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MS E. HAMILTON (Joondalup) [3.03 pm]: I rise to make a contribution to debate on the Appropriation (Recurrent 2017–18) Supplementary Bill 2018 and the Appropriation (Capital 2017–18) Supplementary Bill 2018. I start by acknowledging that this year has been a year like no other for locals living in Joondalup, Western Australia and the world more broadly as we tackle the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic. Every Western Australian should be proud that together we have been able to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep our state safe and strong.

This year's budget is ultimately the result of one and a half year's worth of budget in one, having been postponed from May to October. In those one and a half years, we have seen continued strong leadership here in WA and it has resulted in a surplus. I thank our Premier and Treasurer for this, the McGowan government's fourth state budget. Our community in Joondalup and communities around the state can feel confident that money is available in the 2020–21 budget to roll out the WA recovery plan while keeping WA safe and strong.

The focus in my response about this year's budget is what it means for my electorate of Joondalup. I am so proud of how our community has come together to support each other throughout this continued difficult time. My office staff, volunteers and I reached out to our community, especially the elderly and vulnerable, in the first phase of restrictions. Most were doing okay with the support of family or friends. Locals supported businesses by buying vouchers; attending online sessions; paying for memberships, even though they could not use them; and buying takeaway meals. I am proud to say that local businesses supported locals and our frontline workers in a number of ways. The kids at Playful Learners in Heathridge made beautiful artwork to brighten seniors' days. The pictures were then mailed with COVID-19 information to community members over 75 years of age.

The strong leadership that has been provided by our Premier has meant that my community has felt safe and secure. It has made WA a leader in terms of recovery: our kids are back at school, local businesses have reopened and significant state government projects are underway, and now we look to our WA recovery plan. We have seen continued progress and significant investment in key infrastructure projects in Joondalup that will support one of the fastest growing regions in Australia. My vision is to make Joondalup the best coastal city community anywhere in Australia. Together, we can grow this place, our home, into a world-class destination. This will provide us with local jobs right now and for decades to come.

Western Australians have an affinity with our coast. As a diver, fisher and boating enthusiast, I am proud to be delivering for Joondalup with works started on the Ocean Reef marina. In 2017, I made an election promise to get this project moving, and I have delivered. Our community has been excited about this project from the outset, participating in consultation and sharing its ideas. I am glad the Ocean Reef marina will feature Perth's first ocean pool and a family beach—ideas that our community put forward during consultation. We are working very closely with stakeholders such as the Ocean Reef Sea Sports Club, Marine Rescue Whitfords, Joondalup City RSL and the broader community. These clubs, their members and community leaders have been intricately involved in getting this project to where we are today.

The McGowan government's first budget included \$120 million for the Ocean Reef marina. The key stakeholders have now secured an additional \$6.5 million through the WA recovery plan for their new facility, and the government is committed to delivering this project. It is important that the new club facilities are built nearer to the start of the project. We know that all the stakeholders need to remain onsite until the new facility is completed and there needs to be a seamless transition from the current locations to the new facilities. This is particularly important for marine rescue in Whitfords to ensure that it can continue to provide its essential emergency service to our community that enjoys interacting with our WA coast. Marine Rescue Whitfords is one of the largest and busiest volunteer sea rescue groups in WA. Its operational range stretches from City Beach to Alkimos and 30 nautical miles out to sea. In 2019, more than 210 searches and rescue missions were carried out. The group has roughly 103 active volunteer members operating purpose-built vessels and a 24/7 radio service. It is an amazing group of dedicated volunteers who give their time to ensure that people are safe on our waters.

The Ocean Reef marina will become a hub for commercial, recreational and residential activity, with capacity for 550 boat pens, 200 boat stackers and more than five hectares of community space. As I mentioned earlier, Ocean Reef marina will also become home to Perth's first coastal pool. My family and I live within bike riding distance of the Ocean Reef marina, so I look forward to taking my kids, Mya and Ryan, out for a swim, a snorkel and even a bite to eat when the works are complete. Local people want more jobs in Joondalup. By delivering Ocean Reef marina, the McGowan government is creating local jobs now and for decades to come. The project is expected to create more than 8 000 construction jobs and will be a key economic driver for the region. I know that local

families and businesses have done it tough as our state has fought to stop the spread of COVID-19, but with important projects like the Ocean Reef marina development, we can begin our economic recovery. I am looking forward to continuing to work together with my community to grow the Ocean Reef marina into a world-class destination and make Joondalup, our home, the best coastal city community anywhere in Australia. The Ocean Reef marina will put Joondalup on the map.

