

**MADIGAN AT BAYNTON WEST RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

*Statement by Minister for Lands*

**MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Lands)** [9.17 am]: I rise to inform the house of our government's latest land release in regional Western Australia. As a government, we have focused on releasing both industrial and residential land across regional Western Australia to allow for the growth of our regional centres' population and economies. To do this, we have invested in our \$166 million Regional Land Booster program, which has already seen over 500 residential and commercial lots across the regions.

I know the member for Pilbara was very pleased with this announcement, which includes the release of 29 single residential lots and one group housing site totalling 2 876 square metres. These 29 single lots and the group housing site lot are being released at Madigan Estate at Baynton West across multiple stages. It will also include a new 1.38-hectare landscaped public open space for community recreation. This site is Karratha's newest affordable residential estate, located in a thriving community, close to the local primary school, and is only minutes from Karratha's city centre. These lots will provide a diverse range of housing options, with lots ranging in size from 342 square metres to 861 square metres and priced from just \$97 000. Twenty-one of these lots are titled and ready to go, including the 2 876 square metre group housing sites, while a further 10 lots are under construction, with titles anticipated later this year.

I want to acknowledge the work of the City of Karratha in bringing to the state government detailed proposals for land release and other projects for the benefit of its town. Karratha is a great example of positive local governments that can work proactively for the benefit of their communities. This announcement, of course, follows a previous announcement by our government of the delivery of six Government Regional Officers' Housing homes in the Madigan estate that will be used to attract and retain government workers in Karratha. This is on top of our government's \$200 million investment in Government Regional Officers' Housing and \$2.4 billion investment in social housing and homelessness services across the state over four years.