

CITY OF MELVILLE — PARKS AND RESERVES — ZONING

Statement by Member for Bicton

MRS L.M. O'MALLEY (Bicton) [12.54 pm]: Our parks and reserves are essential to the health and wellbeing of our community. They provide a place for people to play, rest and connect. Parks have great ecological significance and their green canopies offset the urban heat sink effect. Their value is beyond measure. That is why when the issue of park protection was brought to the attention of both me and my colleague the member for Bateman, we were quick to act.

I would like to thank the many community members, and the City of Melville, particularly ward Councillors Margaret Sandford and Katy Mair, for their extraordinary efforts to protect their parks. Those parks are the Ces Deceau Reserve in Brentwood; Harry Clemens Reserve, Myaree; Hugh Corbet Park, Booragoon; Jack Jeffery Park, Kardinya; Jack Martin Reserve, Kardinya; Laurie Withers Reserve, Kardinya; Marguerite Smith Reserve, Attadale; Norm Godfrey Reserve, Kardinya; Pitman Park, Myaree; Prosser Park, Myaree; Reg Seal Reserve, Mt Pleasant; and an unnamed park in Bicton and an unnamed park in Kardinya.

Thank you to the Minister for Planning for listening and responding by rezoning these 13 local state-owned parks from residential to public open space. This momentous community win was achieved by the actions of many, but I would like to especially acknowledge the Save Harry Clemens Reserve and Save Pitman and Prosser Parks community campaigns. All great community campaigns need community champions, so thank you to Marina Hanson, Jill Bowman, Chris Gillam, Robyn Weir, Dr Kris Warren, Jeanette Grosser, Carol Warren, Kristie Stuart, Cindy McGhie and Sue and David Parks for their tireless efforts in protecting their parks for future generations.