

THOMAS ROAD BRIDGE OVER RAIL PROJECT — BYFORD

Petition

MRS A.K. HAYDEN (Darling Range) [12.02 pm]: I have a petition that has been certified as conforming with the standing orders of the Assembly. It has 170 signatures and the petition says —

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the current project design and lack of community consultation for the Thomas Road Bridge over Rail project, put forward by Main Roads WA and the Labor State Government. The current design will result in compulsory land acquisition, the destruction of flora and fauna that is home to an established black cockatoo feeding habitat, the construction of 1.1m noise walls only metres from private homes and the redirection of local traffic to the Marri Grove Primary School precinct.

At this stage, no plan has been presented for the level crossing at Larsen Road and standard planning practices have been ignored, with no Environmental Protection Authority assessment or consultation with the adjacent landowners and local community undertaken prior to the announcement. This has resulted in significant uncertainty and undue stress for the Byford, Darling Downs and Marri Grove Primary School communities.

Now we humbly request the Legislative Assembly to ask the Minister to delay the commencement date and investigate alternative options for the Thomas Road Bridge over Rail project and the Larsen Road level crossing. We also request the Legislative Assembly ask that the Minister consult with local landowners and the Marri Grove Primary School community, before steamrolling ahead with this sensitive project that will have a detrimental impact on the environment and the local community.

[See petition 198.]