

NAMBEELUP KAADADJAN — PEEL BUSINESS PARK

Statement by Minister for Lands

MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Lands) [12.21 pm]: I rise to inform the house about the renaming of the Peel Business Park, which will adopt a dual name from the Noongar language. This park is a key component of the Peel Development Commission's \$49.4 million Transform Peel project. We have seen the park continue to grow, creating significant economic and employment opportunities. The 1 000-hectare business park is a strategically located industrial estate that will support a range of sectors in the region, including manufacturing, transport, warehousing and agri-innovation, and I am very proud to see it embrace a dual name. The new dual name will be Nambeelup Kaadadjan, which acknowledges both the location, which is Nambeelup, and the knowledge-sharing focus of the precinct, which means kaadadjan. This name not only recognises the rich Aboriginal heritage of the area, but also is apt for this precinct as it recognises the role of innovation and learning at the site. The dual-naming project was led by the Peel Development Commission and DevelopmentWA and worked closely with local Bindjareb Noongar elder Mr George Walley to engage with other elders across the Shire of Murray and the City of Mandurah to capture their life experiences and memories through storytelling. I would particularly like to acknowledge Mr Walley for his contribution to this renaming. The philosophy behind the naming also mirrors the Bindjareb Noongar people's beliefs and values of sharing knowledge and information. I note that there are already two other key sites within the park that have been given Noongar names. This of course builds on our government's strong record in acknowledging Aboriginal heritage through dual naming. I am very proud that we can continue this record at this site.