

**COODANUP DRIVE—MANDURAH ROAD INTERSECTION**

*Statement by Member for Mandurah*

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah)** [12.56 pm]: I wish to raise another road safety issue in my electorate of Mandurah that is causing major ongoing concern for nearby residents. The intersection of Coodanup Drive and Mandurah Road is a major entry point into the locality of Coodanup and it now caters for ever-increasing traffic movements, including parents and students seeking to access Mandurah Catholic College and Coodanup College, which are both located on Coodanup Drive. The residents of Coodanup Drive are sick and tired of the ongoing accidents that have occurred at this intersection, including at least 11 incidents this year alone. Numerous accidents there, hoon driving along Coodanup Drive and regular dangerous driving incidents are making it a nightmare for the residents of this area. There are families with young children and older citizens living in this area, along with a large number of school students and parents who access the schools. The safety of these people is being severely compromised and actions need to be taken now to address this major concern.

Residents of Coodanup are demanding action from the government to address these ongoing safety concerns and I strongly support their campaign. The City of Mandurah needs to lift its game and implement measures to slow traffic along Coodanup Drive, and I request the Minister for Transport and Minister for Police; Road Safety to immediately address these safety concerns, including consideration of traffic lights at this intersection. Do we have to wait for serious injuries, a road death or deaths at this intersection and along Coodanup Drive, before they will act to make this intersection safer?