

PROSTITUTION BILL 2011

Petition

MR P. ABETZ (Southern River) [4.54 pm]: I have a petition containing 1 390 signatures regarding legalising of brothels that reads —

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

We, the undersigned, say we are concerned that legalising brothels will increase exploitation and abuse of women and children in our community. We believe that to make brothels legal anywhere in WA will send the wrong message to society. It would also lead to a major growth in this harmful industry—with legal and illegal brothels flourishing—as seen everywhere else in the world that has taken this approach.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr P. ABETZ: Continuing —

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to either heavily amend the WA Prostitution Bill 2011 such that brothels are not legalised anywhere in Western Australia; or to reject the WA Prostitution Bill 2011 completely.

[See petition 564.]