

FUTURE PERTH

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough) [12.51 pm]: I recently had the pleasure of attending the annual general meeting of Future Perth Inc, a group of progressive professionals who are committed to advancing high-amenity building projects in the Perth metropolitan area. The group proclaims itself as an antidote to the not-in-my-backyard—nimby—crowd, and is the refreshing voice of the silent majority who want to see liveable, integrated, modern and vibrant activity centres. I would like to congratulate the incoming and continuing executive, headed by chairman Sean Morrison, vice-chair Michael Di Lazzaro, secretary Liam Gobbert, treasurer David Lane and committee members John van Bockxmeer, Brian Harris and Alexander Butterworth. I look forward to listening to and working with members of Future Perth on plans for the redevelopment of the Scarborough Beach foreshore. Scarborough needs to become a vibrant activity node by providing a range of restaurants and entertainment and dragging the tired old pre-1980s infrastructure into the twenty-first century with some sort of finesse. This will make Scarborough, by virtue of its outstanding built form and amenity, a place of international importance for architectural and planning students of tomorrow. Scarborough requires new ideas, and I am confident that the progressive vision of Future Perth will provide a valuable contribution to the plans for areas urgently requiring redevelopment. It is an interesting time for planners in Western Australia because of the Northbridge Link and Perth foreshore development, and, more locally, the Stirling city centre and Scarborough Beach redevelopment. It gives me sound reassurance that a group such as Future Perth is around to provide progressive input into these exciting developments.