

YANCHEP RAIL EXTENSION

298. Mr M.J. FOLKARD to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's record investment in job-creating and congestion-busting transport infrastructure.

- (1) Can the minister update the house on the progress of the Metronet Yanchep rail extension, including the recent works at Yanchep station?
- (2) Can the minister advise the house whether she is aware of anyone who opposes the construction of this project or Metronet broadly?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) Today we were up in the northern suburbs with the Premier and the Attorney General, whom we seem to have lost on the way back, but luckily we are building a new train line and it will be much easier! We were out there showing the public the three kilometres of rail line that has already been laid for the Yanchep extension. There are 14 kilometres of new rail track to be laid and three kilometres have already been laid. The progress on those stations is happening at a very, very fast rate. The escalators are being delivered to Alkimos station. Eglinton and Yanchep are now well underway. Of course, we know this project will allow not only efficient movement into the city—a 49-minute journey from Yanchep—but also a very affordable trip into the city, with our two-zone price cap.

That is again another demonstration of the infrastructure that is rolling out across the state. Wherever we go, the feedback is that no-one has ever seen anything like it. With Metronet comes new connections, new stations and new places for people to live. It is an overall package to deliver for generations to come. Now, we know that the “MetroNats” have a mixed view on whether they support Metronet. Sometimes, they love it, and they say, “Why aren't you building it faster? Why aren't you doing more?” On other days, not so much. Then they say, “Don't spend that amount of money on Metronet! Don't do that!” We know that the member for Moore has been a recent convert to —

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Stand up and ask the question! You know what, member for Moore? I like you. As a result, we had some new bumper stickers made for the member for Moore. The “MetroNats”, everybody! That is a great new bumper sticker for members opposite. It reflects who they are and what they do. As the seats change in the upcoming redistribution, I know that they will be sticking those “MetroNats” stickers on all their cars. They will be scratching off the old ones.

Mr R.S. Love: I always supported the Yanchep line!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please, members!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: That is funny—he supports the extension of the rail line to Yanchep. That is amazing, because the opposition spokesperson for Metronet—or against Metronet—in the other place says we should not be doing so much. We are doing too much infrastructure—that is what the member's colleague in the alliance, or whatever we call it, is saying about Metronet. I am glad we now have a supporter of the Yanchep extension. Like I said, these new stickers are going to be readily available. I was going to charge, but I will give them to members for free, because you know what? I cannot wait to see those four-wheel drives go into Bayswater and Maylands with their new “MetroNats” stickers on their bumpers.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!