Raising my family in Joondalup, it is important to me that the McGowan Labor government continues to deliver quality health care. The McGowan government is putting patients first, investing \$9.6 billion in health services and initiatives, which includes further upgrades at Joondalup Health Campus. I am proud of our Joondalup Health Campus and the quality health care that it provides for our community. As a community representative on the Joondalup Health Campus community board of advice, it is very important to me to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of every single person who continues to work at Joondalup Health Campus, and an incredible 72 per cent of staff live locally. The McGowan government is delivering local jobs. Our local hospital has one of the busiest emergency departments in Australia, in one of the fastest-growing regions of Australia, so it is a key priority for me to see this major redevelopment, which is currently underway, through to completion.

We have already delivered a \$7.1 million 10-bed mental health observation area. This facility is being built alongside the emergency department and will provide a service for emergency patients with psychiatric disorders. It will provide a safe space for patients to receive the care that they need.

We have already delivered a \$5 million 12-bed stroke unit. This unit has six acute beds co-located with a therapy space. Our community has been asking for a stroke unit in Joondalup for over a decade, and we have delivered it. It is open and it is already saving lives. Every minute counts for a person who is experiencing a stroke. This unit now means that travel time is cut by up to an hour each way for patients who would otherwise have to travel to Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital or Fiona Stanley Hospital. In previous years, the JHC treated around 200 stroke patients and now that the unit is open, the number of patients is rising. It also brings patients together into one ward, which enables stroke care experts from all disciplines, including doctors, nurses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech therapists, to come together. With the significant support from Sally Allen, Pete Coghlin, Robert Vander Kraats and the team, the northern suburbs stroke support group, we have delivered on this commitment.

We have also delivered \$1.9 million for five interim palliative care beds. I had been calling for palliative care beds to be located at Joondalup Health Campus and we have succeeded. With the voluntary assisted dying debate that occurred in this Parliament still fresh in the minds of many, regardless of anyone's position, it highlighted the need for extra state government funding of palliative care. The state budget provides \$20.1 million to strengthen end-of-life care and support the implementation of voluntary assisted dying reforms. I spoke to many locals during the time that the debate was occurring and heard very moving accounts and experiences that people had gone through during the loss of a loved one. What I wanted to see was local support to ensure that patients who are most vulnerable can spend quality time with their loved ones while not having to worry about time, costs and travel. That is why I am proud to be part of the McGowan government that has already delivered \$1.9 million for five interim palliative care beds at Joondalup Health Campus, to meet immediate needs. A tender is underway for 10 additional inpatient palliative care beds in the northern suburbs at a cost of approximately \$9 million. We are already delivering on Health and will continue to do so for our community.

Early works are underway on the major redevelopment of Joondalup Health Campus. The JHC development stage 2 project is a major redevelopment, with an investment of \$256.7 million that will see the construction of a new 77-bed mental health building, 12 additional emergency department patient bays, 30 inpatient beds, six critical care beds, a new theatre, a new cardiac catheterisation laboratory, a behavioural assessment urgent care clinic, increased parking, futureproofing of inpatient beds and upgrades to associated services. Relocation and fit-out of the emergency department administration area has commenced as part of the early works.

This budget highlighted the mammoth effect that COVID-19 has had on Western Australia. A conversation around health care in Joondalup would not be complete without acknowledging the hard work and dedication of each and every single person who has worked, and continues to work, at the hospital. JHC has been at the forefront in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic. It has handled one of the largest single intakes of COVID-19 patients, with a zero rate of accidental transmission.

Behind our frontline doctors and nurses at the JHC are thousands of hardworking people who keep our hospital running and provide us with world-class health care close to home. I thank each and every one of those people at Joondalup Health Campus—all 3 473 of them—for their service to our community.

An important individual staff member is disaster management coordinator, Mary McConnell. A seasoned nurse who worked in Ireland during the IRA bombings, Mary has spent years helping at the JHC training for situations just like the COVID-19 pandemic. In fact, in November last year, she ran a pandemic-scenario training session involving the JHC infection control team and other staff. When the pandemic was declared just a few months later, the JHC employees were well and truly ready and that was in no small way thanks to Mary.

COVID-19 has presented a number of challenges, and one very important aspect is the fact that the mental health system is experiencing, and will continue to experience, significant pressure. The state budget has addressed the current needs with increased funding to the Mental Health Commission by 7.5 per cent to just over \$1 billion.

