

SOUTHERN FORESTS IRRIGATION SCHEME

Petition

HON DIANE EVERS (South West) [2.04 pm]: I present a petition containing 3 112 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 opposed to the SFIS for the following reasons:

- The average flow in the Donnelly River has declined as much as 65% since the 1990's.
- Numerous species of vulnerable, threatened and critically endangered species of flora and fauna will be directly impacted by this proposal.
- The Stewart Tree, WA's tallest tree and numerous ancient trees of significance are located within the dam impact zone on Record Brook.
- A 85% taxpayer funded project should not be in the control of a privately owned co-operative, exclusively benefitting 15% of the farmers in the region.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to withdraw state government approval and funding for the SFIS. And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 4537.]