

**HEPBURN AVENUE–WALTER PADBURY BOULEVARD, PADBURY**

*Statement by Member for Hillarys*

**MR P.A. KATSAMBANIS (Hillarys)** [12.50 pm]: Traffic congestion and dangerous intersections remain big issues in my electorate of Hillarys. The intersection of Hepburn Avenue and Walter Padbury Boulevard is the main access road to the Hepburn Heights residential estate in Padbury. This intersection is hazardous and sometimes outright dangerous, particularly during peak traffic periods. Traffic turning right onto Hepburn Avenue competes with four lanes of traffic and the narrow median strip in the middle of the road offers minimal protection. Similarly, traffic turning left onto Hepburn Avenue must wait for a break in the oncoming traffic and sightlines are often blocked by large cars and trucks that are trying to turn right. This causes long delays during peak periods and results in traffic banking up on Walter Padbury Boulevard. Safety issues are compounded midweek by the low-cost fuel offered by the popular independent petrol station that is located on the corner of this busy intersection.

I strongly support fixing this dangerous intersection. The City of Joondalup has been working with Main Roads WA to identify a workable solution. A proposal to install traffic lights at this intersection has not been supported and does not appear to be the best option for this site. However, maintaining the status quo is also not an option because it would lead to more collisions and the threat of serious injury, or even death, at this very dangerous intersection. Other solutions, including the consideration of a roundabout or modifying the intersection, need to be urgently considered to achieve a sensible and safe outcome. The safety of local residents in Hepburn Heights and Padbury should not be forgotten. I and local residents will continue to fight to fix this dangerous intersection.