

HEPBURN AVENUE, BALLAJURA — SAND BUND

Statement by Member for West Swan

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan) [12.54 pm]: Today I want to raise the issue of the sand bund in Ballajura. The sand bund was constructed alongside the new Hepburn Avenue extension. At the time the sand bund was about to be erected, local residents complained about it and requested an alternative noise barrier. The City of Swan did not listen, and the sand bund was erected. At the time it was erected, the City of Swan promised that the sand bund would be properly vegetated. It also promised that it would prevent people from climbing the sand bund and causing community safety issues. The sand bund is a complete eyesore. It has not been properly vegetated and it is very ugly. Residents have complained to me about how ugly it is, but more seriously about the significant community safety and law and order issues the sand bund has created. People can climb onto the sand bund and look into people's backyards and access their premises. It also allows people to escape into backyards along a particularly narrow pathway, which is also hidden from Hepburn Avenue. I have lobbied the City of Swan to remove the sand bund and to replace it with either proper vegetation or a proper wall. It is simply not good enough for the residents to have such an ugly eyesore that creates community safety issues for the people living alongside it. I will continue to lobby the City of Swan to remove the sand bund and to erect a new noise barrier.