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PETITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF MATURE TREES ON PUBLIC LAND

IN URBAN AREAS

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 opposed to the removal of mature trees from public land in urban areas. We believe that this practice has a negative impact on:

> air quality, wildlife habitat, landscape values, local amenity, protection from the sun, mental and physical health, soil salinity, climate change, financial costs to communities and real estate values.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Council to support both a moratorium on the removal of such trees and their protection as a public asset for the benefit of present and future generations by measures such as:

1. Promoting a better understanding of their benefits and the negative impact of removal;
2. Promoting better management by means of height control and root surgery to reduce liability risks;
3. Resolving the public liability issue so as to avoid the perceived need for removal;
4. Discouraging their removal from public land; and
5. Reconsidering replacement policies by local governments that allow removal without environmental assessment of the cumulative effects of removal and replacement.

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

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