

PLANNING AMENDMENTS

Statement by Minister for Planning

MR KIERATH (Riverton - Minister for Planning) [2.03 pm]: I intend to address three amendments. The first concerns the redevelopment of the former Sunset Hospital site. The amendment, as advertised, proposed to transfer the site from the public purposes - hospital and parks and recreation reservations - to the urban zone and the parks and recreation reservation. The advertising period of three months from May to August this year attracted 69 submissions. In addition, 20 formal hearings were held. Of the submissions, 51 objected to the amendment. In response to the concerns of the community, the amendment subsequently has been modified and now retains the public purposes and the parks and recreation reservations for the site rather than the proposed urban zoning. The change is consistent with preserving the historical, recreational, landscape and conservation significance of the site and reflects the local community's desires for the area.

The second amendment concerns 25 proposals comprising 18 minor and seven significant additions and rationalisations of zones and reserves. The amendment was advertised for public submissions from July 1999 to October 1999. Seventy-three submissions were received and four late submissions. Of these, 63 objected to some part of the amendment. The proposal that generated the most public submissions was the rezoning of the Scarborough Senior High School site to the urban zone, attracting 41 objections, ranging from alternative use for the facilities to the amount of open space. In response, the Minister for Education has advised that a grant of \$2.2m will be made to build new community facilities while a minimum 30 per cent public open space is suggested for the site.

The third amendment covers 23 component proposals to facilitate four projects. These are the proposed development of the marine industry technology park; consolidation of regional open space at Thomsons Lake regional centre; the development of a service commercial precinct and a waste water treatment plant at East Rockingham industrial park; and the realignment of the proposed Peel Highway to provide more direct access to the Kwinana industrial strip from the east. The amendment was advertised for three months from December 1998 to March 1999. Twenty-four submissions were received of which nine detailed objection in at least some part. Two of the objections related to environmental issues in regard to potential impacts on Lake Coogee. However, the environmental review requires the preparation of an environmental management plan to address such issues. The results of the plan will be reflected in the structure plan and the local town planning scheme. The proposed Peel Highway realignment attracted three submissions in objection concerned with the impact on Bushplan site 360. However, the environmental review for the proposal has determined there will be no impact on areas of significant vegetation. I table the relevant papers and commend the amendments to the House.

[See papers Nos 310A to 312D.]