

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ROAD FUNDING, CITY OF JOONDALUP

Statement by Member for Kingsley

MRS C.L. EDWARDES (Kingsley) [12.52 pm]: I raise the issue of the loss of road funding of \$14 million to local government in the current financial year as a result of state government cuts previously agreed to. Specifically, my concern is the impact of these cuts on the City of Joondalup and the maintenance of the existing local road network and future developments. The Government's failure to honour established agreements with local government has placed the entire joint funding arrangements under a cloud. The situation in the City of Joondalup has changed since the original cuts earlier this year, but some works still face significant delays. For example, the planned duplication of Burns Beach Road within five years could be delayed another five years as a result of the Government's cutbacks. Work on Kingsley Drive has been delayed 12 months while other local distributor roads - Erindale Road, Mawson Crescent and Warwick Road - have been relegated to the reserve list along with Beach Road, Tree Top Avenue and Wedgwood Drive.

There will obviously be a continuing flow-on effect on other roads in future years. These include Burns Beach Road, Moore Drive, Hodges Drive, Ocean Reef Road and Connolly Drive. The Government should reconsider the impact of these cuts, keep its word and reinstate the original funding.