

DARLING RANGE BY-ELECTION

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [12.54 pm]: This Saturday the electors of Darling Range will have an important choice to make. They have been forced back to another election because the Labor Party failed them with its first choice—the disgraced former member for Darling Range, Barry Urban. Barry Urban, like the party he stood for, cannot be trusted. The Labor Party do not deserve the vote of the people of Darling Range this Saturday. I would encourage the people of Darling Range to send a strong message to the Labor Party for other reasons. Let me remind the people of Darling Range that the McGowan Labor government has increased their bills by \$700 in just 18 months and it will increase their household bills by another \$500 if it is not sent a strong message to stop making lives harder. The people of Darling Range can send a message to the McGowan government on behalf of Western Australians—that is, “Mr McGowan, you do not have a mandate to increase fees and charges by \$1 200!” But the McGowan government’s record gets worse! It refuses to fund the Byford rail extension and the Tonkin Highway extension. It refuses to fund them! The federal government has given the McGowan Labor government half the funding, so the federal money is there, but the Premier refuses to stump up the state’s share so that the projects can get started. That is why the people of Darling Range should send a message to Labor this Saturday. I urge the voters in Darling Range to put Labor last this Saturday.