

**PROSTITUTION AMENDMENT BILL 2007**

*Petition*

**HON BARRY HOUSE (South West)** [3.35 pm]: I present a petition containing 720 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 Attorney General, Hon Jim McGinty MLA's proposal to decriminalise prostitution and legalise brothels in the state of Western Australia.

The WA Carpenter Government is about to legitimise, institutionalise and sponsor exploitation and the further expansion of sex as a commodity by introducing WA Prostitution Amendment Bill.

If this bill is passed by the WA Parliament, then:

- brothel owners, madams and pimps would be licensed by the Department of Racing, Gaming and Liquor;
- a licence would authorise them to recruit teenagers (18 or over) to work as prostitutes;
- local communities or Councils would not be permitted to prohibit brothels in their community.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to oppose the State Government's proposal to amend the Prostitution Act 2000.

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

[See paper 3546.]