

AUSTRALIND RAIL SERVICE

Petition

HON BARRY HOUSE (South West) [10.02 am]: On behalf of all south west members and residents, I present a petition containing 7 252 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 are opposed to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure, Hon Alannah MacTiernan's proposal to scale back the train service between Bunbury and Perth.

The Australind train service is valued by the local community, particularly the elderly, who are able to book a seat, carry on luggage, access toilet facilities, as well as enjoy a more comfortable standard of transport.

The plan to replace one of the return trips of this train service with coach transport will result in a significant loss of service to residents to the South West.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to oppose the State Government's proposal to down grade the train service between Bunbury & Perth.

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

[See paper 1780.]