

**BINDOON TOWN SITE — GREAT NORTHERN HIGHWAY BYPASS**

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**HON MIA DAVIES (Agricultural)** [2.04 pm]: I present a petition containing 48 signatures, couched in the following terms —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly and the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say

The town site of Bindoon is situated on the Great Northern Highway which is the main heavy haulage route for trucks into the northwest of WA. On the Great Northern Highway, within the 1.5 km of the Bindoon town site are residences, shops, the access road to the primary school and sporting facilities. Within this 1.5km of highway the town-site has a total of ten local intersections.

Not all cars or trucks slow down to the speed limit when passing through Bindoon. A few times a year speed cameras are set up within the town, and the police often have cause to book people speeding through the town. Many residents can tell of near-misses they have experienced or seen first-hand. There have been no major accidents, and we do not want to see a major accident in our town, especially not one generated by speed. There is no constant police presence in our town, the nearest station is in Gingin, 23km away.

Our council have been applying for a by-pass of the Great Northern Hwy which has been approved but is not yet on the MRD works program. The number of trucks and general traffic using the highway is on the increase.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly and the Legislative Council to enable government to:

Install fixed speed cameras on the highway in the town site of Bindoon.

We believe that the safety of residents, school children and visitors justify the investment in this technology and promote/enforce the necessity to slow down in the built-up Bindoon townsite. We also request the signage be erected to advertise the fact that speed cameras will be operating 24 hours a day through the townsite.

**The PRESIDENT:** Is there a prayer at the end?

**Hon MIA DAVIES:** There is not; however, your petitioners, as in duty bound, humbly pray, Mr President!

**The PRESIDENT:** Thank you.

A similar petition was presented by **Hon Philip Gardiner** (57 signatures).

[See papers 2236 and 2237.]