

PLANNING — ST QUENTIN AVENUE — CLAREMONT

**392. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Planning:**

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister explain the point of local councils working with the Western Australian Planning Commission and the government when subsequent planning decisions ignore these discussions?

**Mr J.N. CAREY replied:**

As I have said on the public record, decision-makers have discretion. The WA Planning Commission has discretion. Discretion is always in planning schemes. It is discretion used from a double-storey house to a carport and its location. We see in the planning scheme discretion along all tiers of planning, from the very small to the very large. But again, I come back to this key point: the opposition opposes planning reform. The opposition is effectively saying that it opposes additional housing supply. That is the absolute truth. Housing is a continuum. We need all aspects of housing. We are doing record investment in social housing, at \$2.6 billion; we are doing the infrastructure fund to get a range of infill and density; and we are streamlining the planning system so we get additional housing supply across all of Perth.