

LAKE MULLOCULLUP — WATER SKIING

Petition

HON DIANE EVERS (South West) [2.04 pm]: I present a petition containing 417 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 recent gazettal of Lake Mullocullop in the Mullocullop Nature Reserve for the purpose of water skiing by the Department of Transport (DOT) at the request of the City of Albany (COA) for the following reasons:

- That the Lake, known as Mirrambeen to the traditional owners, has significant ongoing spiritual and cultural value to the Minang and Wilomin Noongar people as a meeting place and food gathering area. It is a registered site under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972 and a majority of the local Noongar people surveyed do not support the gazetting of the Lake for the purpose of water skiing which will cause damage to the Noongar belief system;
- That the use of the Lake for the recreational activity of water skiing may be in contravention of the Lands Administration Act 1997 and the Management Order relating to the purpose and use of the Mullocullop Nature Reserve;
- That the Lake is one of the few remaining freshwater lakes in the area with a very fragile ecological system. Its pristine condition will be severely impacted by power boating and water skiing activities;
- That no plans have been presented by the DOT or the COA to show how they will manage the increased traffic on access roads and what actions will be taken to mitigate the impact on the local environment of power boating activities and increased numbers of visitors accessing the reserve;
- That no plans have been presented by the DOT or the COA as to how they will monitor and enforce safety rules and rights of way on such a small and isolated lake;

We, the petitioners therefore respectfully ask the Legislative Council to request that the DOT's Director of Waterways Safety Management to rescind the gazettal of Lake Mullocullop for the purpose of water skiing as described in the gazette notice of the 29th March 2019 and reinstate a ban on water skiing activities in the Lake and honour the existing gazettal of Water, Camping and Conservation of Flora and Fauna.

AND YOUR PETITIONERS AS IN DUTY BOUND, WILL EVER PRAY.

[See paper 3333.]