

**STATE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK — BUSHFIRES**

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**HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary)** [2.05 pm]: I present a petition containing 2 941 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, support an urgent, independent and full review of the State Planning and Development framework in WA's bushfire-prone areas following the catastrophic Wooroloo bushfires. 86 homes were destroyed, and 11,000 hectares of bush burnt. The fire-front perimeter reached 140kms, placing an unprecedented 69 suburbs and Hills' regions on bushfire alerts. Embers were blown 3.5 kms ahead of the fire front. Full recovery of impacted communities will take years.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to urgently recommend Government to investigate a moratorium on sub-division development in high bushfire prone areas until the formal Government review into the Wooroloo bushfires is complete and the necessary changes made to the current planning guidelines.

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

[See paper 272.]