by 30 November 2007.

HON NORMAN MOORE (Mining and Pastoral - Leader of the Opposition) [4.03 pm] - by leave: The member seeks to table a non-conforming petition. As a general rule, the opposition is not supportive of that course of action. If we were to support this on every occasion, what would be the point of having conforming petitions? We might as well just have whatever we like. I have spoken to the Greens (WA) about this petition. The degree of non-conformity is minimal on this occasion, so the opposition will grant leave, but I want to indicate that that should not be taken as some indication that, in future, this will always happen.

Leave granted.

Petition

HON GIZ WATSON (North Metropolitan) [4.04 pm]: I thank members for their accommodation of this petition. I present a petition containing 210 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 call for the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs to inquire into the fairness and just terms of Alcoa's compensation arrangements, including the Supplementary Property Purchase Program (SPPP) with particular reference to the financial impacts and hardship experienced by the affected landholders and that the committee report back no later than 30th November 2007.

Your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 3105.]