Before COVID-19, I was very aware that challenges were being faced by younger people in our community, particularly as I had sadly heard that we have children as young as nine years of age presenting as suicidal at some of our local primary schools. I have been working to ensure that the younger members of our community are able to receive support as soon as they need it. Youth mental health is something that I have raised with the minister. In this budget, our state government has committed to additional mental health beds. Since 2017, funding has already been provided for 30 additional beds at Joondalup Health Campus, and I look forward to seeing youth mental health addressed as a matter of priority there. There is a clear need, and I will continue to advocate for additional community mental health services for our community. I think it is important to grow services for younger people's mental health challenges. Youth mental health covers ages 16 to 25, but I want to see more support for nine to 16 years of age in Joondalup. It is vital, as earlier intervention results in better outcomes for individuals—we know this—for the family and also for the broader community. It is also pleasing to see funding of \$322.2 million to address methamphetamine issues in WA. Thanks to Minister Cook for being part of a virtual community forum that I held in September to share up-to-date information on the WA government's response to COVID-19 with people in Joondalup.

I will move on to discuss education. As a mum with two kids who attend a local school, I am proud to be part of a government that is delivering record investment in our local schools. This budget includes \$5.5 billion for education, which is focused on preparing our kids for the jobs of the future. In Joondalup, we have seen \$6.5 million in funding being delivered as part of the WA recovery plan. Heathridge Primary School received \$1.5 million to improve the functionality of the administration building. As a board member of this school, I know that this funding has been welcomed by the school community, including principal Denise Jeffs, board chair Grant Bowen and the parents and citizens association president, Danielle van der Plas.

Ocean Reef Senior High School will receive a \$5 million sports hall that I know is appreciated by principal Karon Brookes, board chair Patrick Yong and the P&C president, Chris McCafferty, and the rest of the school community.

As a local mum who is raising my family in Joondalup, I am proud to be delivering two state-of-the-art performing arts centres. The new performing arts centres at Belridge Secondary College—to include the education support centre—and Ocean Reef Senior High School will be huge assets for our northern suburbs community.

In addition, six science labs have already been delivered for schools in Joondalup. The first science lab in WA was opened by the Minister for Education and Training, Sue Ellery, at Connolly Primary School. Other schools that converted classrooms to science labs are Beaumaris, Ocean Reef, Beldon, Edgewater and Currambine Primary Schools.

We all want our children to have the best opportunities at school and we know they benefit from extra support in the classroom. In February this year, announcements were made that we had delivered on our election commitment to put more education assistants into WA classrooms. In the electorate of Joondalup, Eddystone Primary School received extra funding for an education assistant, which was very pleasing for principal Stephen Boon and parents and citizens association president Carly Ellery.

Last year, the McGowan government announced a \$200 million package to address school maintenance works in public schools across WA. This major maintenance blitz represents one of the biggest investments in WA schools and will improve infrastructure in public schools and create local jobs.

Twelve schools and two education centres in the Joondalup electorate received maintenance allocations totalling \$3.337 million to boost high-priority maintenance works. This has been great news for local school communities. The McGowan government has continued to deliver for them. In March this year, the Joondalup education community was able to join in a virtual education forum with Minister Ellery and it was attended by parents and citizens associations, school boards and school principals.

[Member's time extended.]

Ms E. HAMILTON: The McGowan government continues with its congestion-busting and job-creating road projects. We have a proven track record for building heavy rail. Metronet has seen an investment of \$4.1 billion by the McGowan government. I am excited that construction has started on the Yanchep rail line as part of Metronet, as this will benefit Joondalup. This extension means that those living north will be able to travel directly to Joondalup station. This station was designed as a transit station and is centrally located in the Joondalup CBD, with direct access to the Lakeside Joondalup shopping centre, the business district and the CAT buses. This investment in heavy rail opportunities means that the Joondalup city centre and its local economy will continue to thrive. It will provide a transport route for people living north to come down on the rail line and stop in Joondalup.

I have long said that although Joondalup is a young city, it is a maturing one, but what is most important is that Joondalup has every aspect of an aspiring coastal city community that will have all the facilities it needs right here on our doorstep. It is my view that in the not-too-distant future, locals in Joondalup and further north should be able to access every service they require without having to travel further south than Hodges Drive. That means not only easing congestion and less time in the car, but also more time at home with the family.

Joondalup boasts a learning precinct comprising Edith Cowan University, North Metropolitan TAFE, the police academy, Edith Cowan College and Electrical Group Training. Joondalup also has the Winton Road business park, a police station, a courthouse, Joondalup Resort and golf course, Quest Joondalup apartments and the 10-storey Arthouse Apartments Joondalup. Joondalup also has the country's largest periodic table at ECU, it will see the state's first trial of an electric CAT bus and, of course, it has the Ocean Reef marina. These are just a few of our assets.

