

ROAD RESERVES - MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

Petition

HON LOUISE PRATT (East Metropolitan) [3.03 pm]: I present a petition containing 175 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 current road reserve management practices in Toodyay and elsewhere.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to recommend

- 1 that a moratorium be put in place to immediately cease the removal of roadside vegetation from all Shire roadsides, and in Toodyay in particular, to enable a rational and considered course of action to be decided upon;
- 2 that in the interests of retaining native flora in local government managed and other roads in Western Australia a uniform mandatory statewide practice be implemented;
- 3 that a review of road reserve management practices in the State, and in Toodyay in particular, take place so that any clearing is undertaken in an environmentally-sensitive manner; and
- 4 that the Shire of Toodyay and other Shires throughout the State:
 - adopt the Guidelines outlined in the 'Handbook of Environmental Practice for Road Construction and Maintenance; and
 - produce a local practices guide so that, in addition to road safety and infrastructure issues, local bio-diversity, drainage and erosion, landscape and tourism values are considered as components of road management.

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

[See paper 2300.]