

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY — BICTON

Statement by Member for Bicton

MRS L.M. O'MALLEY (Bicton) [12.51 pm]: Situated on the banks of the beautiful Swan River, the electorate of Bicton is filled with natural and vibrant community hubs with cafes, restaurants, parks and public art. Staying actively connected is important to our community, and being able to walk safely and easily is fundamental. That is why since being elected as the member for Bicton, I have worked hard to improve local pedestrian safety. Two current local issues are of particular note. Students from the suburbs of Bicton and Attadale attending Melville Senior High School are suffering from a lack of safe and convenient options to cross Canning Highway and access their school by either bike or bus. Therefore, I am working with local families to campaign for Melville Senior High School transport options. Thank you to local champions Nick and Karen for their outstanding community advocacy. In the growing hub of Carrington Street in Palmyra, residents and business owners have told me that the volume and speed of traffic is having a negative and potentially dangerous impact on them. Thanks to Palmyra small business owners Meray from Oushk, Mel from And the Store and Ashleigh from the Hair Hive for working with me in seeking a solution. Congratulations also to the City of Melville on their Safe Active Streets pilot project. There is no doubt that the best campaigns are community-led, and that is why I am working with my community to remedy these issues and increase local pedestrian safety.