

KARARA MINING LTD — WATER LICENCE APPLICATION

Petition

HON MIA DAVIES (Agricultural) [10.02 am]: 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 assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia, respectfully oppose the issuing of a Water Licence to Karara Mining Ltd for 5.3gl of water, which represents 86% of the allocable water in the Parmelia Leederville aquifer of the Mingenew Sub Region and ask the Legislative Council to consider:

- That if the present application by Karara Mining Ltd was to be successful this would not allow for any diversification of agricultural and non-agricultural enterprises in the Mingenew Area.
- The environmental risk and impacts to the mound springs and wetlands if the quantity of water applied for is taken. It is our understanding that to date the Department of Water and Karara Mining Ltd have not acknowledged the risks to these wetlands.
- Extending the public consultation period so that all submissions can be viewed and questions answered prior to the licence being granted. That is not the case at the present.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council seek an assurance from the Minister for Water that he will review the Karara Water Licence application, taking into account community concerns and the negative economic and environmental implications of this licence application.

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

[See paper 2883.]