

WESFARMERS PREMIER COAL, AWARDS

Statement by Member for Collie-Wellington

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie-Wellington) [12.56 pm]: I bring to the attention of members the success of Wesfarmers Premier Coal at an environment awards ceremony that was conducted recently. The oft-maligned coal industry was a worthy winner. Against stiff competition, Premier Coal has won three environmental awards in the past year. At the state level, Premier Coal won an award from the Department of Environment WA for being a corporate business that leads by example. More notably, at a national level Premier Coal successfully won the Banksia Award for sustainable development leadership in the mineral industry. The award was presented by the Banksia Environmental Foundation. Most recently, Premier Coal won the Golden Gecko Award, which was presented by the Department of Industry and Resources. That is a truly remarkable effort. This is in addition to the Collie town committee's 2004 national award for environmental innovation. I believe that these awards point towards an industry in a town that is firmly committed to proving that it takes environmental issues seriously and is committed to the development of a sustainable industry.