

**PINJARRA BUS SERVICES**

*Statement by Member for Mandurah*

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah)** [1.49 pm]: I bring to the attention of Parliament and the Minister for Transport the urgent need to expand public transport bus services within the Shire of Murray. The lack of public transport services in this growing shire within the Peel region is a major issue for all residents, including those living in Furnissdale and Barragup, which are localities in my electorate of Mandurah. The 600 bus route between Mandurah and Pinjarra was very much welcomed when introduced; however, it is grossly inadequate, with no weekend services, no services after 6.00 pm and no services to the north Pinjarra community, also known as Carcoola.

Recently, the council held workshops and focus groups involving dozens of young people from the shire. The biggest single issue was the current inadequate bus service. Responses to the shire's new strategic plan have also indicated that the public transport issue is the main concern for respondents. Residents in the shire, including full-time workers who travel to Perth, do not have an effective public transport linkage to the Mandurah train station. Young people from Mandurah and Pinjarra who seek to travel between these two localities for work or leisure via public transport cannot do so after 6.00 pm or on weekends. This is totally unacceptable and must be rectified. I call on the Barnett government and the Minister for Transport to immediately increase the frequency of services for the route 600 bus to include after 6.00 pm services and services on Saturday and Sunday. I also call on the minister to look at extending the route to capture a greater coverage in the town of Pinjarra and extend it to the people in north Pinjarra as a matter of urgency.