This budget fast-tracks the widening of Mitchell Freeway southbound to three lanes between Hodges Drive and Hepburn Avenue, providing freeway users in Joondalup and other northern suburbs commuters with the benefit of a shorter journey and improved journey times, with early works expected to commence in January 2021. The Mitchell Freeway widening will get northern suburbs commuters to work faster and also bust congestion. I know from my experience on the freeway heading into this place that it will give me more time in the mornings with my family.

I want to spend a few moments talking about small businesses in Joondalup that have been doing it tough. I want to spend a few moments to commend the small business owners in my electorate, the mums and dads, the experienced and the novices, the ones who have been working hard during the global pandemic and economic crisis. I know what it is like. I come from a family of small business owners who are facing the challenges day by day. My father has owned and run businesses since I was about two, from catering and party hire to canvas manufacturing—a real mix. I worked in them from a young age, whether it was putting up marquees with dad at the Dowerin field days, serving food at family celebrations at people's homes or eyeletting banners. I have been around it and hands on forever, just to help him manage.

I know that blood, sweat and tears go into small businesses and that rather than a job, they are people's lives. I know that it has been hard in Joondalup and that there is still quite a bit of uncertainty. I have been talking to locals about the difficulties and, at times, the successes of what has worked or what has not worked as they attempted to continue to operate. Our community members have been supportive of local businesses in every way they can.

Trying times have meant that innovative ideas have been needed, and some have worked and some have worked very well. Very early on, I started my Sunday small business shout-outs on social media to do what I could to share the details of our local small businesses with the wider community. While on the phones during the COVID-19 pandemic, if I heard of a small business, I would share its information, and this has continued while I have been on the doors. I have supported quite a number of businesses. I will list just a few: Vissers Painting Services, I met the fellow on the door; Llamas Down Under came from a phone call; and BDM Carpentry and Joinery came from out on the doors as well. Local business owners have been very appreciative. I also note the work done by the Joondalup Business Association with its Friday martini hour and ongoing virtual and now in-person networking events. The Joondalup Business Association is ably run by its president, Gerry, and the office team.

Our government will recruit 800 extra police officers over the next four years, meaning WA will have the highest number of officers per capita of all the states. As of last month, the total number of new police funded by the McGowan government since taking office is 1 100. Training is done through the Western Australian Police Academy, which, as I mentioned, is part of the Joondalup learning precinct. On top of the extra officers, the funding has included a rollout of major technological improvements including body-worn cameras, personal issue devices, automatic numberplate recognition technology, and protective vests to every frontline officer. In 2018, I was delighted to attend the police recruit graduation, which included the first four Aboriginal cadets graduating as fully sworn police officers. The Aboriginal cadet program is ongoing and currently WA has 36 cadets. It was my privilege also to represent Minister Michelle Roberts at Police Remembrance Day in September and to lay a wreath to honour and remember those police officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Financial support and relief for Western Australians is also important to help continue our recovery from the pandemic, so it was great to see in the budget that household fees and charges have already been frozen, noting that this has reduced some locals' bills. The McGowan Labor government has delivered the \$600 household electricity credit. This is something I am talking about with my community right now. Many people still have not heard that it is coming, but when I tell them, they are quite pleased. In speaking with Joondalup residents, it is clear to me that the credit will be a welcome relief for many local families, particularly in the lead-up to Christmas.

In taking the time to have worked through my speech, I am proud to be able to say when I talk to my community that I am part of the McGowan team that is keeping WA safe and strong. This budget sets us in good stead for whatever the future may present us with. In the midst of a global pandemic, our state is the only state in the country

to have delivered a surplus to date. With the strong leadership of our Premier, Mark McGowan, WA is strong, and I look forward to continuing to ensure that the McGowan government invests in and delivers for Joondalup. The budget is focused on keeping Western Australians safe and strong by protecting the health of the community and leading the state's economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic by creating opportunities for local businesses and jobs for Western Australians. This Labor budget is delivering for Joondalup. As the state member for Joondalup, I look forward to continuing to work with my community to grow Joondalup—our home and the best coastal city community anywhere in Australia—and deliver for Joondalup. Thank you.

MS L.L. BAKER (Maylands — Deputy Speaker) [3.38 pm]: I rise and straighten the mic so members can hear what I am saying to contribute to the debate on the Appropriation (Recurrent 2017–18) Supplementary Bill 2018 and the Appropriation (Capital 2017–18) Supplementary Bill 2018. It is a very opportune time for me to reflect on the last four years, to reflect on what is happening currently and also to have an eye on the future. I would like to be able to reflect on what is going on in my electorate and also look at some of the big-picture issues that I think the state government might need to tackle in the future.

