

**SAFER MANDURAH PLAN**

*Statement by Member for Mandurah*

**MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah)** [12.53 pm]: I want to congratulate the City of Mandurah and officers from the Peel police district on their collaboration, which has culminated in the launch of the Safer Mandurah Plan. Some months ago I raised in Parliament and locally my concerns about the increase in various crimes and antisocial behaviour reports I was receiving and witnessing myself in the Mandurah CBD. I am very pleased that my concerns and those of a number of business proprietors and shoppers in the CBD have been heard. As part of the Safer Mandurah Plan, Peel police will be staffing a business beat office in Mandurah's CBD to assist businesses and local community members to reduce crime. CCTV cameras have been installed in the Smart Street Mall and I am hopeful that more will be installed in the CBD and other potential hotspots.

As I have said previously in this place, the people of Mandurah want and deserve to see more officers out and about in neighbourhoods, shopping centres, business precincts and in places where people gather. Greater police presence is the best deterrent against crime and antisocial behaviour in our communities. The Safer Mandurah Plan is a very positive step forward but I will keep campaigning for more police officers to be located in Mandurah and the Peel police district. It is my firm view that we are still at least 20 officers short in this region. More police officers are needed to keep up with this rapidly growing region of Western Australia, and I will continue that fight.