

PETITIONS

Notice of Motion

HON NICK GOIRAN (South Metropolitan) gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That this house —

- (a) expresses its concern with the disparaging remarks of the Premier on 20 June 2023 regarding official parliamentary petitions hosted on the portal established through the Parliament of Western Australia's website;
- (b) has considered and had particular regard for the recommendations contained in a number of reports from the Standing Committee on Procedure and Privileges in the period 2016 to 2021, which were the genesis for the establishment of official parliamentary e-petitions —
 - (i) the fortieth report, *E-Petitions*, dated 28 June 2016;
 - (ii) the forty-fifth report, *Outstanding matters from the 39th Parliament*, dated 24 August 2017; and
 - (iii) the sixty-fourth report, *Review of the standing orders*, dated 2 September 2021;
- (c) thanks the members and staff of the standing committee for their subsequent review of e-petitions that manifested in the sixty-ninth report being tabled in February 2023;
- (d) notes the standing committee was satisfied that the process was operating effectively;
- (e) acknowledges and affirms the right to petition;
- (f) encourages the Premier to familiarise himself with that right, which was established in 1215 under the Magna Carta;
- (g) further encourages the Premier to read article 5 of the Bill of Rights 1689, which reaffirmed that right;
- (h) recommends that the Premier obtain a briefing from the Attorney General or the Solicitor General to ensure that he is clear on this right held by all Western Australians; and
- (i) calls on the Premier to listen to the grievances and requests of Western Australian petitioners and desist from treating those concerns with disdain.