

WINDY HARBOUR POWER SUPPLY

Statement by Member for Warren-Blackwood

MR P.D. OMODEI (Warren-Blackwood) [12.55 pm]: I want to draw the attention of the Parliament to an issue in my electorate that has been ongoing for quite some time; that is, the supply of power to Windy Harbour. As many members would recognise, Windy Harbour is a safe anchorage between Augusta and Albany. It is probably one of the few places on the south coast with an emergency services group whose members work very well together to provide a rescue service.

I want to note particularly one of my constituents, Lurlyne Bennett, who has been a passionate advocate of power at Windy Harbour for many decades. The Government has costed the power supply. It is intended that a section of the community would contribute to the power supply. Windy Harbour is a retirement area for a number of people from the lower south west. They are not high-income earners and can ill-afford large sums for a power supply. I believe that it is incumbent upon the Government of the day to ensure that a proper power supply is made available for Windy Harbour residents. Currently, a dedicated group is working very hard to bring the matter to the attention of the Government. Mrs Bennett has written to the Premier and has received a response from the member for Rockingham that really does not give a lot of hope. I implore the Government to consider the plight of people in the south west and to supply power to Windy Harbour.