



North Lake Residents Association representative Joe Branco asks Senator Ian Campbell to sign a petition.

Highway protester corners senator

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THE anti-Roe Highway Stage 8 lobby "hijacked" Federal Environment Minister Ian Campbell's funding announcement at the WA Wetland Management Conference in Bibra Lake during World Wetlands Day last Wednesday.

The conference was held at the Cockburn Wetlands Education Centre, where Senator Campbell announced the Federal Government would give an extra \$60,000 to protect water quality and waterbirds in the Peel-Harvey System.

He also launched Dr Penny Olsen and Dr Michael Weston's report, *The State of Australia's Birds*.

Senator Campbell had supported building

freight road Roe 8 through Bibra and North lakes in his previous role as Federal Transport Minister.

Senator Campbell said he remained a Roe 8 supporter.

North Lake Residents Association representative Joe Branco asked Senator Campbell to sign a petition calling on the WA Legislative Assembly to delete Roe 8 from the Metropolitan Regional Scheme to protect the lake's environment and residents' amenity.

Senator Campbell declined to sign and said the request was "a stunt".

Mr Branco said he was disappointed that Senator Campbell had made his conservation announcements at a spot he was prepared to destroy.