

PUBLIC SPACES — NOISE

**51. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

I have a supplementary question. Noting that they are draft guidelines —  
Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** Noting that they are draft guidelines, will the minister confirm that he will direct the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to stand down and take a much more reasonable approach to noise minimisation?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:**

As the member knows very well, these spaces and places are the jurisdiction of local government and I absolutely believe that local governments understand the importance of making decisions that focus on providing facilities for children and young people. Local government is the jurisdiction that, ultimately, makes these decisions and I believe that local governments understand the importance of making sure that parks, spaces and places are made available so that kids can do positive stuff. That includes having three-on-one basketball courts, those cages that they put various sports in—I do not know what they are called; there is a name for them—and access to fields and spaces where they can practice hockey, throw frisbees and walk their dogs. That is what local communities are for. I applaud the Mayor of Stirling, who has come out and said that he will ignore this sort of stuff. Of course, the sensible commonsense thing is that kids need these spaces and places more than ever. As a government, we will keep on looking at projects, including lighting projects for a number of these places, so that we can extend the amount of time available for kids to be out on these important public open spaces.

*Visitors — Mother Teresa Catholic College*

**The SPEAKER:** Just before I give the member for Victoria Park the call, I make an acknowledgement on behalf of the member for Baldivis and welcome to Parliament students and staff from Mother Teresa Catholic College. Welcome to Parliament today.