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

Petition in relation to rural crime and associated penalties

We, the undersigned, are concerned about the significant economic impact of rural crime on primary producers and regional communities. Stock and equipment theft, rural trespass and illegal hunting are crimes of major concern to rural and isolated communities. As many rural families live and work on the same property, such crimes can generate tremendous fear and a sense of insecurity. There is also frustration that, even if successfully prosecuted, perpetrators of rural crimes only pay minimal fines.

We support a review of legislation that will increase protection of landholders against trespassing, hunting or fishing on private land without permission, theft, damage or destruction to livestock or property, including reviewing the adequacy of maximum penalties for trespassing or illegal hunting on private land, and the potential creation of an aggravated trespass offence in cases where there is an enhanced biosecurity risk, intent to engage in stock theft, or the presence of hunting equipment.

We therefore ask the Legislative Council to review the above matters.
And your petitioners as duty bound, will ever pray.

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