

OSMINGTON TRAGEDY

Statement

HON COLIN TINCKNELL (South West) [9.54 pm]: I would like to make a quick statement about the tragedy that took place in Margaret River last week. It gives me no joy at all to make this statement. I do not think anyone in this house could ever imagine the pain and the anguish that is being felt by the families of these innocent victims. My heartfelt condolences go out to the father of those four children. No parent wants to outlive their child, and for that to happen to that gentleman who has now outlived four of his children is not a natural order of things. As a resident of the south west, this had an impact on me. It certainly struck me when I heard about the incident and I was taken aback. Where it occurred, in Osmington, is only 50 kilometres from where I live in Busselton. It makes me wonder what the south west will feel like in the months ahead. This is the largest mass shooting since Port Arthur 21 years ago. That event changed the nation forever, and I can imagine the significant impact that this will have on Margaret River for a long time.

I have to mention the police officers, who were the first on the scene. It must be incredibly hard for them to deal with the deaths of children and that sort of tragedy that took place on that day. On behalf of the south west, I would like to thank those officers for their service and I hope that after witnessing the scene that they did, their minds and hearts are not forever impacted.