

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Fifty-seventh Report — “Overview of Petitions 1 July 2020 to 31 October 2020” — Tabling

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan) [10.09 am]: I am directed to present for tabling the fifty-seventh report of the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs titled “Overview of Petitions 1 July 2020 to 31 October 2020”.

[See paper [4686](#).]

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN: Madam President, the report that I have just tabled advises the house of the petitions that were finalised by the committee during the four-month period between July and October 2020. During this period, 15 new petitions were tabled in the Legislative Council and the committee concluded its inquiries into nine petitions.

Environmental issues, particularly the impact of emissions on human health and wellbeing, were the focus of petitions concerning the Cockburn Cement factory and dust emissions in Port Hedland. Environmental concerns were also raised in a petition that called for a review of broadscale prescribed burning in the south west.

Throughout the course of this Parliament, the prevalence of petitions about planning and transport matters are evidence that these issues often provoke community action and protest. Opposition to the redevelopment of the Mt Pleasant Bowling Club and the Glen Iris Public Golf Course are two such examples outlined in the report. At the end of this reporting period, the committee was continuing its inquiries into a further 14 open petitions.

I commend the report to the house.