

ANTONIO ZANNINO — CONDOLENCE

Statement by Member for Swan Hills

MR F.A. ALBAN (Swan Hills) [12.53 pm]: I would like to record the passing of a pioneer of the Swan Valley, Antonio Zannino, on 8 September 2010. Antonio Zannino was born in Sambrasi, Calabria, Italy on 17 August 1925. He was the youngest of seven children. He, like many others from regions throughout Italy, migrated to Australia for a better future for his family. Antonio migrated in 1950 on his own. His family, which then comprised three children, arrived several years later. Two further children were born to Antonio and his wife, Mariangela, in Australia. Antonio, like many other migrants of that time, settled in the Swan Valley. He subsidised his income by working at the Midland Workshops while establishing his vineyard. Vines and grape growing are second nature to most Italians. Antonio not only was successful, but also sponsored and helped many other Italians in the Swan Valley. The success of the Swan Valley, as we know and enjoy it today, is due to many migrants such as Antonio. Antonio leaves behind four daughters, Rosa, Mary, Jill and Pam, and his only son, Charlie Zannino, together with 15 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. His contributions will be remembered.