On reflecting on what has been going on in the wonderful electorate of Maylands over the last four years, I cannot help but start by mentioning John Forrest Secondary College. I have a vested interest in that college as I sit on the independent board. I am very pleased that the \$50 million rebuild of one of the oldest colleges in the state is going ahead. It has started; some of the preparatory works have been done. There was a little bit of toing and froing with moving tennis courts and the like and trying to rescue trees, but work is progressing. A lot of the work on this rebuild will be done out of school time over the summer holidays, but we are trying to move students around while the school is still open rather than shut down the school, like some other schools have had the opportunity to do for their rebuilds. There is a bit of tricky footwork for us in getting this rebuild done, but I am very proud it is going ahead. There are the school graduations that we all go to between now and Christmas, and I am so excited that when I go to my primary school graduations and encourage people to look at John Forrest Secondary College as an option for their children going into high school, I can now say that with a \$50 million upgrade, it is going to be truly beautiful and a great place to send children. It already has a good academic record—not that there is any competition between Mount Lawley Senior High School and John Forrest, but who am I to say that! John Forrest has a really good academic record. I encourage parents in my electorate to think about that and the rebuild.

Before the last election in 2017, we had been fighting for a long time over a private development that was being undertaken in the wetlands on the Swan River at the end of King William Street in Bayswater. Two blocks were under development. One of them is referred to as Carter's block because the owners were named Carter. The other block was a little bit more advanced in its redevelopment, so we had trouble in intervening. I reflect on the incredible work of my community members for saying, "No, that is not good enough" and for their tenacity and vocal objections. Coming into government, we were very proudly able to fund \$1 million towards the purchase of Carter's wetland block. That is now retained forever as part of the Eric Singleton Bird Sanctuary. It extends over the walk trail and it is a beautiful part of the electorate. I am very proud to have been able to see that saved.

I could not possibly talk about what is happening in my electorate without mentioning the Bayswater Metronet project. I have probably been heard in this place to call Bayswater the centre of my universe before today. I reiterate that. It has been, in every sense of the word, the centre of my universe over these four years and I fear it will continue to be at the forefront of my thoughts in the coming years as well. The redevelopment is a very important part of the Metronet scheme overall. I remember that in the September leading up to Christmas in 2016, with the election coming in March the following year, I was able to host for my community the very first public consultation in Western Australia on the topic of Metronet. When I called it, I was told later that people said I would get 50 or 60 people there. We got 200 people! They were fantastic. They were very concerned and excited, and very connected to what we wanted to do. It was a case of saying to them, "Tell us what your ideas are. Don't just shut down and say that's the plan." I draw members' attention to that and remind myself because it was in 2016. The Metronet Bayswater project has had four years of consultation with my community, starting back in 2016. At every stage of the development and every stage of the planning as it has emerged, it has had to get bigger and more expensive and picked up some additional issues that we were not expecting. All the affected members in my community have been offered the opportunity to contribute. Clearly, not everybody likes redevelopment and I get that. I totally understand.

The real challenge in Bayswater is that it is a heritage suburb and Midland is a heritage rail line. At the time, Main Roads Western Australia, the Public Transport Authority and the like had not had a lot of experience putting in this kind of brand-new infrastructure, a new train station, into what is basically a heritage line and a heritage part of the city. There were many challenges. Most strongly among them was that my community is really connected to the trees and the heritage facades and architecture of Bayswater. There is historic architecture in Bayswater and it is imperative that we retain and reflect that in what we do with the redevelopment of the train station. It is pretty hard to think that two additional bridges could be built through Bayswater in a classic, heritage way. The notion of adaptation has had to be first and foremost in the architecture and planning for the train station. I remind members that there are two bridges going into the Bayswater train station, not just one. I have said that repeatedly

to my community since day one when we were elected in 2017. The second bridge, of course, is tied up with the Morley–Ellenbrook line.

Going back to the first development that is taking place, it has already started. I am proud to say that I was one of the marching band members who escorted the beautiful tree that we replanted right behind the middle of King William Street. I will never forget that day—walking behind a massive tree as it was craned down the centre of my electorate. It took two cranes; one to get it out and lift it and another to pass it on. It was kind of like a hurdle arrangement—very slow hurdling.

Dr D.J. Honey: A baton!

Ms L.L. BAKER: Yes. A very slow baton, and quite hairy because it had leaves everywhere and roots, of course. That tree was moved because my community said, “You can’t get rid of it; you must retain it.” It is really healthy now. When members are driving down King William Street, they should have a look at the community centre in Baysie and at the beautiful tree that is planted next to it. She is a bit smaller than she was because it has taken a while to fully grow back her branches, but she is on her way and very healthy. I am incredibly proud of that strategy and very thankful that the Minister for Transport took on board what my community was saying at the time.

