

**SUPPLY BILL 2017**

*Second Reading*

Resumed from 13 June.

**MS J.M. FREEMAN (Mirrabooka)** [12.13 pm]: I stand to speak on the Supply Bill 2017. We should all remember where Mirrabooka is because that is where the Metro Area Express light rail was going to go. I stood in this Parliament before the 2013 election when the Liberal–National government announced MAX. It went into the 2013 election with big fanfare and the then Premier said that it was worth buying in the area because the government was going to deliver a great light rail. I have said that before. My colleagues here over the last few days have raised the issue of MAX and its impact. The member for Perth raised the impact of MAX on the North Perth community. I want to put on record for the good people of Mirrabooka that although they feel betrayed, they know that the new Labor government has a clear process and a commitment to public transport, and it will not neglect the remaining need for efficient public transport in the central northern corridor. That need remains and was part of the business plans. Directions 2031 and the transport plan that the former Minister for Transport heralded in this place show that there is still a strong need for efficient public transport in that northern corridor. The Minister for Transport under the Labor government will take those things into consideration.

The track record of the Labor government in its commitment to Metronet will ensure that the people of Mirrabooka will not have to suffer the indignation of a government saying that it will deliver something, then saying maybe it will delay it and then saying maybe it will keep doing it. I remember being in this place when the former Premier told me, “Watch this space, member for Mirrabooka—it’s going to happen”. But the government never delivered it. We cannot do that to a community. I know the commitment that the Labor government has to transport. Its staged, considered and well-developed planning will ensure that those people in the central northern corridor, including the people of the electorate of Mirrabooka, will not be overlooked, because those issues still remain in our community. We heard about it yesterday when people spoke about travel times. Indeed there is no stronger indication of the need for good, efficient public transport than long travel times. We need to ensure that people have alternatives to hopping in their cars and driving long hours to reach their place of employment.

We all know the Supply Bill is an important element in our parliamentary system. Every 11 November we all remember the Whitlam era and that the blocking of supply was the cause of the government’s dismissal. We all know very well the importance of ensuring that government continues. The financial capacity to continue the government’s day-to-day activities is extraordinarily important. It is no less important to many of the people in Mirrabooka, whom I represent. Many of those people fled countries to come to a place of safety and security and good government with a bureaucracy that delivers to the community and is not beset with corruption. It is a great honour to be part of a Labor government that has those principles deep in its heart and soul. Delivering secure and good government so that people can get on with their day-to-day lives is something that we hold very dear. It is quite an interesting conversation that I often have with my constituents. They will come into my electorate office and talk about issues in their homeland and say that they know that in Australia that is not how things would happen.

Recently I have been in discussions with the community about the upcoming Liberian elections. People want a stable government that delivers good schools, infrastructure, transport, roads and health services to the community. They are so honoured to access those facilities in our stable democracy and they want to see them delivered in Liberia. I often say to them that it is an interesting juxtaposition because those who have lived for a long time under Australian governments become almost dismissive, abusive and critical of our stable democratic government. They almost denigrate it, yet many of the people whom I work with know how fundamental it is to how people’s lives operate in everyday life. Stable democracy is fundamental to that way of life. It is good to be here debating the Supply Bill because we know that keeps the mechanisms of government going.

We saw terrible times in the United States when supply was stopped. We also saw how disruptive that was for people, who started questioning the system. Part of that is being able to respond, and this Labor government has responded to the needs of the community. In particular, for the people of Mirrabooka, we have responded by putting jobs at the centre and forefront of our government’s strategy. Job creation is such an important aspect for the people of Mirrabooka. I tell new members in this place that in the last four years, at every opportunity I had, I stood and asked, demanded, begged and pleaded with the previous government to take note of the large unemployment rate in Mirrabooka. It all fell on deaf ears. I have told this story maybe once before, but I remember standing and delivering a grievance to the Minister for Youth saying that youth unemployment is at a critical point in the Mirrabooka electorate. I asked the Minister for Youth what he was doing in government to respond to this. I told him not to come back and tell me about cadets, but to tell me about what he is doing to

address fundamental issues for people so that they can gain secure employment and prosper. He had seven minutes to respond to me. He took three minutes, and most of that time was spent speaking about delivering cadets programs into schools. That is a small illustration of how the previous Liberal government had no regard, no respect and no concern for the people who were doing it tough in our community and needed employment.

