

**WATER RESTRICTIONS, MANJIMUP**

*Statement by Member for Warren-Blackwood*

**MR P.D. OMODEI** (Warren-Blackwood) [12.50 pm]: The banner headline in the *Manjimup-Bridgetown Times* this week is "Water Outlook Critical". For the first time in a number of years, water restrictions will be placed on the people of Manjimup, where annual rainfall is about 1 000 millimetres. In a letter to me, the regional business manager at the Water Corporation stated -

Following a comprehensive review of the water storage situation for the town, Stage 4 Water Restrictions, with garden sprinklers used only twice a week, are necessary to achieve an appropriate reduction in demand. These restrictions will be effective from Saturday 19 October 2002.

This is a matter of real concern. I am talking about the south west of Western Australia, not about the drier parts of the State. Most of the rural dams are full. Only the Water Corporation's dam is empty. When the dam was built a few years ago, when the corporation selectively logged and burned the catchment, it filled up quickly and overflowed. That was only a very short time ago. I am sure my constituents will be asking me to call on the Government to allocate sufficient funds to ensure an appropriate water supply in Manjimup. There are two dams - one at Philips Creek and one at Scabby Gully - so there is no reason Manjimup should be short of water at any time during the climatic cycle.