

PERTH FREIGHT LINK — IMPACT

Petition

MS S.F. MCGURK (Fremantle) [2.59 pm]: I have a petition that has been checked by the Clerk and complies with standing orders. It is signed by 3 523 people. Some of the people in the gallery here today collected those signatures, for which I am very grateful. It reads —

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 \$1.6billion Perth Freight Link is a waste of taxpayers' money. By the time the road opens, Perth will need a second port at Kwinana. To justify this expensive road the government will double the capacity of Fremantle Port which will mean hundreds more trucks on our roads.

Communities will also be split by this tolled freeway through our suburbs, yet it is likely that to avoid paying the toll, PFL could push more trucks onto local roads.

The Perth Freight Link also has major design flaws, doubling the number of trucks on the already congested Stirling Bridge and in North Fremantle. This road is not in the best interest of our community and will have no advantages for our suburbs.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Barnett Government to:

- Stop the Perth Freight Link and use the money to improve the rail links to the existing harbour and increase freight on rail.
- Look at real freight alternatives for the future, including planning for a second port at Kwinana with good road and rail links.

[See petition 322.]