

**MINISTER FOR CHILD PROTECTION — DAMPIER PENINSULA VISIT**

*Statement by Minister for Child Protection*

**MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle — Minister for Child Protection)** [9.07 am]: I rise to inform the house of my visit to the Dampier Peninsula last week, where I was privileged to spend time in the Lombadina and Ardyaloon communities. I was invited to the peninsula to hear about the Woombooriny Amboon Angarriya Partnership Initiative—which translates to “people coming together, working together”—an innovative collective impact project supported by the state and commonwealth governments, Woodside, Save the Children, local elders and community members. The vision for the project is simple, yet profound. With respect and trust, we work in equal partnership to strengthen happy and thriving Dampier Peninsula communities where our babies, little children and youth are strong, proud, smart and healthy and connected to their family, community and culture with guidance from our elders.

The project employs five talented and inspiring individuals, who invited me to visit and hear about their work and how it will benefit children, young people and their families in their communities. The navigators are Janella Isaac from the Ardyaloon community; Maria McKenzie from the Djarindjin community; Tony Sibosado from the Lombadina community; and Joshua Augustine and Rosanna Smith from the Beagle Bay community. They are supported in their work by Jessica Bunning, the senior project officer, who is funded by Woodside, and Marty Sibosado, the empowered communities Aboriginal guidance adviser.

This is a message of hope and vision—a message that I, as Minister for Child Protection, am proud to support. I extend my thanks to everyone who has supported and participated in this important project and wish them success in the future.