

*HIGHWAY TO HELL — PERTH FESTIVAL 2020*

**922. Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY to the Minister for Culture and the Arts:**

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's ongoing commitment to supporting Perth Festival and, specifically, the headline act, the *Highway to Hell* event.

Can the minister outline to the house how this government, through this fantastic and unique event, is creating jobs and encouraging tourism at the same time as paying homage to an Australian rock legend?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:**

What a great rock legend Bon Scott is. Of course, Western Australian history will forever epitomise that great musician —

**The SPEAKER:** Face the Chair, minister. Don't sing!

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** He was a great musician for Western Australia. It was great to be down there at Tompkins Park in the City of Melville on Sunday to announce what will be a remarkable close to the Perth Festival 2020. We will have a number of flatbed trucks traversing the so-called *Highway to Hell*, which was epitomised in that song from AC/DC, from the Raffles Hotel, past the Leopold Hotel, which was a very famous place that Bon used to go to and frequent, down to the traffic bridge. It will be a great family event. We will invite all of Western Australia and interstate and international visitors.

**Mr P.A. Katsambanis** interjected.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** What is wrong?

**Mr P.A. Katsambanis:** Will Angus be there?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** He might be there. You never know, Angus could be there! I do not know whether the member for Dawesville will be there. He will look out of place in his three-piece suit. I do not know whether he will look in place.

The fact of the matter is that there will be a huge crowd. As we know, AC/DC is very well known across the world and has sold millions and millions of albums. It is an iconic Western Australian story.

We are going to have flatbed trucks going up the *Highway to Hell* and some magnificent entertainment. I will tell members about some of the performers who will be on the back of these trucks. Abbe May and Carla Geneve will be there. There will be community choirs; Dom Mariani; Hells Bells; the Jam Tarts, a very famous Western Australian band; the Pigram Brothers, a famous band from the member for Kimberley's part of the world; Amyl and the Sniffers, we will not go there! We will keep going: the Southern River Band; the Tommyhawks; and, member for Midland and Minister for Police, the Western Australia Police Force Pipe Band will be there. Just imagine the pipes playing *High Voltage*! Unfortunately we will reject the Liberal Party being on there; we are not going to have them on the back of a rented Budget flatbed truck because they will probably want to sing *Goodbye and Good Riddance to Bad Luck*, which is a very famous AC/DC song. Of course, a subtle one for the member for North West Central is *Night of the Long Knives*, another very famous AC/DC song. The member could do that on the back of a three-wheeler tricycle!

It is going to be fantastic. We will invite lots of people. There will be tens of thousands of people. It is going to be a great thing for job creation, celebrating a Western Australian story. As the Premier said on Sunday, which was the best line on Sunday, we are doing all of this by investing in the creative regions, investing in Western Australian creatives, increasing the tourism product and opportunities to the world by bringing the budget *Back in Black*! That is what we have done. After the 2017 election, the Western Australian people were *Thunderstruck* by the appalling state of the economy left to us by members opposite.