As I imagine any major infrastructure project would do, the project in Bayswater has activated my community and brought people together in an absolutely amazing way. From the time I was elected in 2008 and subsequently in 2012, I was very keen to see what we could do to activate people in Bayswater. Because there had not been this level of activity, it was quite difficult. With the coming of this redevelopment, people were very keen to come together. Obviously, there are loud voices. They organise. There are some very good community groups. I pay great respect to every single person involved in those community groups. Whether I agree with their positions is irrelevant. What they have done is come together and strongly voiced their opinions. They have carried that through. I hope they realise that they have been listened to and that everything that has been done in the planning for the final treatment of the station and into the future around DevelopmentWA’s work on the precinct with the background and, if you like, the wash behind the station, has been created by my community that talked about heritage and a green canopy and a village atmosphere. I am very proud of the community groups that have supported this project and those that have opposed it because they have come to it with a professional perspective. By and large, they have been very professional in how they have managed their behaviour. They have been heard. This has been the biggest consultation ever conducted on the building of a railway station. I am certainly not talking about Roe 8 because that was a lot more heated. I am very much talking about the Bayswater train station and the level of consultation has been extraordinary.

I personally have had no problem in getting Metronet staff to respond when I have contacted them on behalf of my community. They have responded very quickly. There have been a few instances in which it has taken a bit longer than I would have ideally liked for them to get back to me, but they have always come back to me with a response. Obviously, the responses are not always what the person who is inquiring wants as the ideal outcome, but the staff have been responsive and clear and I have been able to put a position. I look forward to the next two, three or four years of construction in my electorate. I am sure that a lot of people are not looking forward to the construction, but it will happen and we will get it through as safely as possible. I also note that the Evolve Bayswater Alliance team has just taken up office space in the Bendigo Bank building on Whatley Crescent. They are holding forums for the public to take questions or whatever. That is something that I asked for right from the get-go. People need to be present while construction like this is happening to correctly inform and advise the community when inquiries for information and complaints start coming in, which I am sure they will.

Moving up the line and across a bit to the north-west takes us to the Forrestfield–Airport Link tunnel and the spur, which will take us off to the Morley–Ellenbrook line. Morley train station is also being built on the edge of my electorate, the member for Morley’s electorate and the member for Bassendean’s electorate. However, the majority of it, land use-wise, spills into my electorate so I am very keen to make sure that that development is positive for my community. I have been doorknocking and making phone calls. One person I spoke to was not happy with it. He said that he had not heard about it. He claimed that someone else he had spoken to was also not happy with it—that is fine. By and large, the people I have spoken to around the suburb have looked at the positives that will come with the building of that train station. I have assured them, and reassured them, that the infrastructure in place will be relocated. By that, I should mention the Bayswater Skate Park. There is an avid group of skaters in my electorate. I love that they are passionate about what they do. It is a great pastime for kids. Parents watch their children skateboarding. The skate park holds a huge international competition—well, it did before COVID, so I assume that it will go on after COVID or in the new normal. Those involved are very committed to this growing sport. Parents like to be there to watch their kids. The skate park has been very safe and well received. We want to keep that park. To ensure that the skate park is relocated, the government is providing money, through the City of Bayswater, to the consultants involved in the station design. The City of Bayswater is currently undertaking consultation. Its steering committee has skaters on it, and they are all working very hard to find a location to move it to. I look forward to being part of the skate park opening ceremony when it happens. I am sure that it will be a very positive event.

Before I leave Morley, I need to reflect on the downside of what has not happened in that precinct. I am not talking about the train station; I am moving down Walter Road to look at Morley itself. By any measure, Morley is not in a place of positive development at the moment. It is stuck, tired and sad. The main reason for that is that we cannot get development going. It needs to be kickstarted. The McGowan government is spending hundreds of millions of dollars on the train stations at Morley and Ellenbrook. Just up Broun Avenue, interfaces will bring people to and from the Morley shopping precinct. Major landowners are right in the middle of that area, including the City of Bayswater, which is very keen to try to kickstart some development, and Bunnings, which has shut its store in Morley. The decision about what to do with the Bunnings building has been handed over to the Bunnings Warehouse Property Trust. The Bunnings trust has put a freeze on doing anything with the building for 15 years. I am sorry, but that is not good enough. I think that it is aware of our feelings. The member for Morley and I have made it very clear that we are not happy with that plan and we are encouraging it, given the taxpayer money that is going into Morley, to come to the party. The other big landowner is Vicinity Centres, which owns Galleria Shopping Centre. I remember as a child being so excited by Galleria because it was the first big shopping centre and it was great, glossy and glitzy, but now it is just a poor cousin. Some shops are closing and others have reduced their stock levels. People cannot get the range of things they used to get and, quite frankly, why would shoppers want to go there at the moment? It is not a good experience. I do not want to talk Morley down—Morley is an amazing suburb.

