

ARMADALE — SPORTING FACILITIES

Statement by Member for Armadale

DR A.D. BUTI (Armadale) [12.58 pm]: I rise to talk about the sporting facilities in the electorate of Armadale that are in urgent need of upgrade and expansion. The Minister for Sport and Recreation was recently in the electorate of Armadale to officially open Frye Park, a renovated soccer complex for the Kelmscott Roos Soccer Club and the Kelmscott Cricket Club. That enterprise showed what can be achieved when state governments, local governments and federal governments come together to ensure there is sufficient finance to build appropriate facilities for residents of an electorate or a local government area.

In the electorate of Armadale, which is expanding exponentially, there is a severe lack of aquatic facilities and other facilities. For instance, we do not have a swimming pool that is open for 12 months a year. We are in desperate need of such a pool, which is unlikely to happen for a number of years unless the state and the federal governments contribute significant amounts of money to assist the local council. Further, John Dunn Oval has to house the local football club and the rugby club. It is inappropriate to house the two codes, who seek to train on the same night, and that is not possible. Further, the proposed facility at the corner of Forrest Road, Tonkin Highway and Armadale Road needs to be developed in order to cater for the increasing population that we have now and will be having in the next 10 to 20 years.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm