

PUBLIC TRANSPORT — ROUTES 115 AND 116 BUS SERVICES

Petition

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston) [2.59 pm]: Mr Speaker, with your indulgence, I would like to take a moment to say congratulations and thank you to the member for Pilbara for keeping country issues to the fore, front and centre for the time he has been there. Congratulations and well done.

I have a petition that reads as follows —

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 we strongly oppose the cancellation of the Public Transport Authority's services 115 & 116 between Boyup Brook-Collie and Brunswick/Bunbury. This will have a severe impact on local residents, particularly in Collie, who use this service to connect to the Australind train service, and to afternoon Transwa services from Bunbury. Residents will be affected financially with no alternative but to use the more expensive private operator, we will have no public transport service on weekends and public holidays, and unaccompanied children aged between 10 and 12 years will no longer be able to travel on public transport to or from Collie.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly —

We ask that the Public Transport Authority reinstate the Transwa Services 115 & 116 between Bunbury/Brunswick, Collie and Boyup Brook.

The petition bears 1 262 signatures and I certify that it conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly.

[See petition 69.]