

SHACK SITE COMMUNITIES

Petition

MR P. ABETZ (Southern River) [2.59 pm]: Mr Speaker, I have the pleasure of presenting my very first petition to the house since I have been elected. The petition contains 351 signatures. Similar petitions have been presented to the house previously, and it concerns leased shack site communities —

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order! Take a seat, member for Cannington. The member for Cannington knows that he cannot talk from any place other than his seat. I make the observation that the member was not in his seat when he made those comments, so I formally call him for the first time.

Mr P. ABETZ: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

The petition concerns leased shack site communities such as Wedge Island, Grey, Donnelly River, Broke Inlet, Dampier Archipelagos, and Israelite Bay, which have long been the traditional holiday-recreational destination for many thousands of ordinary Western Australians. The petition states further on —

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly support our campaign for the Government to

Examine how other States of Australia, including South Australia, Tasmania and New South Wales have retained conforming Shack Site Communities in order to preserve these valuable assets for many Western Australians to have affordable coastal holiday destinations and continue to allow human interaction all but lost in today's society.

[See petition 289.]