

**WESTERN AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM**

*Statement by Member for Kingsley*

**MRS C.L. EDWARDES** (Kingsley) [12.52 pm]: There is an opportunity to make the City of Perth the cultural hub of the State by a new museum becoming the centrepiece of the City of Perth's redevelopment. The City of Perth has recognised the planning opportunity presented by the need to move the museum from its current location. It wants to build a civic heart, including the Western Australian Museum, over the railway line when it is sunk in Northbridge. From a planning perspective, this certainly appears to be a wonderful way of connecting the business and commercial interests of the city with the entertainment precinct of Northbridge.

Every major city in the world holds its most treasured heritage collections close to the heart of the city. We have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build a civic hub for our capital city that future generations will admire and be proud of. However, for that to happen, the Gallop Labor Government needs to make decisions that are in the best long-term interests of not only the WA Museum but also the State.