PETITION IN RELATION TO BOAT SPEED LIMITS

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 respectfully request that the Environment and Transport ministers:

- acknowledge the evidence contained in the two reports – Investigation into the Effect of Wash of Boats and Wind Waves on the Swan River and Full-Scale Boat Wake and Wind Wave Trials on the Swan River - that speeding boats are a major cause of riverbank erosion in the upper reaches of the Swan and Canning rivers;
- acknowledge the evidence contained in the two reports - Investigation into the Effect of Wash of Boats and Wind Waves on the Swan River and Full-Scale Boat Wake and Wind Wave Trials on the Swan River – that the waves generated by all boats travelling at five knots (9.26kmh) do not carry sufficient energy to erode the riverbanks; and
- work together to ensure that the maximum boat speed limit in the upper reaches of the Swan and Canning rivers is reduced to 5 knots (9.26kmh) before the start of the 2010/11 boating season.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council calls on the Government to immediately reduce the maximum boat speed in the upper reaches of the Swan and Canning rivers to 5 knots (9.26kmh).

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

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE

Please return this Petition to Lisa Baker MLA, Member for Maylands, PO Box 907, Inglewood WA 6932. This petition must not be altered and only original signatures are permitted. Faxed copies of signatures cannot be accepted.