

MARMION AVENUE–FORREST ROAD, PADBURY

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MR P.A. KATSAMBANIS (Hillarys) [12.50 pm]: I rise to highlight the important need in my community for the upgrade of a dangerous intersection. The intersection of Marmion Avenue and Forrest Road is one of the principal roads used to enter the suburb of Padbury from the western side of the suburb. Aside from local traffic, it is also used to access the popular and very busy MacDonal Park and Forrest Park, which are well used by sporting and community groups throughout the week and on weekends. Of particular concern is the left-hand turn from Marmion Avenue onto Forrest Road. When approaching this intersection from a northerly direction, there is no left-hand slip lane, unlike the entry points to Giles Avenue and Warburton Avenue further down Marmion Avenue. It therefore makes it hazardous for left-hand traffic turning into Forrest Road, as they must slow down on approach while risking being rear-ended by traffic travelling at 80 kilometres an hour behind them on Marmion Avenue.

Another significant problem is the right-hand turn from Forrest Road into Marmion Avenue, again heading north along Marmion Avenue. Road safety would be significantly enhanced if a seagull island or similar safety feature was built to minimise the existing risk. Upgrading this intersection will improve road safety in my community, especially for the residents of Padbury. I strongly support the application made by the City of Joondalup application for black spot funding to fix this dangerous intersection and I urge the Minister for Transport and Main Roads Western Australia to prioritise funding for this critical road safety initiative.