

FUEL COSTS

Petition

Hon Murray Criddle (Minister for Transport) presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 11 223 persons -

To the Honourable the President and members of the Legislative Council in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia respectfully oppose the spiralling cost of fuel, particularly the tax and excise component of that increased cost.

Your petitioners request that the Legislative Council recommend that the State Government of Western Australia bring to the attention of the Commonwealth Government the following concerns of Western Australian residents:

The need to:

- (a) Reduce the fuel excise to benefit all Australians;
- (b) Suspend the CPI excise adjustment in February 2001;
- (c) Review the alignment of the Australian crude oil to world parity pricing;
- (d) Protection of the role for small business retailers of petrol; and
- (e) Have price competition and transparency at the wholesale level.

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

[See paper No 335.]