It is a great testament to the new Labor government that it has invested funds into the Newcomer Workforce Participation Project in the electorate of Mirrabooka. That will be running with the City of Stirling. It is based on a model from Toronto in Canada. As I have said, Balga–Mirrabooka has suffered from a really high unemployment rate of up to 21.5 per cent; one in five people were unemployed. That rate has dipped a bit but youth unemployment is still a serious concern. It has not dipped enough. I think it now sits at around 22 per cent. The Balga–Mirrabooka statistical area has a higher than average migrant population. In 2011, the census showed that 53.2 per cent of the total population was born overseas and 40.6 per cent of the population spoke a language other than English at home. The important investment of these funds in the Newcomer Workforce Participation Project will ensure the commencement of this innovative program.

It will establish an immigrant employment council, and it will then set about providing mentoring models, finding the capacity for people to get important skills, traineeships and work experience. The Toronto Region Immigrant Employment Council recently celebrated its tenth anniversary. It has matched 10 000 skilled immigrants with 6 500 volunteer mentors from a wide range of professions. It has been very successful. It is a credit to this Labor government that we have been able to deliver—to find something innovative, be local and deliver something on the ground. It shows that we are responding and understand the concerns of the community.

While I am talking about not responding to the community, I also want to raise the absolutely appalling situation of the Fair Trading Act 2010. The Fair Trading Act is now five amendments behind the rest of the country. To give a bit of background for members, the Western Australian Fair Trading Act provides the Western Australian consumer law, but in effect it is the Australian Consumer Law. Every time the Australian Consumer Law changes, we have to come in here and accept amendments. In every other state it is automatic. They have formed an agreement so that when one Parliament changes the Australian Consumer Law, it changes automatically in every other state. For some peculiar, odd, bureaucratic, red tape, inconsequential, frankly stupid reason, successive Western Australian governments have determined that we are going to lag and bring it in on each occasion, even though the consumer law has to be, given that we are one nation, the Australian Consumer Law.

In 2014, when we put the 2013 changes in place, I stated on record that I thought that red tape should no longer continue and that we had to come into the modern age and have the law adopted in the way that the rest of the country does. This lag is no benefit for consumers and small businesses in Western Australia. That is exactly what has occurred. I have spoken to the minister about this and said that that is how I think it should be. I have put that strongly to the minister.

**Mr P.A. Katsambanis:** What was his response?

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** He said that he will consider it. I hope he will consider it. I am now putting it on record again, member for Hillarys. I see no purpose in the federal Australian Consumer Law lagging in this way because of the inaction of the previous government's minister for consumer affairs. The member for Hillarys sat in the other house with the former minister, with his ineptitude and his incapacity to deliver anything to the people of Western Australia.

**Mr P.A. Katsambanis** interjected.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** Five, not just one, are out of date. We are five amendments behind. That is an appalling record of the previous government. If the Labor government does not make it automatic, we certainly will not let it go to five amendments that lag behind because the previous government's minister was completely inept, incapable, slow and pointless, member for Hillarys!

**Mr P.A. Katsambanis** interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Member for Hillarys!

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** Member for Hillarys, I am trying to point out the ineptitude, incapacity and complete uselessness of the previous minister, because we were five amendments behind. The member for Hillarys can stand up and berate me if our minister gets five behind, but that is just appalling.

**Mr P.A. Katsambanis:** It is five behind now.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** After what the previous government did.

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**Mr P.A. Katsambanis** interjected.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** You are pathetic! The consequence is that the ACL of WA is out of alignment with the Australian Consumer Law in other jurisdictions.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** Thank you, member for Bassendean. I am perfectly able to defend myself.

Several members interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** WA is out of alignment with the Australian Consumer Law in other jurisdictions as a result of the passage of five commonwealth amendment acts. Further proposals are before the commonwealth Parliament, so we could be six amendments behind. What sort of ineptitude is that for a government? What sort of incapacity to just do its day-to-day job is that for a government? No wonder Western Australians voted out the previous government. What is terrible about that is that it leaves open the exploitation of workers.

I want to talk to members about one of the worst exploitations that seems to be occurring in our community at the moment. Young workers who want to become gym attendants—providers of fitness training—are being forced into franchisee agreements to deliver their services. They are not contractors or casual workers and there are no independent contracts. They are being forced to enter into franchisee agreements. Let me call this gym in Floreat “Torn”. It is not called Torn.

