

RIGHTS IN WATER AND IRRIGATION ACT 1914

Petition

Mr M.P. Murray presented the following petition bearing the signatures of 212 persons -

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

We, the undersigned, say

That the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914 is unfair, does not treat people equally, is open to interpretation, contains contradictions and some clauses and definitions are out of date.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly

Rewrite completely the Rights in Water and Irrigation Act 1914. Previous attempts to amend the Act have proved inadequate and led to even further confusion over the intent of the Act.

We ask that in rewriting of the Act a number of issues be considered.

1. The Act avoid using terms such as 'if' and 'may' or 'in the Commissions opinion'
2. Clearly define the clauses and if necessary refer to the clause or section in which further information can be found.
3. Take public comment into consideration.
4. Place control of the Act with Agencies under the direct control of the Minister.
5. Allow objections to licencing to be made equal, so those effected will have the right to object. (including objections on environmental grounds.)

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See petition No 281.]