

JOHN COLLETT — TRIBUTE

Statement by Member for Mandurah

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [12.56 pm]: It is with great sadness but also with a great deal of appreciation that I acknowledge the passing of Mr John Collett, a former chair of the Peel Development Commission, chair of Fairbridge Western Australia, and a tireless contributor to our region and the local community.

John Collett was truly a remarkable human being. A long-term employee of Alcoa Australia, he gave back so much to the region he called home and loved. John championed the unique values of our natural environment through his work and advocacy with Landcare Australia initiatives, and he invested his time and energies into our young people through his involvement at Fairbridge and as a member of the Peel Masonic Lodge. He also contributed to improving the lives of our region's older citizens as a board member of Coolibah Lodge.

John Collett was chair of the Peel Development Commission while I was Minister for Peel, and his understanding of and passionate advocacy for our region was legendary. He encouraged many people in our region to pursue the opportunities and enterprises that he knew would ultimately benefit our entire region. A true gentleman, John Collett was a wonderful advocate for the development of the Peel region. We have lost a genuine contributor and such a positive influence on so many. John deserves our acknowledgement and gratitude for what he achieved. I express my deepest sympathies to his wife, Karen, and the Collett family and all his friends and supporters.