

DOG ACT — PENALTIES

Petition

HON TJORN SIBMA (North Metropolitan) [2.09 pm]: I present a petition containing 638 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, say that the Dog Act 1976 requires amendment to ensure tougher penalties are placed on dogs that seriously injure or killed other animals or people and their owners.

Now we ask the Legislative Council to investigate the introduction of:

- stronger penalties to deter owners from disobeying regulations, including increased financial penalties and criminal liability, for serious attacks;
- the removal and destruction of a dog where it has caused serious physical injury and/or death; and
- a compulsory education program for dog owners where an animal in their control has caused nuisance and fear to the general public.

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

[See paper 4646.]