

**EMINEM'S PROPOSED TOUR OF AUSTRALIA**

*Statement by Member for Kingsley*

**MRS EDWARDES** (Kingsley) [12.50 pm]: I raise a matter following on the theme I raised earlier. I have received complaints from a family in the northern suburbs and the National Viewers and Listeners Association of Australia about Eminem's proposed tour of Australia to promote his album, *The Marshall Mathers LP*. Eminem's rap music involves a high level of violence and refers to sex with his mother, killing his wife in front of their daughters and gay hate. The main focus of his music is our young kids and teenagers. Some of his lyrics say that it pays to drug and rape a 15-year-old girl, and, through a rap conversation with Dr Dre, he tells listeners how to do that. It is not acceptable for young girls to hear somebody say that it is okay to be treated in that way; nor is it acceptable for boys to hear that it is okay to do that stuff. His compact discs are labelled with warnings that they are unsuitable for people under 18 years of age; therefore, it stands to reason that his concerts should be similarly restricted. He is a volatile and provocative character. His music is sanitised for radio, but I am sure his concerts will not be. I ask the Government to use whatever powers it has to do all that it can to ensure that if this person is allowed into Australia, his concerts are held only at venues for people aged 18 years and over.