

FORRESTFIELD–AIRPORT LINK PLAN

**532. MR N.W. MORTON to the Minister for Transport:**

I note that on Saturday the state government announced that the Forrestfield–Airport Link plan had been approved. Could the minister please update the house on the progress of this important public transport project to the people of the eastern suburbs and to the wider metropolitan area?

**Mr D.C. NALDER replied:**

What a privilege it is —

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

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

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** A railway line from Perth to Perth Airport has been talked about for a number of years, but the Liberal–National government is actually delivering it.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** We are making it even more important because we are, for the first time, opening up the eastern suburbs to Forrestfield. What a fantastic achievement that is. The opposition would like to suggest that it was going to do the same thing, so I would like to quote to the house one of the opposition’s press releases from 29 January 2013. It reads, in part —

“WA Labor’s airport rail line will allow them to make the journey within 40 minutes ...

Forty minutes! The Labor Party did not intend to underground the line, as we are; we are going to deliver people from Forrestfield into the CBD within 20 minutes. What a great outcome for the people of Forrestfield. More importantly, we will deliver them to the airport; the opposition was going to leave them one kilometre away from the airport. Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park! Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** The other thing that we are delivering with this Forrestfield Airport Link is up to 2 500 car bays, with feeder bus services. It includes the railcars. It includes the three stations. There will be a train station at Forrestfield, and there will be a train station at the airport. People will be able to get out of our train at the airport and walk to the terminal.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the second time. Member for Kwinana, I call you to order for the third time. Sorry; member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the first time. We are just burning up time with my standing up and calling people to order.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Construction of this train line will commence in 2016, to be completed and operational in 2020. I look forward to the day when we will all be able to catch a train from the Perth central business district out to the airport and out to those eastern suburbs and Forrestfield.