

**EAST PERTH POWER STATION**

*Statement by Minister for Lands*

**MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Lands)** [1.09 pm]: I rise to inform the house of the progress on the East Perth power station redevelopment. The East Perth power station been a derelict site for over 40 years and under-utilised for far too long. It is at the eastern gateway of our city and it should be revitalised into a world-class iconic precinct that all Western Australians can enjoy. The site is well located near the CBD, the Optus Stadium and Crown Burswood precincts and Claisebrook Cove. The opportunity for local residents, businesses and visiting tourists to enjoy the area should be taken up and our government remains fully committed to the site's redevelopment. The McGowan government has allocated \$121 million as part of de-constraining works to prepare this site for redevelopment. These works include the removal of gas infrastructure, contaminated subterranean coal handling structures and asbestos from the power station itself.

As advised last week, the DevelopmentWA board has made the decision not to proceed with the remaining proponent of the Koomba Kalark joint venture. As a result of this decision, DevelopmentWA will now investigate a range of options to progress the revitalisation of the precinct and deliver the cultural and social benefits Western Australians deserve from this site.

As a result of our investment in the de-constraining works, we are now presented with an exciting opportunity to reconsider with the market how we can best redevelop East Perth power station to deliver these benefits. I am looking forward to the future of this site and to seeing it transform into one of the many emerging lively cultural hubs across Perth.