

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION — LEGAL AGE — 21 YEARS

Petition

MR P. ABETZ (Southern River) [9.01 am]: I have a petition containing 125 signatures that has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly. I also have a nonconforming petition that contains 22 signatures. The conforming petition reads —

To the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia;

The Petition of citizens of the State of Western Australia brings to the attention of the Legislative Assembly the need to take preventative and proactive measures to further minimise the damage, and other harm, of alcohol on our young people. The petitioners therefore request that the Legislative Assembly of the State of Western Australia introduce the following amendments...

**THE LEGAL AGE FOR PURCHASE AND CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL TO BE
RAISED TO 21 — Key evidence clearly reveals an instant impact of this change in
reducing youth violence, youth suicide and reckless and dangerous driving.**

The petitioners base their call for change on both empirical and anecdotal based evidence which demonstrates clearly quantifiable decrease to harmful actions and events involving young people where this change has been implemented. The Petitioners respectfully call on the State Government to have these recommendations ratified by the passing of legislation to bring about the change.

[See petition 201.]