

RENTAL ACCOMMODATION — AFFORDABILITY

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

I have a supplementary question.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, including the Minister for Community Services, I would like to hear the supplementary in silence.

**Dr D.J. HONEY:** Why does the Premier's government not do more work with the Western Australian Planning Commission to ensure more affordable housing, as opposed to apartments for millionaires in my community?

**Mr R.H. COOK replied:**

That is precisely what we are doing. We work closely with all planning stakeholders to ensure the appropriate design of communities right across the metropolitan area. Our infrastructure fund is about providing support to developers to ensure that headworks are not prohibitively expensive so that we can develop these interesting, sustainable communities. Once again, I can point to an area such as Cannington, which has a great diversity of medium and high-density housing around retail and transport nodes, making sustainable, vibrant communities. That is what we are trying to do. I am very familiar with the parts of the Cottesloe electorate that the member spoke about because my parents live there. It is a great community with a diversity of low, medium and high-density housing, and that is the way it should be.

**The SPEAKER:** That concludes question time.