

SOUTHERN YARRAGADEE, WATER EXTRACTION

Petition

Mr P.D. Omodei presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 58 persons -

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

We, the undersigned, are concerned that the Premier and the State Labor Government are determined to take water from the Southern Yarragadee despite concerns of the local people.

The Shires of Augusta-Margaret River, Nannup, Manjimup, Capel and the City of Bunbury have made the State Government aware of their concerns about the Yarragadee Aquifer to the Government through the Department of Environment on a number of occasions.

We call on the Government to abandon its plans to take water as it will be necessary for the on going production of horticultural and agricultural products for many decades to come.

We see the Government's proposal to take 45 giga-litres of water from the Yarragadee as a stop-gap measure which will not solve the Government's requirements for water for domestic consumption in the long term.

We are not only concerned about the long-term future production of food, we are also concerned about the health of the Blackwood River and the environmental impact on this State ICON.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to make the Government aware of our concerns and request that the Parliament take all necessary steps to ensure that the proposal to take water from the Southern Yarragadee is abandoned in the public interest.

[See petition No 334.]