[Member's time extended.]

Ms L.L. BAKER: Morley has a great residential neighbourhood with very switched-on people. Activation groups are starting up, such as Morley Momentum, which is a key group in the area that is kicking things along. I simply say to the Bunnings trust and Vicinity Centres, when the government is spending hundreds of millions of dollars working on an area that is in such a prime location—close to the city and on the train line, with a station and planned bus transit routes—why would they not invest in that area? Why would they not come along with the government? Why would they let the members of that community down? I look forward to being part of the solution when it is put forward by Bunnings and Vicinity Centre so that Morley can have a bit of a renaissance.

In essence, that is a synopsis of where I have been in the last four years and where we are at present. I will now mention a couple of other things. This morning, I was very privileged to host an event outside the Aboriginal People's Room to launch the reimagining homes innovation project, which has been developed by researcher Liz Lennon and supported by Shelter WA and Connect Victoria Park. I am very proud to have been part of that. Liz developed the document titled "Reimagining Homes Innovation Project", which I will table and it will be available online. There is also a summary of the framework she has created and a lookbook with some designs. I will explain what Liz has done in a minute.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member for Maylands, are you going to table the documents?

Ms L.L. BAKER: I will do, yes, when I sit down.

I want to talk a little about what this is about. Liz's presentation, which is funded and supported by Connect Victoria Park and Shelter WA, tells a story of citizens in Australia, specifically in Western Australia, who are invisible, silent and well-behaved, despite the fact that they are often lowly paid or unpaid. They are patient, persistent and remarkably resilient. They never feel quite safe or secure in housing because it does not feel like a home. They do not look too far into the future because they see despair. They will become the unpaid carers for adult children, grandparents, parents and friends. They will be the first to volunteer in their communities and they have great stories to tell. These citizens are older women, specifically older single women, on low incomes, who number in the hundreds of thousands across Australia, living in housing stress and at risk of homelessness. This framework was created by Liz from her own experience of housing stress and homelessness in Ireland and Western Australia through her 50s, and now into her 60s.

When Liz returned to WA in 2015 after living in Ireland for more than 20 years—the last six years in Ireland were a mix of housesitting and living in fairly poor housing conditions as a result of the global financial crisis decimating the country and her consultancy—she decided that she would rather be poor in a warm country than in a cold one, so she returned to Australia! I am very glad that she has done that. Liz has produced the reimagining homes innovation project and a "lookbook", as she calls it, which provides more than 40 examples of affordable social housing led by or focused on older single women on low incomes, older people, other people on low incomes, and a range of communities of identity who may also be on lower incomes. This lookbook is exactly what members might think it is. It is a book depicting the incredible talent and creativity that architects from all over the world have brought when building homes for older single women, which create a community and meet their expectation and lifestyle needs. I did say to Liz when she was in the process of putting this together that I really wanted to see some pictures. I wanted to see some visuals. I am a visual person and I wanted to see what was possible, so she put this lookbook together. There are 40 different types of accommodation shown in it and some are quite spectacular and amazing. There is a big document and a much shorter visual summary. She created a five-step strategic narrative to make the complex look simple. The five steps she has put into the framework are a strategic journey that we should all take in understanding and re-imagining homes with older single women in mind.

Poverty drives housing stress and the risk of homelessness. For many of us the issue of housing stress and homelessness is caused by a lack of a liveable income. Many people are not high needs and do not need extra support services. Of course, some people do need extra support services, but not all do. A recently published University of Adelaide report titled “At Risk: Understanding the population size and demographics of older women at risk of homelessness in Australia” has revealed that across Australia, 408 000 women aged 45-plus are experiencing housing stress and are at risk. That means that about 50 000 of them live in WA and that of those 50 000, 32 000 live in the Perth metropolitan area. I will not go into the reports because they will be available online through Shelter WA’s website. I thank Shelter WA for what it has done to support this research and to make it available to developers, architects, older single women who lack different ways of living their lives and the government.

Housing options included in Liz’s research are things like cooperative housing, co-housing, mixed tenure housing, tiny homes, built-to-rent mixed tenure, and co-sharing and co-living. Many of these hybrid options will appeal to women in the community, who look at these as being slightly more creative than the apartments we are used to putting people in, one on top of the other. I think it is important that we look at what we are trying to aim for. I think we should be aiming for a different model for older single women and for the housing market to step up and include them in their planning into the future. These are Liz’s words, according to my notes —

... I can pretty much guarantee that most older single women living in poverty in Australia and WA do not wake up every morning saying ‘What a great day—my housing stress and risk of homelessness is not my fault—it’s the result of the federal government refusing to see that social and affordable housing is an infrastructure investment; it’s structural and gender equalities that gave me a lifetime of low pay, low savings, low to no superannuation, unpaid caring work, sexism and ageism in the workplace, violence when I go home, and a poverty shaming narrative that makes me worthless. Oh happy day—It’s an Australian housing tax discount system that supports the wealthy and wishes the poor would just go away.’

