

**WOODCHIP MILL, BUNBURY PORT**

*Petition*

**HON BARRY HOUSE (South West)** [11.02 am]: I seek leave to table a petition that has not been certified by the Acting Clerk because some aspects do not appear to conform to standing orders. It is a petition pertaining to the location of a woodchip mill in the Bunbury port and the planning processes associated with that, which I referred to in a speech yesterday. Normally I would hesitate to take this action because the Council's standing orders are to be respected. The only reason I do this today is that it is the last sitting day for six weeks and the people concerned are very keen to have their point of view laid on the table of Parliament.

Leave granted.

**Hon BARRY HOUSE:** The petition reads -

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, acknowledge the residents affected by the noise, dust and traffic emanating from the activities of the Bunbury Port Authority, and particularly WAPRES (the woodchip exporter). We acknowledge the importance of the Bunbury Port to Bunbury and the hinterland with regard to the importation and export of goods but note that many of the residents were here long before the Bunbury Port Inner Harbour was established. We believe that industrial uses should be placed in land appropriately zoned for industry, land that would not affect the amenity of the residential areas.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that the Legislative Council call upon the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon Geoff Gallop, to oppose the issuing of any licences or approval that will enable WAPRES to establish a woodchip mill at the Bunbury Port Inner Harbour in the near vicinity to the CBD and the aforementioned residents. We pray that the Legislative Council call upon the Premier to direct the Minister for Planning to stand aside from any decision on this matter as we believe the Minister acting as the Minister for Infrastructure, having approved the lease variation to enable WAPRES to make application for the woodchip mill, would have a conflict of interest if acting as the Minister for Planning.

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

The petition bears 509 signatures.

[See paper 515.]