

I Louis Becking
The state of Western Australia, am the promoter of this petition which contains 193
**Petition to protect the Walpole Wilderness and Marine Park from threats posed by ~~the~~
proposed manuka plantation** Signature

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

We the undersigned oppose plans by the Water Corporation and ManukaLife to mass-plant an introduced species of tea tree for manuka honey production on ecologically sensitive land in the Walpole Wilderness Area. The project poses unacceptable threats to the security of the water supply and the health and bio-diversity of the area.

We are concerned that the proposed use of substantial volumes of glyphosate (RoundUp) will compromise the public drinking water supply as some of the land is located in a drinking water catchment area. There is also a risk of seed spread to adjacent land following the introduction of *Leptospermum scoparium*.

We therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council support measures to:

- stop the Water Corporation and ManukaLife introducing an exotic species of tea tree;
- prohibit the use of significant volumes of Glyphosate in the drinking water catchment area; and
- rehabilitate the area with native vegetation to ensure the protection of Walpole's drinking water supply and the surrounding environment.

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

I certify that this Petition conforms with
the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council

CLERK OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Name	Full address	Signature