

MIDLAND WORKSHOPS — RAILWAY HERITAGE MUSEUM

Petition

HON CHARLES SMITH (East Metropolitan) [1.01 pm]: I present a petition containing 626 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 call upon the State Government to create a Railway Museum on the grounds of the Midland Railway Workshops site, which should include the reopening of the Railway Interpretive Centre. We are of the view that the current plans surrounding the Midland site are a mere token gesture, which we believe does not truly reflect the historical significance of the Railway Workshops in Western Australia.

We regard the workshops as a highly significant part of the history of this state, with which many West Australians have a direct link.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to recommend and support the construction/conversion of the Midland Railway Workshops site into a railway heritage museum, and seek the reopening of the Railway Interpretive Centre.

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

[See paper 4177.]