

OLD VASSE ROAD

Petition

MR P.D. OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood) [4.09 pm]: I present the following petition bearing 150 signatures —

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

We, the undersigned people, are very concerned at the condition of Old Vasse Road west of Pemberton. Old Vasse Road is a popular thoroughfare linking many natural tourism attractions, major commercial and tourism operations and constitutes part of the Karri Forest Explorer drive. It supports heavy haulage vehicles for agricultural and horticultural endeavours, local resident traffic and is the designated school bus route. The pre bitumen surface of Old Vasse Road combined with its increasing traffic volume renders many parts of Old Vasse Road with dangerous loose gravel, deep corrugation and high dust generation making road conditions an increased risk to public safety.

Currently, Old Vasse Road's status as unsealed denies access to visitors with lease and high vehicles, diminishing access to high value tourism experiences from the Pemberton region and holding back vitally important development in the area.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly direct the Treasurer, Minister for Planning and Infrastructure and Minister for Tourism to ensure that Old Vasse Road, between the Vasse Highway and Pemberton - Northcliffe Road becomes bitumen sealed immediately.

[See petition 277.]