

**SOUTHERN SUBURBS RAIL SYSTEM
ROMEO DIMANLIG — RETIREMENT**

Statement by Member for Mandurah

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [12.52 pm]: I would like to highlight to the Parliament and the government my views on the future improvements to the southern suburbs rail system as it impacts on the people living in Mandurah. Labor's southern suburbs rail project has clearly been a major success story. Huge numbers of people are utilising the service and it is having a very positive impact on the city of Mandurah and the Peel region. The problem for the people of Mandurah is that we currently have only one station to service our population of more than 65 000, as well as other people in the Peel region who wish to utilise the service. A new station is crucial and should be built in the northern area of Mandurah—that is, in the rapidly growing community of Lakelands. A new station at Lakelands would reduce parking pressure at the Mandurah station as well as service the growing localities in north Mandurah. However, vision must be shown and I am calling on the government to extend the service south to Halls Head. A station at Halls Head would allow people living south of Mandurah to have their own station, once again taking pressure off of the Mandurah terminus.

On another matter, on behalf of the opposition, I would like to acknowledge the retirement from this place of Mr Romeo Dimanlig. Mr Dimanlig will retire from the Parliamentary Dining Room after 25 years of service to the Parliament. Romeo, who is well known to many of us, has provided outstanding service that has been appreciated by members. We wish him well for the future and we thank him sincerely for his friendship and contribution to the Parliament House family.