



TEMPORARY ORDER

BY RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE ON 9 SEPTEMBER 2021
[EXTENDED BY RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE ON 14 MARCH 2023]

1. Duration of Temporary Order

This Temporary Order applies from 14 March 2023 until 31 October 2024.

2. E-Petitions

- (1) An e-petition is a petition —
 - (a) in the correct form prescribed by Standing Order 101;
 - (b) facilitated by a Member and lodged with the Clerk for publication on the Parliament’s website for a nominated period (“posted period”);
 - (c) by which persons must indicate their support of (“join the petition”) by electronically providing their name, address (including postcode) and email address, and signifying their intention to join the petition.
- (2) The posted period for an e-petition is to be a minimum of one week and a maximum of six months from the date of publication on the Parliament’s website.
- (3) The Member facilitating the e-petition must provide the Clerk with the details of the petition in the correct form, the posted period and a signed acknowledgment that they are prepared to facilitate the e-petition.
- (4) Once published on the Parliament’s website an e-petition cannot be altered other than by order of the President.
- (5) Only one e-petition dealing with substantially the same grievance and requesting substantially the same action by the Council shall be published on the Parliament’s website at the same time.
- (6) Only residents of Western Australia will be eligible to join an e-petition.

- (7) Once the posted period for an e-petition has elapsed, a paper copy of the Petition shall be printed by the Clerk in full (including the details of the persons who joined the petition) and presented to the Council by the Member that facilitated the e-petition.
- (8) An e-petition published on the Parliament's website, but not presented to the Council prior to the prorogation of the Parliament or the dissolution of the Legislative Assembly, may be presented to the subsequent Parliament and become a petition of the subsequent Parliament.
- (9) An e-petition may be facilitated during any adjournment of the Legislative Council and during any period of prorogation.
- (10) Persons must join an e-petition by filling out their correct details and personally agreeing to join the e-petition, and by no one else, except in the case of incapacity from sickness or disability.
- (11) A person cannot sign or join an e-petition more than once.
- (12) Only the name and address of the Principal Petitioner shall be made public on the Legislative Council's website.
- (13) The Clerk may decline to publish an e-petition on the website not in conformity with these Orders and shall advise the facilitating Member accordingly.
- (14) The Clerk or any Member may seek a ruling from the President of the Legislative Council relating to the conformity or otherwise of any e-petition with these Orders.
- (15) The Clerk is authorised to create and maintain an appropriate website on which to publish e-petitions and other explanatory information and do all things necessary in order to give effect to these Orders.
- (16) The Clerk must dispose of all electronic personal data relating to the posting and joining of an e-petition within six months after an e-petition is printed and presented to the Legislative Council.
- (17) The Standing Orders for petitions have application to e-petitions insofar as they can be applied.