

PRESCRIBED BURNING — REVIEW

Petition

HON DR SALLY TALBOT (South West) [1.04 pm]: I present a petition containing 1 710 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 are concerned that the current practice of broad-scale prescribed burning conducted by DBCA is having severe detrimental impacts on ecosystems. An independent review is needed.

We therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council recommend that the State Government of Western Australia commission an independent review of DBCA's prescribed burning practices that includes assessment of:

1. environmental objectives,
2. research, monitoring and evaluation of ecological impacts on fauna and flora,
3. application of relevant and recent leading external research,
4. provision and integrity of Fire Exclusion Reference Areas,
5. adaptive management for climate change, disease, drought, and wildfires,
6. transparency, accountability, and public / stakeholder consultation.

And your petitioners as in duty bound will ever pray.

[See paper 608.]