

MUNDIJONG DISTRICT STRUCTURE PLAN — FREIGHT RAIL LINE REALIGNMENT

Petition

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary) [2.05 pm]: I present a petition containing 12 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. This petition follows on from Petition No. 170 that was tabled in the previous Parliament.

We the undersigned are opposed to the altered freight rail line realignment south of Mundijong Road as shown on the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale Mundijong District Structure Plan 2020. These proposed routes drastically alter the freight line realignment from previous published designs without significant consultation with the impacted landowners and residents. Existing landowners purchased their properties on the basis of the Shire's district structure plan that was current at the time of their purchase. The route proposed in these plans were consistent between the years of 2008 to 2018.

The new proposed routes from south of Mundijong Road to Wright Road will now impact newly built homes and has already had an adverse impact on the properties values and saleability. The impacted properties are blighted by the proposed route. The affected landowners have no security and face an uncertain future until such time as the matter is resolved. For many affected landowners, time is of the essence in seeking a mutually acceptable resolution,

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to recommend that the Department of Transport, Main Roads, Arc Infrastructure and Public Transport Authority engage with all local affected landowners to investigate options that will see the rail delivered as per the previous realignment that follows the proposes Tonkin Highway.

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

[See paper 462.]