

SOUTHERN YARRAGADEE AQUIFER

Petition

Mr P.D. Omodei presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 11 persons -

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

Yarragadee - Water Extraction

We the undersigned from the Shires of Nannup, Capel, Augusta, Margaret River, Manjimup, Busselton, Donnybrook and Bunbury are concerned that the State Government is syphoning off water to cater for the needs of the city.

We understand that there is an abundance of water in the Yarragadee aquifer under Perth and are at a loss to understand as to why they are taking water from the Southern Yarragadee.

We can only surmise that it is more politically expedient to take southwest water than to risk a backlash by metropolitan voters.

We are convinced that the process is being 'rushed' without any proper analysis and environmental impact on the aquifer in our area. "In the absence of a proper analysis and plan for future water use for the long term future in the south west we call on the Premier of Western Australia, the Hon Geoff Gallop to call a halt to this project - in the public interest.

Now we call on the Government to appoint a joint Parliamentary Select Committee of both houses of parliament to conduct a thorough investigation of this issue.

The terms of reference to be determined with input from the community.

[See petition No 186.]