

AERIAL SPRAYING OF INSECTICIDES

Petition

HON MATTHEW BENSON-LIDHOLM (South West) [10.01 am]: I present a petition containing 2 275 signatures couched in the following terms -

To the Honourable the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled:

We the undersigned, respectfully request the Parliament to urge the Government to take action to ban completely the aerial spraying of insecticides including Alpha-cypermethrin which is currently being used on intensive monoculture tree farms in the Great Southern.

It is toxic to Invertebrates such as native Bees, which in turn will affect native mammals and leave residues in neighbouring livestock if their pastures are sprayed through drift.

With the small sizes of farms, streams and water catchment areas and local residents needing to harvest water from their roofs for their needs, the risk of drift is too great.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 595.]