

BEELIAR WETLANDS — ROE 8

**889. Mrs L.M. O'MALLEY to the Minister for Planning:**

Before I ask my question, on behalf of the member for Morley, I acknowledge the students and teachers from Dianella Secondary College.

I refer to the overwhelming mandate from the people of my electorate for the government to stop the flawed and uneconomical Roe 8 project and the concerns of my constituents, which were ignored by the previous Liberal–National government. Can the minister outline to the house how the legislation introduced today to amend the Beeliar Wetlands metropolitan region scheme will deliver on the McGowan Labor government's mandate to not proceed with this destructive project?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I thank the member for Bicton for that question and acknowledge the work she did with key stakeholders and community groups over nine months to help develop a strategy for that area.

Following that consultation and the work undertaken by the member and affected groups, today is a recognition of holding the Beeliar Wetlands for future generations. We can stand proud and acknowledge that we made a commitment to the people and now we are implementing that commitment to stop Roe 8 and Roe 9 and preserve the area for future generations. Of course, it is a comprehensive package. It is about not only preserving that area, but also looking at how we can improve the efficiency of truck and freight movements across the entire district. That is what we are focusing on and why we are doing so much work with the Freight and Logistics Council of Western Australia to reduce trucks on roads and move more freight on rail. We have already made big achievements, but I want to do so much more because we really believe that putting more freight on rail will reduce the pressure on our roads. We are looking at intermodal facilities and where they are developed and of having a strategy to ensure that they work together. We are talking to distribution centres, looking at where they are located —

**Mr D.C. Nalder** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** How about you keeping quiet, member for Bateman. I call you to order for the second time. You have already got one.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** We are also looking at the time at which containers arrive and depart and how we can manage those movements to try to reduce peak activity. Of course, we are also planning for the outer harbour. It is a multifaceted approach to improve truck and freight movements across the metropolitan area.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!