

PETER SUTTON — AUSTRALIAN FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

Statement by Member for Darling Range

MRS A.K. HAYDEN (Darling Range) [12.52 pm]: I am pleased to stand here today because I want to take this time to congratulate a local hero in my community, Peter Sutton. Peter was awarded the Australian Fire Service Medal as part of the Queen's Birthday Honours on 8 June 2020. He earned the award for his role in the development of firefighter advancement programs, the adoption of new features in firefighting appliances, and the strengthening of community emergency information. Since joining the Department of Fire and Emergency Services in 1995, Peter has been a champion for positive change and development, focusing on enhancing services to the community. Peter has led advancement within the Department of Fire and Emergency Services through developing and facilitating several programs, including the core skills program, station officer professional development, and district officer development. He has also worked extensively with ABC emergency broadcasting to explain bushfire behaviour, which has assisted greatly in producing clear and relevant information to the Western Australian community. Most of Darling Range is in a high fire-prone area, and as a community we know all too well the risks fires pose to our lives, homes and animals. It is so important that we have people like Peter Sutton working for our community. Today it is my honour to thank him personally and on behalf of the community of Darling Range. Thank you, Peter, for all your service in DFES and to our community, and for helping to keep us safe.