

EVERYDAY FRESH MARKETS

Petition

MR A.P. O'GORMAN (Joondalup) [9.01 am]: I present the following petition -

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia, wish to draw to your attention the unjust closure of 'Everyday Fresh' of Goollelal Drive, Kingsley.

'Everyday Fresh' is an excellent small family business. It provides such good service that customers come from as far away as Two Rocks and Mandurah to buy fruit and vegetables.

In 1967 Mr and Mrs Zuvela bought 16 acres of land at what is now Goollelal Drive and began developing their business. In 1980 their land was resumed for parks and recreation. In 1985 they were given an oral assurance that they could keep about one acre on which they had built their family home. They were also told they could continue to run their business. Unfortunately, though Mr Zuvela kept asking for the agreement to be recorded on paper, that was not done.

In 1994, complaints were made by two businesses and one residence. The then State Planning Commission told the Zuvelas they must close the business, implying that, if they did not do so, they would also lose their home. Not wanting to be turned out of the family home, Mr and Mrs Zuvela have, after much consideration and very reluctantly, entered into an agreement to close the business. The business is a family business and they wanted to keep the family together. Though they have received compensation, they would rather have kept the business going. No money can compensate for the break-up of the family business.

Your petitioners respectfully ask that the Planning Commission be instructed to review its decision on a family business that has given the community long and good service. A number of shops, and recently a medical centre, have closed in this area and we do not also wish to lose EVERYDAY FRESH. Your petitioners humbly pray that you will give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

The petition bears 800 signatures and I certify that it conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly. I attach my strong support to the petition.

[See petition No 327.]

Similar petitions were presented by Mrs D.J. Guise (817 signatures), Mrs C.L. Edwardes (1 093 signatures), and Mr R.F. Johnson (800 signatures).

[See petitions Nos 324, 326 and 328.]