

INFILL SEWERAGE PROGRAM — MANDURAH

Statement by Member for Mandurah

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [12.56 pm]: I rise to highlight to this house my concerns regarding the Barnett government's slashing of the infill sewerage program, particularly as it impacts on the City of Mandurah. Areas of Mandurah that were on the infill sewerage program have now been deferred, and we are now unsure of when, or if, they will ever be completed. This is a major concern for the people living in these unsewered areas of Mandurah.

I will raise a major concern that I have about the locality of Madora Bay in my electorate. It is my understanding that in the second half of the 1990s contamination of groundwater was detected in the locality of Madora Bay, which was pursued strongly by the City of Mandurah and the then mayor. As a result of the contamination, connection of scheme water to the Madora Bay locality was programmed and completed. I request from the Minister for Water information on why at that time, because of the contamination issue, Madora Bay was not added to the infill sewerage program. To this day, these Madora Bay areas, known as North Mandurah 8A and North Mandurah 9A, have never been on the infill sewerage program. The areas of Silver Sands and San Remo in my electorate also do not appear on the infill sewerage program and I want to know why these areas are not on this program.

The Peel region is a rapidly developing area and it is critical that infill sewerage remains a priority. Lack of infill sewerage, particularly when we have a vulnerable environment, including our precious Peel waterways, means that the slashing and deferral of the infill sewerage program have a huge impact on our local community.