

PERTH TRANSPORT PLAN FOR 3.5 MILLION PEOPLE AND BEYOND

**497. Mr I.M. BRITZA to the Minister for Transport:**

Can the minister update the house on the recently launched Perth transport plan for 3.5 million people and beyond?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

It is certainly a pleasure to have the responsibility of releasing the Perth and Peel transport plan for 3.5 million people and beyond. This is the first time in a very long time that we have seen a multimodal integrated transport plan developed for the people of Western Australia. It not only looks at priorities in the short term, but also looks beyond election cycles into the future to understand what this city will require as we continue to grow.

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** I just heard the term “Metronet”. Let us have a little closer look at it. We talk about the city’s growth and the importance of integrated transport; I have heard the opposition say that. I have not seen anything other than a few lines on a bit of paper mentioning railway lines. It is important to show an integrated transport plan and understand how we will connect the bus system to rail and how the road networks integrate and work together. Since coming into government, we have retrofitted car parking bays to fix up the mess left by previous Labor governments on their rail plans. The shadow minister has contributed to this debate today. I have seen very little in the media. I recognise Hon Ken Travers, who seems to have some knowledge on this subject. What are we seeing from the shadow Minister for Transport? “Oh, it’s just a few squiggly lines on a bit of paper.” If members opposite get behind the transport plan and go online, they will see five technical reports that sit behind this plan. It is a plan that was not developed on the back of an envelope. This is a plan that has not been developed by the Liberal Party. It was developed by professional transport planners over a two-year period.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Butler, I know that you are excited on the first day back, so I am going to give you a chance.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** This transport plan was developed by professional transport planners. I am proud to facilitate that process. It is really important that we have put this out for consultation to work with local government and industry and to allow the general community to make a contribution. As we move forward, each individual project committed to by future governments will need to be costed and go through a proper financial analysis. That will dictate the timing at which it can occur. This is well thought through and well considered, and we look forward to sharing it and taking feedback from the broader community and adopting that in the overall plan.