

ROYAL GEORGE HOTEL — EAST FREMANTLE

Petition

MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle) [3.02 pm]: I have a petition with 398 signatures that complies with the standing orders and also one with 25 signatures, resulting in a total of 423 signatures. It states —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, say that the State-Government-owned Royal George Hotel in East Fremantle is a heritage asset to Western Australia, and a fine example of Federation Free Classical Style architecture. However, due to years of neglect and without a clear plan for restoration, the building has fallen into disrepair. We are concerned that simply selling the building without a proper plan in place could leave it to languish or force a development that is inappropriate.

As the current owner, and considering its heritage significance, the State Government has a particular responsibility towards the Royal George Hotel.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the State Government to ensure that prior to any sale there is a resourced and current heritage plan to restore the Royal George Hotel, and ensure that any development proposal is sympathetic to the building and in keeping with community expectations.

A similar petition was presented by **Ms S.F. McGurk** (25 signatures).

[See petitions 275 and 276.]