**Ms A. Sanderson:** Good name!

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** The gym’s name is similar to Torn. If members think of Torn, they can think of something else that a person can do. Yes, members get why I have called it Torn. It gets young people in, beats them up and says, “Come on; you can be fitness trainers. We’re really keen on getting these people fit and healthy in our community. You’ve got this training now.” It signs them up with franchisee agreements. The franchisee agreements state that they can seek legal advice and should look at the code of practice. The agreements state that they could look at the disclosure document, the franchisee agreement and the Franchising Code of Conduct.

[Member’s time extended.]

**Ms J.M. FREEMAN:** It basically signs them off, and when these young people ask whether they need to get that legal advice, the company says, “Oh, no; that’s fine. Don’t worry about that.” This particular agreement—Torn is a “strength institute”—requires certain hours, certain training and wearing of the Torn uniform. It states that there is a payment for a franchisee fee, a training fee, a rental fee and a marketing fee. It does not cover workers’ compensation, public liability or insurance for plant and equipment, and when the worker soon discovers that it is not worth their time and they break the agreement, they have a penalty. They have to pay back their training fee, and it reduces by \$40 a week only when the worker delivers the fitness training to their clients.

The work of the franchisee is regulated by the national mandatory Franchising Code of Conduct and the code of conduct applies to the parties. This is a sham contract. But members should think about it. This is a young worker who is told that this is great and that they are going to become a part of this strength institute; it is going to be fantastic. They are all beefed up. They are there for three or four weeks and they are not making the money that they were advised they would. There seems to be more costs coming out than are coming in. The worker goes to the franchisor and says, “This is not working for me.” The franchisor says, “You can leave, but you have to pay out the penalty.” If the worker is lucky enough to come and talk to someone like me, I can say that it is a sham contract. That person was an employee and the franchisor was directing them in many ways. The worker needs to go to the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission and tell it that it is a sham contract. Frankly, the worker is a bit scared about all those sorts of things, so they just walk in to the strength institute and say, “I’ve been told that this is a sham contract.” The franchisor says, “That might be the case, but I’m going to take you to court anyway” or, “I’m going to report to the credit agencies that you have an outstanding debt.” They are stuck in a situation that is particularly difficult.

The use of these agreements, and the capacity for us to make sure that we have the most up-to-date Australian Consumer Law and that we are working with Western Australian and Australian authorities to ensure franchisee agreements are not used in this appalling manner, is very important. I am grateful that we now have a Labor government that cares about workers, cares about small business and cares about good governance in this area.

**MRS L.M. O’MALLEY (Bicton)** [12.30 pm]: I rise today to acknowledge some local champions in the electorate of Bicton. Before I do so, I want to pick up on some of the things that the member for Mirrabooka

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said. In another life, I was a fitness instructor. I started out in the industry when I was in my early to mid-20s, at a time when an employee in a fitness facility was an employee. Over the years that I worked in the industry—an industry about which I was very passionate as a personal trainer and a fitness instructor—I saw a lot of changes occur. Many of the changes came down to one thing: it was just another example of the casualisation of our workforce over many years. I took some time off to have a family, and when I went back into the industry I needed to do some requalification and additional training. In that absence—it was a gap of probably five or six years—the industry had changed a lot. Courses are still available through the technical and further education system and, thankfully, with the freezing of TAFE fees, that is still an option for young people leaving school. However, I noticed that the onus had certainly moved to the trainers themselves—to the fitness professionals.

As the member for Mirrabooka said, it became more apparent that it was up to the trainers to almost create their own business. For people entering the fitness industry in their late teens and early 20s, that is a massive challenge. I think it is an absolute disgrace that it has got to the point, as the member for Mirrabooka explained, of a franchise situation. I can only imagine the confusion that those young people are now experiencing going into that workplace when all they want to do is help people get fit. People who are drawn to the industry are drawn there because, firstly, they want some flexibility in their workplace—the fitness industry certainly provides a very dynamic workplace in that regard—but, secondly, they want to help people. They want to spend their time helping people to get fit and to make important health changes, which, if we really look at it, is an important aspect of our whole health system. It is a critical and primary area of prevention of health issues. I acknowledge and thank the member for Mirrabooka for stepping up for her constituents in this regard. I am incredibly grateful that we now have a government that will put all workers' rights front and centre.

