

SOLID WASTE AND ENERGY RECYCLING FACILITY

Petition

Hon J.A. Scott presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 68 persons -

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia are concerned that the Solid Waste and Energy Recycling Facility (SWERF) proposed for construction in the City of Gosnells incorporates new, unproven technology and its environmental and economic consequences are unknown.

Your petitioners, therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council investigate community concerns to ensure that:

- The environmental impact of the proposed Solid Waste and Energy Recycling Facility (SWERF) is assessed at the highest level.
- The environmental assessment referred to above includes and considers an independent evaluation of all atmospheric emissions of the SWERF constructed in Wollongong, New South Wales, for at least twelve months after the Wollongong SWERF becomes fully operational.
- Processes by the City of Gosnells are examined to determine if the ratepayers were properly consulted before a decision was made, whether all approved procedures were followed, and to determine how those processes might be improved to avoid future problems.
- The State Government along with Local Governments develop a coordinated Waste Disposal management plan for the Perth metropolitan area.

And to investigate any other arising issues to ensure a comprehensive review.

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

[See paper No 548.]