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HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY.

BISCHOFF TO COAST:

PETITION FOR ROAD.

Presented by Mr. Braddon, August 25, 1882; and ordered by the House to be printed, August 29, 1882.



To the Hon. Speaker and Members of the House of Assembly.

The humble Petition of the undersigned Residents of West Devon and adjacent Districts.

SHOWETH :

THAT the time has arrived when a main road from Mount Bischoff to the Coast, at some point in West Devon, has become an absolute necessity. At present the only means of communication is by Tram, *viâ* Emu Bay, the said Tram being the property of a private company, and even that route during winter is at times impassable.

A main road to West Devon would be a benefit and profit to the country, inasmuch that produce from the coast is not transmissible from this District to Mount Bischoff except by Tram, entailing great expense.

As an outlet for agricultural produce for this district alone it would be of great importance, as well as to the advantage of the General Revenue,—for producers would then have the means of communication with consumers independent of any private company's charges for transmission.

Such a road would also be of great advantage to the travelling public.

As a check on any private company's charges it would also be productive of great benefit.

It also would open up large areas of agricultural and pastoral crown lands, the sale and settlement of which would reimburse the Colony at an early date for the cost of construction.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Honorable House will take into favourable consideration the matters contained in this Petition.

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

[Here follow 635 Signatures.]