Turning now to what I was going to speak about, I acknowledge some unsung heroes in my community in the electorate of Bicton, particularly their efforts to protect the green spaces, river and foreshore that we are so very blessed to have in that electorate. Two-thirds of the electorate is bordered by the Swan River, and the open green space that lies adjacent to it is incredibly important for our community. It is a space where people come together, exercise their dogs, meet up, enjoy passive recreation or simply find a little bit of silence and peace as an antidote to the noise and increasing busyness of our lives. I take this opportunity to pay tribute in particular to the local environmental groups that are such a strong feature of the electorate of Bicton. They are groups made up entirely of volunteers. They spend hours and hours, week in and week out, down at the foreshore weeding and ensuring that the foreshore is protected, not just for us now, but also for those generations to come. We have seen an awful lot of impact on the foreshore in the electorate of Bicton over the past few years. As a local government councillor, I was very aware of the issues around the Point Walter Reserve. Major revetment work was done by the local council over the last year or two to ensure that the impact of continual erosion would not undermine that precious foreshore area too greatly. It is an area that sees people from not just the electorate of Bicton; people from right across Perth come to enjoy those open spaces and passive areas.

One of the major threats that the electorate of Bicton faces along the foreshore is the increasing threat of encroaching foreshore development. I would like to acknowledge and thank in particular the members of the Alfred Cove Action Group, the City of Melville Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc, the Swan Estuary Reserves Action Group Inc, the Friends of East Fremantle Foreshore, the H4 zone action group and the many members of the electorate of Bicton who have all come together to voice their concerns to me, and also express their opposition to the development of a mechanically generated wave facility, which is deemed to be located at the Melville Bowling and Recreation Club site extending into a reasonable section of Tompkins Park. Regarding the environment and the potential impact in particular, a great number of concerns have been raised. The current location of the site has a minor low-impact development—the Melville bowling club, which is adjacent to Tompkins Park—and alongside the A-class reserve in Alfred Cove. The area is lined with mudflats and intertidal vegetation that provide shelter and rich foraging for many animals and birds. Of particular note are the migratory birds that travel from as far afield as Asia and Siberia. Approximately 33 of the species are protected under international agreements. It is not just the environmental aspects that the residents are concerned about. The location has Canning Highway running alongside it, which already suffers from quite a lot of congestion. The new development is deemed to be a large facility that, being a commercial enterprise, will need to attract a large number of patrons. There are a great many concerns around the capacity for the area to sustain that.

The groups have expressed their dismay at the threat that the changes could pose to the fragile ecosystem of the cove. The other concerns are around the loss of green space. They tell me that there has been what they believe to be a lack of a thorough investigation into alternative options for the site. For example, could the current facility, the Melville bowling club, which to all intents and purposes is a community hub, be expanded to incorporate some other activities that would be more in keeping with the community aspirations that were identified in the community strategic plan of the City of Melville? The number one aspiration for our community is having access to green open spaces.

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Yesterday I was joined by 40 members of local community groups and concerned individuals. I met them on the steps of Parliament House. They came to present their petition for tabling in the other place. Those wonderful people put aside a good deal of time to come up to Parliament and I thank them for doing so. Two petitions were tabled yesterday with a collective total of 6 266 signatures. I acknowledge the efforts of the members of my electorate who not only came along yesterday, but also have spent many, many hours over the past several months talking to other community members and expressing their concerns and finding out about the concerns of other members of the electorate on this issue.

I am incredibly honoured to be standing in this place, having been recently elected as the representative and voice of the people of my electorate of Bicton. I thank them for allowing me the opportunity to be here and to be the voice that raises their concerns, particularly at a time when this issue has just transitioned from a local to a state one. Having been a local government councillor, I have been part of that transition and part of the journey of those people in my representation of them at, now, two levels of government.

