

HYDROGEN HUB — OAKAJEE

147. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Given what the Premier has said, when can we expect to see a single hydrogen project begin construction at the Oakajee industrial estate?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I just explained to the member that there is one underway in the Pilbara as we speak.

Dr D.J. Honey interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: I will give the member another because he does not know. We are working on one with Woodside in Kwinana. We are working on one with BP in Kwinana. That is all underway, but Oakajee actually does not have a port currently. I do not know whether the member has ever been there; he probably has not. It does not actually have a port, but we are working with proponents, in particular Japanese and Korean investors on these projects because there is a lot of interest in those countries in relation to it, so we will continue to work on it.

I am aware of another project that is happening. This afternoon I am going to participate in the opening of the One Subiaco project; the one that the member opposed. The member opposed that project that is creating life and vitality and places for people to live, because he opposes everything. We are doing that. We are opening a new project in Subiaco to provide opportunities for housing for hundreds of local people, and the member opposed it. No doubt, as Oakajee comes to fruition, the member will oppose that as well, because that is his nature. The Liberal Party just goes out and opposes everything. It just opposes everything. The Minister for Planning is out getting things done and getting projects underway.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr M. McGOWAN: With every sod turning, every project announcement and every press release, the member is out as Dr No—no, no, no! He is like that bloke playing whack-a-mole. Every one that comes up, he hits and says, “No, we don’t want you!” That is the nature of the Liberal Party these days; its members do not want anything to happen. It is the party of the nimbys. It is a party of nimbys; no wonder everyone is fleeing. No wonder its state director is fleeing. He is not a nimby; he has taken off to Victoria. He knows things happen over there. He does not want to be part of you!

We will continue to work through the opportunities of renewable hydrogen. It is very exciting and the ministers and I are very committed to it. We have over \$170 million allocated and we have projects that are literally underway now.