

SOUTHERN YARRAGADEE AQUIFER - WATER EXTRACTION

Petition

MR P.D. OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood - Leader of the Opposition) [3.30 pm]: I have a petition with 1 991 signatures in the following terms -

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

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia, are concerned that the proposal by the Water Corporation to extract 45 Gegalitres of water from the Southern Yarragadee Aquifer will threaten future water supply for the region.

We also believe that further extraction of water will cause irreversible environmental damage to wetlands, the Blackwood River and its tributaries, Poison Gully, Milyeannup Creek, St Johns Brook and the Scott River.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to direct the government to ensure that **NO** water is taken from the Southern Yarragadee Aquifer, until South West water needs are met and guaranteed for the future and the environmental impact be fully assessed by an independent scientific body.

This is 1 991 signatures on top of 6 000 previously and a whole heap in the Legislative Council.

[See petition 183.]