

FLY BY NIGHT MUSICIANS CLUB — LEASE

Petition

MS S.F. MCGURK (Fremantle) [2.55 pm]: I have a petition from 5 032 petitioners about the Fly By Night Musicians Club requesting —

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 Fly By Night Musicians Club is a not-for-profit arts venue which has been a successful and popular part of the arts community in Fremantle and Western Australia for almost 30 years. It regularly hosts well-known local, national and international acts, and it has been a stepping stone for many acts that are now household names.

Recently the National Trust, as manager of the Club's home, the State Government-owned Drill Hall, put the lease out to tender. Despite the Fly By Night Musicians Club expressing in 2013 that it wished to continue the lease, the National Trust requested that no more events be booked beyond September 2014.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the State Government to support the Fly By Night Musicians Club in its bid to continue to operate in its current form, and to ensure it remains part of the vibrant Fremantle arts community.

In addition, I have another 2 526 signatures that do not comply with the standing orders, bringing the total of signatories to 7 558.

[See petition 151.]