

SWAN VALLEY NYUNGAH COMMUNITY

Personal Explanation

HON DERRICK TOMLINSON (East Metropolitan) [5.06 pm]: - by leave: During the debate on the Reserves (Reserve 43131) Bill 2003 on which the committee has just reported, I recounted an allegation to the House that on the day that a two and a half-year-old child was sexually assaulted at the Swan Valley Nyungah camp, a young boy had been serially sodomised by the two offenders. That did not happen. I do not know whether the boy had been sodomised. There is some evidence to suggest he was. I do not know where he was sodomised. There is some evidence to suggest it may have happened in Northbridge. What I do know is that it did not happen under the circumstances that I recounted to this House. I apologise to the House for misleading it with a statement, which was an unfounded allegation that I failed to check. I apologise to the Swan Valley Nyungah Community and to Robert Bropho and his family for insulting them by recounting a lie.