

PLANNING — COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

**245. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Why does the Premier continue to ignore genuine community concerns about inappropriate planning decisions in favour of profits for a handful of property developers?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please!

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

I am not aware of what the member is referring to. Which one is the member referring to? Is he referring to ONE Subiaco or to The Grove?

**Dr D.J. Honey:** No, I am referring to all the apartment developments in Hollywood and the development on the rose garden in Nedlands—an appalling development; go and have a look at it!

**The SPEAKER:** I think we are clear on that now.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** What happens is that some people move from left to right over the course of their lives; people become more conservative ordinarily. The member for Cottesloe is becoming a Green as he ages! It is interesting to see this phenomenon of a former Leader of the Liberal Party and a former president of the Liberal Party moving towards the Greens and embracing green philosophy.

We think that people have the right to a diversity of housing choice. That means that some people might want to live in a house, other people might want to live in a townhouse, other people might want to live in an apartment, and some people might want to live in high-rise housing. That is the reality. We want to provide people with that diversity of choice because as they age—this is something that might be relevant to the member for Cottesloe—they may want to move out of a house into an apartment because it does not have all the work that goes with owning a house. That is the reality, and that is why those apartments that are being built in Subiaco and Peppermint Grove are being snapped up. People living in the area want to have that opportunity to move out of a home into a different style of living. That is what we are trying to create. What is wrong with that? What is wrong with giving people diversity, and what is wrong with cutting through red tape? The interesting choice will be, considering the question, when these laws come in, how the member will vote.