No; most older women, instead, blame themselves and quietly try to make do. They often see themselves as failures because they do not own a home or they do not have much money. These things are success indicators in our society. They feel invisible and unheard. If we continue to support any kind of narrative that shames older women generally, and older single women on low incomes specifically, shame on us as individuals and shame on us as a government.

This framework has been developed as a guide for creating homes for life with older single women at the forefront. It is not prescriptive. There is no one-size-fits-all model, and the model identifies what is important regardless of the kinds of homes that we choose to create.

I encourage members who are interested in the subject of homelessness, poverty and the state of older single women in Australia to have a look at Liz’s report when it comes online through Shelter WA. I think it is an outstanding document. It has lessons for many of us, particularly for those of us who classify ourselves as having some leadership role in these agendas.

The final thing I want to mention in my last three minutes of speaking in this Parliament before the election—who knows what will happen after the election—is the issue of rights in Australia. This is topical and controversial, but I want to mention it because 13 years ago I spent six months travelling around Western Australia with the wonderful former Senator Hon Fred Chaney, Professor Colleen Hayward and Dr Peter Carnley, the former head of the Church of England, consulting Western Australians on the issue of a bill of rights in this country and whether we needed one in the state. Australia does not have a national bill of rights like, for instance, the United States of America, South Africa and many other countries. Other states, such as Victoria some years ago, Queensland just two years ago, and the Australian Capital Territory some years ago, brought into play a charter of human rights and responsibilities. I will quickly say that they went out and did extensive consultation. Indeed, I think we would need to do that work as a starting point in Western Australia. We would need to go to the community and ask whether it thought that we needed to develop a charter or bill or something around rights in this state that apply to Western Australia and Western Australians. Consultation would be a starting point.

When working with stakeholders on the ground, we find that many people do not understand that human rights are an issue or do not understand where the gaps are in rights in this country. Of course, it can be argued that a human rights act is unnecessary because many rights are protected in criminal or common law. It is true to say that some rights are protected; however, there are gaps. In a developed First World country such as Australia there should be no gaps. We should be confident that our rights are protected. Victoria and the ACT have had human rights laws for many years. In those jurisdictions, there have been stronger protections for people with a disability, families threatened with homelessness, women and children experiencing family violence and many other groups in the community. Governments have to take into account human rights when writing and making laws and delivering services. There needs to be some accountability in the courts. The Victorian law, in particular, insists that when Parliament writes new bills, it must put them through a filter to assess their impact, if any, on human rights. It puts a report to the Parliament saying, “This bill does impact on human rights.” That might be okay for Victoria, but when we make laws, we should know what we are doing and what their impact is likely to be. I recommend that we give consideration to consulting on human rights.

[The paper was tabled for the information of members.]

MR D.T. PUNCH (Bunbury) [3.58 pm]: I, too, rise to speak on the Appropriation (Capital 2017–18) Supplementary Bill 2018 and the Appropriation (Recurrent 2017–18) Supplementary Bill 2018. I would like to start by acknowledging the passion and spirit of the contribution of the member for Maylands. That is what we have on this side of the house—people who are proud of their electorates, proud to be a part of this government, and proud to stand up for issues that are really important to them and to do so with a great deal of passion. So, thank you. The member for Maylands will be very pleased to know that our tiny housing project in Bunbury is well underway. We are particularly interested in the issues around the vulnerabilities of older women who for many years have suffered inequality. I thank the member for Maylands for her contribution and I look forward to reading the report.

I want to start by thanking the people of Bunbury who elected me back in March 2017. Members realise, when they get to this place, what a great privilege it is to actually be here to represent their constituents and contribute to the debates that have such a fundamental impact on the future of Western Australia and the lives of everyday people. I have enjoyed every day I have been here since I was elected.

It is, of course, great to be part of a team that went to the 2017 election with such a clear agenda to fix the state's finances, deliver an ambitious range of legislative reform and undertake further work in health and education. Labor had a focus on jobs and made a clear commitment not to sell Western Power. That is unlike members opposite, who have a secret agenda to dismember the energy infrastructure owned by the state of Western Australia and, in the process, cause a resultant increase in the cost of power to people in regional Western Australia through the loss of the uniform tariff policy. That is what members opposite would do.

Debate adjourned, pursuant to standing orders.