

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOLS — REMOVAL OF YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS

Petition

HON MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM (Agricultural) [10.01 am]: I present a petition containing 13 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 removal of years 11 & 12 students from 21 District High schools across regional Western Australia.

This decision by the Government, without consulting affected communities, is contrary to all notions of opportunity and equity in the provision of education. It also contradicts the rationale behind the Royalties for Regions policy espoused by the National Party and supported by the Liberal Party.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council support an inquiry into the decision to deny students in particular regional areas opportunities that are available to students in the rest of the State.

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

[See paper 2244.]