

COASTWA — COASTAL ADAPTION AND PROTECTION GRANTS PROGRAM

Statement by Minister for Planning

MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Planning) [12.24 pm]: I rise today to announce a significant allocation of funds through CoastWA, the state government's strategic response to coastal hazards. The Cook government is investing \$3.6 million in major coastal planning and protection projects across WA. This is part of our broader \$33 million strategic response to the increasing impacts of coastal hazards and ensuring sustainable land use. This funding will support 37 coastal projects throughout the region to ensure the long-term sustainable management of our precious coastline. In the coming year, we will be focusing on high-priority erosion hotspots. Notable projects include the relocation and infrastructure replacement at Ocean Beach in Denmark, construction of geotextile groynes and sand replenishment at Sunset Beach in Geraldton, the development of a coastal protection strategy for Marybrook Siesta Park in Busselton—sounds very nice—and improving our understanding of coastal hazards at Mandurah's southern beaches. This vital work is a joint effort. We acknowledge and appreciate the support and contributions of local coastal managers and community groups that are contributing approximately \$4.36 million in funding and in-kind donations. These partnerships are key to achieving sustainable coastal management.

The Cook government's commitment to the coastal adaption and protection grants program demonstrates our dedication to effective coastal planning. This funding will empower coastal land managers and community groups to implement essential strategies and on-ground activities identified in coastal management plans. As Minister for Planning, I commend the hard work and dedication of all involved in these coastal projects. Our pristine coastline is a treasure that deserves protection, and that is why we are investing in essential initiatives to address the growing impacts of coastal hazards. Together, we will work to foster partnerships and work towards securing the long-term sustainable land use and development of WA's coastline.