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WALSH TABLES SHOW DAY PETITION

Member for Swan Hill, Peter Walsh, yesterday tabled in Parliament the Show Day petition that has been circulating around the Yarriambiack Shire over the past month.

“I tabled the petition with 120 signatures gathered from the Rupanyup Show during the last sitting of Parliament and yesterday I had great pleasure in tabling a further 1291 signatures on the petition gathered since that time,” Mr Walsh said.

“This issue that has come about through the sheer pig-headedness of the Brumby Government has caused an enormous backlash amongst rural and regional communities.

“For a government that professes to govern for all of Victoria, Premier Brumby and his Ministers have shown a complete disregard for country Victorians,” he said.

“The Minister for Agriculture Joe Helper has said that he is happy to sit back and watch what happens this year and see whether a consistent set of issues develops.

“Well, it is obvious from this petition that there is a groundswell of opposition against the legislation and it is time Mr Helper stopped his sitting around and conceded that a change of the legislation is needed,” Mr Walsh said.

“I congratulate the residents of the Yarriambiack Shire for supporting the petition and I assure all signatories that The Nationals will keep pursuing the issue until common sense prevails,” Mr Walsh said.