

MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT —
“FORRESTFIELD NORTH DISTRICT STRUCTURE PLAN”

758. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Transport:

Can the minister advise about the nature of the so-called objections raised by Main Roads and the Public Transport Authority in regard to the Shire of Kalamunda’s “Forrestfield North District Structure Plan”?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

I thank the member for his ongoing support, particularly of the Forrestfield–Airport Link and the Gateway WA project and all the surrounds that impact on his community. Members opposite claim that they support the Liberal–National government’s commitment to the people of Forrestfield, but all they have done to date is delay.

Mr D.J. Kelly: It’s our fault, is it?

Mr D.C. NALDER: I would encourage anybody in the chamber or anybody who listens to this debate to read the transcript of the debate that occurred on Tuesday night, which was seven and a half hours long, about the Forrestfield–Airport Link and its construction and make up their own minds about whether that was really beneficial for the people of Western Australia.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: You have made your point, member for Cannington.

Mr D.C. NALDER: Tens of thousands of people in the Forrestfield area, including High Wycombe, Kalamunda and Gooseberry Hill, are looking forward to the construction of this railway. We would think that if the opposition was so supportive of this railway, it would encourage us to get on with it. Members opposite have spent over 10 hours looking at it. They spent an hour today looking at the title of the bill.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the first time, and member for Maylands for the first time. I want a concise answer, minister, through the Chair. Thank you.

Mr D.C. NALDER: Certainly, Mr Speaker. The objections that the —

Mr P.B. Watson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: The member for West Swan claimed the other day that objections had been raised, which is the question that I am specifically being asked about. I repeat that what was quoted in *The West Australian* indicated that the agencies had aired some concerns—not objections, as members opposite have portrayed.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr D.C. NALDER: I will look specifically at what was said. This is the view of the agency, not me as the minister. The PTA is supportive of the district structure plan and the proposed land use which will support transit-orientated development in the longer term and assist in generating additional patronage to the future Forrestfield station. The PTA did raise some concerns about potential noise impacts to adjacent development and bus circulation issues; however, this was with the aim to assist the shire in refining the plan. The PTA supports and wants to continue to work with the Shire of Kalamunda.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan!

Mr D.C. NALDER: I turn now to the comments from Main Roads with regard to the Roe Highway–Berkshire Road interchange. That was raised as a specific question in this house. The comment is that the Forrestfield north district structure plan —

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mr D.C. NALDER: I will start again. The comment is that the Forrestfield north district structure plan will provide medium to high-density urban neighbourhoods utilising a district centre and transit-oriented development based around the proposed Forrestfield train station. The Forrestfield north DSP will also allow for light industrial development, employment centres within the district and a TOD precinct located around the train station. With regard to the member’s comment about planning for the Roe Highway–Berkshire Road

interchange, Main Roads' response was a statement of fact at the time, as the proposed land use changes were not known when the interchange was being designed and developed.

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington!

Mr D.C. NALDER: Of course the new \$45 million interchange would not have happened but for the continued efforts of the then candidate and now member for Forrestfield.

Ms L.L. Baker interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Maylands!

Mr D.C. NALDER: Let me be very clear. As the Minister for Transport, I am very focused on ensuring that a new rail line, new rail stations, car parking, and bus and cycling infrastructure are built for the people of the Forrestfield area as quickly as possible. We want to see that the people of Forrestfield, Maida Vale, High Wycombe, Gooseberry Hill, Kalamunda, Lesmurdie and more have access to a train line as soon as possible.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Mirrabooka, I call you to order for the first time, and member for Forrestfield for the first time.

Mr P.B. Watson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, settle down.