

WACA GROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Statement by Minister for Planning

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan — Minister for Planning) [9.22 am]: I rise to update the house on the WACA ground improvement project and the community aquatic facility. The project will redefine this iconic venue and also deliver some incredible new amenities and facilities for our growing inner-city community. It will see the construction of a high-performance cricket centre, a public aquatic health and fitness facility, an all-abilities playground and contemporary event and function spaces.

To ensure that this project can be delivered, the McGowan government is providing funding in today's state budget. Up to \$32 million in additional funding will be made available for the WACA ground improvement project and \$22 million will be committed to the aquatic facility. This investment will mean that the WACA can become the heart of the new East Perth precinct, and with the potential for a new primary school to be built across the road, the future for this area is very bright. Our government is proud to be stepping up to make sure that these local residents have access to the types of services available in most other parts of the state.