

DALYELLUP BEACH ESTATE — REMNANT BUSHLAND

Petition

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West — Parliamentary Secretary) [3.32 pm]: I present a petition containing 708 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 respectfully request that the remaining remnant bushland in the Dalyellup Beach Estate be dedicated primarily to conservation and compatible education and passive recreation activities.

The region supports two nationally listed threatened species; the Western Ringtail Possum and Carnaby's Cockatoo and is the subject of a Federal study into the possible presence of the Quokka. In 1998 Dalyellup was to retain 100ha of Tuart forest to the North and 280 ha of the southern coastal reserve. These areas have now been reduced to 57ha and 160 respectively. The Tourist Precinct is on primary sand dunes and it was recommended by the EPA to be retained for conservation due to its regional significance and concern it would lead to degradation of the adjacent coastal reserve and category conservation wetlands. The estate has been extensively cleared of at least 300 ha of native vegetation. The areas of Stage 13 West, the Green Patch and the Tourist Precinct should be dedicated to conservation not urbanisation.

Your petitioners therefore request the Legislative Council to halt any further clearing of the Dalyellup beach estate.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray

[See paper 3694.]