

LOCAL GOVERNMENT STANDARDS PANEL

Petition

HON CHARLES SMITH (East Metropolitan) [1.07 pm]: I present a petition containing 32 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 support Mr Garber's serious concerns about the performance of the Local Government Standards Panel, whereby its failure via its actions and selective decision making to provide the Local Government sector with guidance and sound benchmarks about acceptable standards of behaviour and its failure to meet community expectations

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council inquire whether the current reporting scheme for the referral of Councillors to the Local Government Standards Panel: is being misused; its impact on Councillors; the use of ratepayer's and taxpayer's money; determine if Councillors are being selectively targeted; determine whether there are inherent flaws in the current reporting scheme, and; how best to avoid innocent Councillors from being targeted for personal and political gains by local government councillors and staff.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 2246.]