

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM EM 157

### BOTANIC GARDENS AND PARKS AMENDMENT BILL 2006

*(Introduced by Ms Walker, MLA)*

In 1899 the then Premier, the Right Hon Sir John Forrest, said when introducing the Permanent Reserves Bill—

“Squares and open spaces will be much required in the future, and it is felt that no department should be entrusted with the disposal of public reserves. As the law stands, there is nothing to prevent the Government selling Perth Park (King’s Park) or any other piece of land which may have been set apart for public purposes.” .

Sunset site is a Heritage listed A Class Reserve on the Swan River in Dalkeith and has remained in moth balls since the closure of the Sunset Hospital in 1995. Resolution of the site has centred around selling off, developing on long term leases or giving it away and the original planned use and vision for the site has been distorted or lost.

For the first time since 1995 this Bill provides a permanent solution for the site which is in keeping with the community’s wishes and of the desire of Sir John Forrest to ensure such reserves and parks are protected.

**Clause 1** Relates to the Short Title.

**Clause 2** Provides for the Act to commence on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent.

**Clause 3** Identifies the *Botanic Gardens and Parks Act 1998* as the principal Act to be amended.

**Clause 4** amends Schedule 3 of the *Botanic Gardens and Parks Act 1998* by inserting “Sunset Park” under designated land and providing a description of the land to be known as “Sunset Park”.

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