

ELLENBROOK RAIL LINE

109. Ms J.J. SHAW to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the McGowan government's record investment in job-creating, economy-driving public transport infrastructure.

- (1) Can the minister update the house on the progress of the Metronet Morley–Ellenbrook line, including works near Ellenbrook Christian College and at Broun Avenue?
- (2) Can the minister advise the house whether she is aware of anyone who opposes this transformational project?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for Swan Hills for that question.

- (1)–(2) Yesterday, we saw another major milestone reached on the Morley–Ellenbrook rail line. The member for Bassendean, the federal member for Perth and I announced and celebrated the fact that the Broun Avenue Bridge will open on Wednesday and traffic will be transferred from the temporary lines to the brand new bridge. This bridge is 60-metres wide, with two lanes of traffic and capacity for a 12-bus interchange. That bus interchange will feed the new Morley train station that we are developing as part of the Ellenbrook rail line. People can see the progress being made around the area. The new Morley station is being developed and work on the new Morley undercover multistorey car park is underway. At Ellenbrook Christian College, the underpass that connects the school to the oval has been completed, allowing students access to their playing ovals, and, of course, we are supporting them with a new playing pavilion.

Labor is delivering the Ellenbrook rail line. We know who did not deliver this rail line; of course, it was the Liberal Party. The Liberal and National Parties promised it twice. When we won government, they did not even have a plan drawn up. I am always surprised when opposition members want to have a go at Labor delivering a rail line. The opposition spokesperson for Metronet is not the Leader of the Opposition but Hon Tjorn Sibma in the other house who occasionally dances down the wicket to try to criticise the Ellenbrook rail line. As everyone knows, the Liberal Party has more front than Myers when criticising us on the Ellenbrook rail line! The people of Ellenbrook and the whole corridor know that it is the Labor Party delivering that commitment. It was a project they were denied by the opposition when in government, and it still would not have delivered the Ellenbrook rail line even if it were in government.

We are very, very proud of the progress. Everyone driving down that corridor would know that the Ellenbrook rail line is coming very soon and major milestones have been met up and down the corridor. The people of that corridor know that it is Labor that is investing in public transport.