

SKILLED LOCAL JOBS BILL 2011

Petition

HON MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM (Agricultural) [3.03 pm]: I present a petition with 110 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 in Western Australia say the WA Parliament should pass laws that ensure a greater share of skilled engineering and fabrication work for our major resources projects is performed in Western Australia.

Our major resources projects are increasingly sending their skilled work offshore. Many of Western Australia's fabrication workshops are almost empty and our engineers have to go overseas if they want to help design our LNG projects.

Our natural resources can only be used once and we should use the current resources construction boom to provide training and apprenticeships for our young people, so that they can have a future after the boom.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to support the *Skilled Local Jobs Bill 2011* with the objective of ensuring a greater share of skilled work for our major resources projects is performed in Western Australia.

A similar petition was presented by **Hon Sue Ellery** (272 signatures).

[See papers 3483 and 3484.]