

ALBANY ELECTORATE — PRE-ELECTION PLAN

923. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Premier:

I ask this question on behalf of the Leader of the Opposition. I refer to the Premier's pre-election plan for Albany, and I quote —

It's a plan that focuses on the things that really matter to WA families—jobs, safer country roads, health and education.

Will the Premier explain why his actual plan for Albany includes privatising the Albany wind farm, thereby sidelining local Albany workers and businesses who were employed to maintain it?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I think there is a trap there. I think the Leader of the Opposition deliberately got himself thrown out and gave a false question to the member for Scarborough to make her look stupid!

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: It was a cunning plan on his behalf to set the member up in that way. I have no idea what the member is talking about —

Mrs L.M. Harvey: You demean the position of Premier with this nonsense!

Mr M. McGOWAN: Right. I have no idea what the member for Scarborough is referring to, but I will say this: Albany is one of my favourite towns. It is a marvellous place. It has been well represented now for the last 17 years by one of the finest members for Albany I have ever seen!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, I want to hear this!

Mr M. McGOWAN: We have a terrific member for Albany! He won the seat unexpectedly and has held it in every election since. He has done a great job representing the people of Albany, and Albany has benefited as a consequence. It is now a city that I think is one of the pre-eminent places in regional Australia for people to live, have a great lifestyle with great community facilities, and good employment prospects. I think a lot of that comes down to the hard work of the member for Albany.