LAND RESERVE — SUBIACO

Petition

HON NEIL THOMSON (Mining and Pastoral) [1.04 pm]: I present a petition containing 2 134 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 strongly oppose the Government's plan to sell vital land reserves to property developers at the expense of the community's health, wellbeing & recreation in Subiaco. Any sale of our precious reserve is unsustainable & would severely undersupply playing fields for future & existing residents. It creates unnecessary & avoidable WA firsts which allow high rise apartments, bars, hotels & short stay accommodation overlooking our schools compromising resident & student safety, security, privacy & wellbeing.

The wishes of the community today are not different to those expressed over a century ago. We submit the need is even greater today and what remains of the reserve must be returned to the people as a Class A Reserve vested in the City of Subiaco, as it was in 1904 by the then Premier Henry Daglish. We note some of the road names have changed since 1903 and the Reserve today includes Lot 500 and heritage listed Lot 501.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to recommend and support the plea of the petitioners, as it did in 1903.

We your humble petitioners, ratepayers and residents of Subiaco, Leederville and West Perth being interested in the preservation of the Reserve lying between Subiaco and Mueller Roads and Thomas Street and Rokeby Road, desire respectfully to bring under your notice —

- **That we earnestly desire to have the Reserve placed in Class A for the health and recreation of the people for ever. It virtually adjoins the three Municipalities of Perth City, Subiaco and Leederville and would prove a priceless boon in the future to the large population settling round it.**

And we, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 886.]