

OCEAN REEF MARINA

Statement by Minister for Lands

MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Lands) [9.11 am]: I rise to share a significant achievement in the development of Ocean Reef Marina with the recent completion of the outer breakwater walls. As we continue to deliver on our commitment to upgrade the marina, it promises to become one of the most sought-after destinations for water-based recreation. Beyond its recreational appeal, this development will create over 8 600 construction jobs and infuse \$3 billion into Western Australia's economy, making it one of the most crucial development projects in the state. Over the course of the redevelopment project, an impressive 1.25 million tonnes of rock were placed to construct the northern breakwater spanning 670 metres and the southern breakwater extending 1.2 kilometres. In some areas, these breakwaters reach a maximum height of eight metres above sea level. Upon the completion of the next stage of construction around mid-2025, the southern breakwater will be open to the public.

Ocean Reef Marina will also provide a diverse range of residential options, including single residential homes, apartments and mixed-use developments, totalling more than 1 000 dwellings. Alongside the array of shopping, dining and entertainment options, the marina will offer community spaces encompassing more than five hectares. The marina will set a precedent for clean, renewable energy solutions with an innovative microgrid, one of the first of its kind in Australia for a mixed-use marina precinct. The microgrid will harness the power of low-cost renewable energy, primarily generated from a ground-mounted solar array, with rooftop solar to be added as the development progresses. Battery technology will store and deliver this renewable energy within the precinct, while surplus requirements will be met by Western Power's network. The adoption of this renewable energy microgrid is not only an environmentally conscious decision, but also a bonus for customers within the coastal redevelopment as they are expected to save up to 30 per cent on their annual energy bills.

Our commitment to renewable energy aligns with the government's vision to achieve net zero emissions by 2050, and Ocean Reef Marina stands as a great example of innovative development and planning for our state that is delivered by only a Labor state government. I am excited about Ocean Reef Marina and what the future holds for our northern suburbs.