

RECREATIONAL FISHING LICENCES AND FEES

Petition

HON MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM (Agricultural) [4.02 pm]: I present a petition containing 477 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 Minister for Fisheries proposed introduction of unfair and irrational amendments to the *Fish Resources Management Regulations 1995* applying new recreational fishing licences and fees, as well as increases to existing fees. We do not believe that they will protect Western Australia's vulnerable fish species and appear to apply fees in excess of related services and therefore constitute a tax.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to oppose the introduction of these licences and fees.

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

[See paper 1163.]