

LAKE CLIFTON TOWN SITE - MINING

Petition

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie-Wellington - Parliamentary Secretary) [12.02 pm]: I present the following petition -

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

We, the undersigned, say

Mining on Lake Clifton Townsite would cause the destruction of endangered flora in the proposed lease area including the Endangered Ecological Community *Melaleuca huegeli* and *Melaleuca systema* shrublands on limestone ridges, endorsed by the Minister for the Environment. Mining would also cause the loss of a very large number of tuart trees in an area where this species is under great pressure.

Mining would also have the potential to cause damage to the ecology of Lake Clifton including the possible destruction of critically endangered thrombolites in the Lake through reduction of ground water flows which is the only source of recharge water for the Lake.

Mining in close proximity to the residences would create an unacceptable level of noise and dust pollution and threaten the ability of residents to draw ground water in an area where water is not reticulated.

The Lake Clifton area is a developing tourist precinct and the visual pollution caused by mining operations would negatively impact on tourism and local businesses which rely on the natural beauty of the area.

Other sources of limestone have been identified by the WA Planning Commission in areas which do not pose environmental risks or threaten the amenity of the residential areas.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly

To ensure that the Lake Clifton Townsite is added to the conservation estate and that mining is not permitted in this area.

The petition bears 341 signatures and I certify that it conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly.

[See petition 231.]