

LEFROY BROOK, CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION

Petition

Mr P.D. Omodei presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 19 persons -

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

Lefroy Brook Chemical Contamination

The people of Pemberton and the many visitors to our wonderful town are concerned about reports in the newspapers about toxic waste ie Pentachlorophenol and Arsenic from the waste pond on 'Thomson's Flat' not being prevented from entering Lefroy Brook.

This means that people using the Lefroy Brook downstream of Thomson's bridge for many years could have come in contact with potentially harmful substances that could cause serious health problems.

We want the Parliament to know that until 1991 Thomson's cattle had access to the waste ponds. Mr Thomson owned two butcher shops in town. Need we say more.

We also want to know why the State Government (DEP) and Health Department has not divulged this information to our Parliamentary Representatives and the Manjimup Shire Council.

Now we ask that the Premier take direct action to have the toxic waste dump cleaned up to protect the health of people using Lefroy Brook and to restore Lefroy Brook to its pristine state that existed in the past.

[See petition No 190.]