

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES — WAROONA–HARVEY BUSHFIRES

Petition

HON RICK MAZZA (Agricultural) [2.08 pm]: I present a petition containing 2 131 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, notwithstanding our gratitude and deep appreciation for all operational, ground and support crews, are concerned about the management of the January 2016 Waroona/Harvey bushfires by the Department of Fire & Emergency Services.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to conduct a Parliamentary Enquiry into the operations of the Department of Fire & Emergency Services as they relate to the management of recent bushfire emergencies. In particular communication of imminent danger to the community, the limitations imposed on bushfire personnel and the community to make on the spot judgements for applications such as back burning or the use of appliances to immediately take action to control the threat of fire, coordination between government departments and volunteers and once the emergency threat of fire is over the ability for people to obtain supplies for themselves and stock and return to their properties.

Your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 3763.]