

WATER CORPORATION — INFRASTRUCTURE — NORTH-EASTERN SUBURBS

Statement by Minister for Water

MR D.J. KELLY (Bassendean — Minister for Water) [9.10 am]: I rise to inform the house that on Friday, 11 November, I announced a \$36.5 million investment in new water infrastructure to support residential growth in our north-eastern suburbs. With this new funding, the Water Corporation will construct an 18-kilometre wastewater pipeline as well as a new pump station. This infrastructure will divert wastewater from the Bullsbrook wastewater treatment plant to the Beenyup water resource recovery facility, allowing the Bullsbrook plant to be decommissioned. The Beenyup water resource recovery facility is one of the largest of its kind in the state, making it better equipped to handle the increasing volumes of wastewater being produced in the City of Swan, the population of which is expected to double to 310 000 residents by 2051. The Water Corporation will also construct a 2.6-kilometre water pipeline along Starflower Road and Park Street in Henley Brook to help transport drinking water to thousands of new and existing households in the fast-growing suburbs of Henley Brook, Ellenbrook and Brabham. Ten local jobs will be created over the course of the project.

The McGowan government recognises that population growth in the last decade has seen a significant increase in new residential development across the Perth and Peel region. The \$358 million allocated to new metropolitan water projects in this financial year reflects the steps taken by this government to ensure that we continue to plan ahead for the delivery of essential services. Works in the City of Swan will commence by the end of the year and are expected to be finished by late 2023.