

ADDITIONAL MANDURAH RAILWAY STATION

Statement by Member for Mandurah

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [12.58 pm]: I plead with the new government to respond to the growing public transport demands in my electorate of Mandurah. Since the opening of Labor's Perth to Mandurah railway in December 2007, the people of the Peel region have voted with their feet and are utilising this magnificent public transport service in their thousands. The railway service is also delivering thousands of people into the City of Mandurah and the region each week, which is welcomed by our local economy.

However, our only railway station and its precinct are now bursting at the seams. Parking spaces are full and patrons are having to park on verges and kerbsides around the precinct, with many being fined by the Public Transport Authority for illegal parking. Nearby residents are also being inconvenienced by people parking on their verges and in their streets, causing safety and amenity concerns. Further pressure will arise when free travel for seniors and disability card holders commences.

Mandurah needs another railway station immediately to take the pressure off the Mandurah rail precinct. Two proposed stations are identified at Gordon Road and Lakelands, both in the northern area of Mandurah. Lakelands and nearby Madora Bay are rapidly growing localities. Many people have bought in the area with the understanding that a station is proposed. The time has come for the government to build that station now. The other proposed station is at Gordon Road. This station would service the Peel Education Campus and people living in Meadow Springs and the northern Greenfields locality.

I urge the government to include these essential railway stations in the May budget to ensure that we take full advantage of the Labor Government's \$1.6 billion investment in the Mandurah rail line. I hope that the government and the Treasurer will respond to this urgent plea.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm