

**MINISTER FOR WATER — SINGAPORE VISIT**

*Statement by Minister for Water*

**MR D.J. KELLY (Bassendean — Minister for Water)** [12.14 pm]: I rise to inform the house about my recent visit to Singapore for a series of meetings focused on strengthening Western Australia's ties with Singapore and sharing our learned experiences in responding to climate change and the associated impacts on water supplies. The mission to Singapore was my first as minister and I found the visit very productive and rewarding. I have always been interested in travelling to Singapore to learn about innovative water practices that have enabled Singapore to continue to supply water to its population of 5.6 million in the face of climate change.

My trip was based around the Singapore International Water Week Leaders Summit, which was held in conjunction with the World Cities Summit and Clean Enviro Summit. The Public Utilities Board took me on a tour of Singapore's NEWater Visitor Centre, the Changi Water Reclamation Plant, the Deep Tunnel Sewerage System, Bishan-Ang Mo Kio Park and its Sustainable Singapore Gallery at the Marina Barrage. It was refreshing to see that the Singaporean national government not only uses the phrase "climate change", but also is planning for the future impacts of climate change on that country and is seeking to help those abroad as well as sharing its innovations and plans.

However, water was not the only theme of my visit. I also met with innovators, innovation incubators and technology companies such as SGInnovate, Gemstar and ST Engineering. I also attended a meeting with the Agency for Science, Technology and Research.

Growing investment in WA aquaculture and driving fisheries exports was another theme of my trip. I met with Hai Sia Seafood and Commonwealth Capital, the company that recently purchased Cone Bay barramundi from Marine Produce Australia. I would like to thank the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation for its assistance in organising this trip. I would also like to particularly acknowledge Ms Natalie Tan and Mr Melvin Sico from the WA government Singapore office for guiding me on my visit.

I now table a detailed itinerary.

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