

GERALDTON — OVERHEAD POWERLINES

Petition

HON MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM (Agricultural) [10.01 am]: I present a petition containing 23 signatures and 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 Western Power's proposal to construct 132kV overhead power lines between the Rangeway substation and a proposed new substation in the Geraldton Port Precinct.

The residents are proud that the City of Greater Geraldton is in the final of the International Awards for Liveable Communities 2011. This is the world's only awards competition focusing on international best practice regarding the management of the local environment.

Western Power's plans to erect the overhead power lines are in direct contradiction to the philosophy of the LivCom awards. Western Power is also ignoring considerable community opposition as there are significant health and safety issues associated with the Western Power proposal.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to oppose Western Power's proposal and support the power line using the more environmentally acceptable solution of underground lines.

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

[See paper 3982.]