

SWAN AND CANNING RIVERS — BOAT SPEEDS

Petition

HON SALLY TALBOT (South West) [10.07 am] — by leave: I present a petition containing 185 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 residents of Western Australia respectfully request that the Environment and Transport ministers:

- acknowledge the evidence contained in the two reports — Investigation into the Effect of Wash of Boats and Wind Waves on the Swan River and Full-Scale Boat Wake and Wind Wave Trials on the Swan River — that speeding boats are a major cause of riverbank erosion in the upper reaches of the Swan and Canning rivers;
- acknowledge the evidence contained in the two reports — Investigation into the Effect of Wash of Boats and Wind Waves on the Swan River and Full-Scale Boat Wake and Wind Wave Trials on the Swan River — that the waves generated by all boats travelling at five knots (9.26kmh) do not carry sufficient energy to erode the riverbanks; and
- work together to ensure that the maximum boat speed limit in the upper reaches of the Swan and Canning rivers is reduced to 5 knots (9.26kmh) before the start of the 2010/11 boating season.

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 2570.]

The PRESIDENT: We will allow a slight deviation of our agenda as we are not used to the late nights!