

**ENVIRONMENTAL REHABILITATION — ROYALTIES FOR REGIONS**

*Petition*

**HON DIANE EVERS (South West)** [2.03 pm]: I have a petition containing 110 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 are concerned about:

- the increasing environmental degradation and pollution as a result of mining and gas sector activities;
- the insufficient effort the Government is providing for environmental rehabilitation and the preservation of the State's unique biodiversity demonstrated by the reduction in estimated Royalties for Regions allocations to environmental projects across the forward estimates;
- the impact of climate change on our environment;
- the lack of support for community based Natural Resource Management organisations across the State; and
- the potential impacts of the loss of valuable ecosystems resulting from insufficient action.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to request the Government to direct a minimum of 10% of all Royalties for Regions funding on an annual basis for environmental rehabilitation and for the preservation of the State's unique biodiversity. This will greatly assist in building regional economies, complement existing carbon sequestration initiatives and aid in the reversal of global warming.

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

[See paper [3582](#).]