

SWAN VALLEY REVIEW

Statement by Member for West Swan

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan) [12.55 pm]: I want to put on the record how disappointed I am in the delays in releasing the Swan Valley review. About three months ago I was told in this place that the Swan Valley review would be released in a few weeks, but that has not happened. In an article written about a month ago it was stated that the Minister for Planning would release the Swan Valley review in a couple of weeks. Again, that has not happened. In the Swan Valley there is great concern and confusion about what will be contained in the review and what impact it will have on not only the residents of the valley, but also the broader community. I urge the government to take this issue seriously and do what it can to preserve and enhance the Swan Valley in the future. We have not seen the government take the Swan Valley seriously and this review has been used as a political football over the past two years. There has not been wide community consultation and a lot of stakeholders have not been involved in the review process. I urge the minister to release the review as soon as possible and make sure that the information is given to all members of the Swan Valley community.