

**BUNBURY–GREENBUSHES RAIL LINE — LITHIUM MINING**

*Petition*

**HON DIANE EVERS (South West)** [10.02 am]: First, I must say that I like trains. I present a petition containing 3 345 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, request that the railway line between Bunbury and Greenbushes be used to transport lithium from the Talison Greenbushes mine by rail, and that further rail enhancements allow for additional rail movements north of Bunbury with the consideration of further freight movements to transport the tailings from the refineries.

The use of rail to transport Lithium from the Greenbushes mine would remove a significant number of trucks from the South Western Highway, and thereby:

- Increase the Safety of road users;
- Reduce noise pollution, air pollution and carbon emissions;
- Reduce heavy traffic passing though Balingup, Mullalyup, Kirup, Donnybrook and Boyanup towns;
- Retain the aesthetic values of Balingup, Mullalyup, Kirup, Donnybrook and Boyanup towns for local residents, visitors and tourists; and
- Allow for further rail freight movements of products in other industries.

We therefore request the Legislative Council to recommend that the State Government pursue the improvement and development of the railway infrastructure to and from Greenbushes to allow for rail freight transport to and from the lithium refineries and the ports of Bunbury and Kwinana.

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

[See paper 2909.]