

LAND-BACKED PORT — KWINANA

**849. Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY to the Minister for Ports:**

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's investment in job creating economic driving projects, including Westport.

- (1) Can the minister update the house on the way to deliver a land-backed port in Kwinana?
- (2) Can the minister outline to the house what level of support this project has received from industry and the broader Western Australia community?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Bicton for that question. We have always held a long-term plan to build a new port in the outer harbour and that plan is coming to realisation. This plan has had bipartisan support for decades. We have already made the decision that there will be a land-backed port in Kwinana. We are currently undertaking the detailed freight corridor design. That includes the design of the Anketell Road corridor. It also includes the design of the port and all the environmental studies. We have commissioned a study into Cockburn Sound, with \$13 million dedicated to it. For the first time, there will be a true, full study into the water quality of Cockburn Sound to make sure the environment is at the top of our considerations in determining the final part of the port. We passed the Beeliar wetlands legislation, which protects the Beeliar wetlands forever and makes sure that it is no longer possible for the Perth Freight Link to be on anyone's agenda in the future.

We have started work on the future of Fremantle, understanding that the future of Fremantle will need to have its own economic drivers. We are looking at how we can make sure that Fremantle continues to grow in the future, encompassing new economic drivers and, of course, being very proud of its strong maritime history. In the past, this has had bipartisan support. In 2011, a reputable source, the former Minister for Transport, Troy Buswell, stated —

“Extensive research has shown that Cockburn Sound is the only suitable location for new container-handling port ...

We now know the current Leader of the Liberal Party, the member for Cottesloe. The current —

Several members interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Members, the Liberal Party is the only political party in the world for which the leadership can be determined by a game of paper scissors rock!

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please, members!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It is the only political party in the world for which the leadership can be determined by a game of paper scissors rock —

**Ms L. Mettam** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Vasse!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** — or flipping a coin!

The current Leader of the Liberal Party is a big supporter. “The Clan” pointed that out in their exchanges, saying that the Leader of the Liberal Party hated Roe 8 and was a big supporter of Westport. But we now know, of course, to get that temporary leadership, the member for Cottesloe has had to give that all away and is now opposed to Westport. The key question is: what does the next Leader of the Liberal Party believe in? Remember, the next Leader of the Liberal Party, the member for Vasse, was behind that highly successful campaign “Honk for Roe 8”. It was a highly successful campaign! The member is very, very big on policy detail. She believes the transport policy of the future has to encompass flying cars, members! Do not worry about trains or e-rideables, we are talking flying cars.

New members might not remember this, but some of us who have been in here for a few years remember when, at the height of COVID, the member for Vasse posted a picture from 2012—under the previous government—of passengers crammed onto a train. During the height of COVID, when people were very, very fearful, she said that the Premier was allowing a crush on our trains and no social distancing.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please.

**Mr S.A. Millman** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Mount Lawley!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** She posted the picture in 2020 —

*Point of Order*

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Point of order.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Points of order will be heard in silence.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Under standing order 78, the Minister for Transport is not answering the government's own Dorothy Dixier.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, it is not a point of order. However, you were asked a question as Minister for Ports and your answer has been quite lengthy, so I ask you to draw it to a close.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** So that was the truthfulness of the member for Vasse.

As we know, it does not matter who wins the game of paper scissors rock, because the Liberal Party continues to be controlled by the “The Clan” from the other house. It does not matter which leader calls heads or goes rock; it is all depends on what those puppeteers in the other place determine, because that is who controls the Liberal Party today. I know the party is looking for a saviour from outside Parliament; they keep looking.

**Dr A.D. Buti:** There's Tony.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It is a notable member of the “The Clan”, members—welcome.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Of course, the Leader of the Liberal Party —

**Mr R.S. Love:** Point of order.

**The SPEAKER:** You do not need to make the point of order. I think we will just move on to the next question. You are all having way too much fun.