

STATE RECORDS OFFICE — MACHINERY-OF-GOVERNMENT CHANGES

Petition

HON TJORN SIBMA (North Metropolitan) [2.04 pm]: I present a petition containing 52 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 opposed to the State Government's machinery of government changes which makes the State Records Office of Western Australia part of the State Library of Western Australia.

We recognise that records of government must be safeguarded by an independent body to ensure the integrity and reliability of public records—both digital and paper. The creation of the State Records Office, as an independent agency working in partnership with the State Records Commission, was the product of recommendations of the Commission on Government, working from foundations laid by the WA Inc. Royal Commission.

Your petitions therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to support the argument to reinstate the independence of the State Records Office of Western Australia.

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

[See paper 484.]