

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of House of Representatives assembled in Parliament.

The petition of certain residents in the State of Western Australia points out to the House that Japan will be carrying out scientific whaling within the summer feeding grounds of endangered species of whales, such as humpbacks, southern right and blue whales that visit our shores in the southern hemisphere's winter. The feeding grounds include Australia's territories in Antarctica. Australia outlawed whaling in 1978 and introduced the Whale Protection Act in 1980. Japan's hunting of the species named and minke whales (not threatened) is unnecessary, inhumane and a threat to Australia's coastal, eco-tourist industries. We your petitioner's pray that the House will place economic sanctions on Japan until such time as they permanently desist from any form of whaling in Antarctica.