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382. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Planning:

I have a supplementary question. Would a delay to the start date of the regulations assist with the timely delivery of projects done through DevelopmentWA?

Mr J.N. CAREY replied:

Again, this is built on a scare campaign. It is very clear that your scare campaign—it is being driven by you, by the Liberal and National Parties; that is very evident—is putting out false information.

Mr P.J. Rundle: I was there with 600 people in Esperance the other day. They are worried.

Mr J.N. CAREY: I understand that. This is like planning reform or local government reform. Whenever there is change, the community can feel uneasy. That is a normal and natural response. What does not assist that is when the member's side puts out false information.

Mr P.J. Rundle: Well —

Mr J.N. CAREY: No. thank you, member. This idea that residential homes will be affected and people will not be able to build a swimming pool on their property is extraordinary. This is directly correlated to the same debates we saw about native title under Richard Court. That is the history of opposition members, and they are reverting to history. Misinformation is being peddled by the member and his colleagues, and that is causing this confusion.

Mr R.S. Love: That is not true. That is not the case.

Mr J.N. CAREY: That is the case.

Mr P.J. Rundle: The information changes from one day to the next.

Mr J.N. CAREY: Has not one member of the opposition claimed that this is affecting individual residential homes? Is that the case?

Ms R. Saffioti: They're quiet now.

Mr J.N. CAREY: I think that is interesting. There is silence from this opposition. There is a clear difference between our sides. We try to take people on a journey. We do significant and ongoing consultation —

Mr P.J. Rundle: There were 82 clauses left and you guillotined the debate.

The SPEAKER: Order, member!

Mr J.N. CAREY: Member, one day you will go very far, and I hope you stay there.

Mr P.J. Rundle: There he goes.

Mr J.N. CAREY: The member is very happy to send the interjections to me.

One side of politics provides positive leadership, engages with the community and deals with difficult issues, while the other side peddles fear and scaremongering, and it does it so well.