I would also very much like to acknowledge the important role in the community of the current tenants of the site—Melville Bowling Club. I would like to congratulate the bowling club on its integrated and inclusive community model that invites local sporting and community groups to share its buildings and surrounds. It provides a home for many groups that do not have their own facility. As I am sure many members who have been involved in local sporting groups et cetera are aware, there may be a venue to play at—for example, in my electorate netball is played at Frank Gibson Park, East Fremantle—but my daughter's netball team, Palmyra Rebels, for example, does not have its own facility or home. So her club, like many, many clubs in our community and right across this state, relies on a facility like Melville Bowling Club to host it for its functions et cetera. The generosity of Melville Bowling Club helps many other groups to thrive, and in some instances to simply survive as a club. Melville Bowling Club has been under enormous pressure over the past several months due to its impending relocation to a renovated Tompkins Park facility—a relocation based on a determination that the club is in decline. However, despite these challenges, the club continues to be an important community asset, and one that adds great value to the lives of its members and the wider community of Bicton. This value can be captured in a snapshot of a year's activity. The total number of bowls played over the past year is 19 538, there were 167 community functions—I think I attended at least six or seven—and 12 765 community members attended these functions. The total membership, which includes pennant and a hugely growing proportion of social members, is currently around 650. Some of the community functions held at Melville Bowling Club include wakes, fundraisers and junior sporting club end-of-season events. Without this venue, local clubs like the Melville Lakers Netball Club and Palmyra netball club would be greatly challenged to find an affordable location for their clubs. I take this opportunity to extend a thankyou to Melville Bowling Club on their behalf.

The club also faces the all-too-familiar challenges of crime, with recent break-ins at the club resulting in vandalism and theft. The club relies on mostly cash bar transactions, as many older clubs do, and I am incredibly pleased to have been able to provide funding within our local projects, local jobs funding initiative of \$25 000, which will help to modernise some of the club's cash handling activities so that it can start to work towards transitioning to a card-based system, thereby reducing its risk of becoming a target for that kind of theft.

At this point I would also like to acknowledge the Minister for Police for her work to reduce crime in our communities since taking on the role. I am confident that my community will be a safer place under this government.

The local projects, local jobs funding initiative is assisting at the grassroots level in Bicton. It is helping many local champions like our junior sporting clubs, including Attadale Junior Football Club, Attadale Netball Club, Bicton Junior Cricket Club, Bicton Netball Club, East Fremantle Junior Football Club, East Fremantle Tricolore Soccer Club, Melville Lakers Netball Club, Melville Mariners Tee-Ball Club, Palmyra–Bicton Little Athletics, Olympia Little Athletics Club, Palmyra Junior Football Club, and Palmyra Rebels Netball Club. I hope I have not forgotten any, because I am sure I will hear about it if I have.

To conclude, the local projects, local jobs funding in Bicton has made and is making an incredible difference from the grassroots level right up to some of the larger funding commitments. All those sporting clubs will receive \$6 000, which does not sound like a lot but it will mean they can buy new footies and netballs and maybe a couple of training goalposts for their netball or whatever. I am incredibly fortunate and thankful to have been able to assist in that regard. Our local champions can take many, many different forms and can include sporting committees, umpires, the presidents and vice-presidents of our junior sporting clubs. They do the most incredible work on a voluntary basis to keep their clubs going, and I am incredible honoured to have been given the opportunity to assist them in ensuring the sustainability of their clubs now and into the future.

**MR A. KRSTICEVIC (Carine)** [12.46 pm]: I just want to make a very short contribution to the second reading of the Supply Bill 2017. I did have a very quick chat about this with the Treasurer. I just wanted to ask him

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a question, because we are supporting this bill and will not go into consideration in detail. Maybe the Treasurer could clarify one point for me.

On clause 4 the explanatory memorandum reads —

This clause authorises the Treasurer to use the moneys granted under Clause 3 for the purposes of funding any services pending those services being voted by the Legislative Assembly during the 2017–18 financial year. By convention, and as recognised in the Second Reading speeches of previous Supply Bills, the services to be funded are the works, services and purposes approved either under the most recent Appropriation Acts, or one that is not provided for by an appropriation by an Appropriation Act for that year as approved under section 27(1) of the *Financial Management Act 2006*.

Can the Treasurer clarify for me, based on that explanation, whether once this bill goes through the Treasurer can spend or allocate the money to anything he likes, as long as it is contained in the budget appropriation in September 2017?

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** Yes, that is right. So this bill allows us to, but it is the budget that will appropriate the moneys.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** That is correct. So, for example —

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** As to the second part—you asked me a question and I just want to emphasise the point—the services to be funded are the works, services and purposes approved by the current year's budget or for what will be appropriated in the coming September. At the moment it is the core services under the current budget.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** Yes, but, for example, if the Treasurer decided to—I do not know—start delivering on some election promises after this bill goes through Parliament, nothing can stop the Treasurer spending that money on that purpose as long as it is contained in the budget in September when it is approved by Parliament.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** Or otherwise authorised by the Parliament.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I am not talking to the member for Cannington.

That is correct—or otherwise authorised by Parliament.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** Anything we appropriate has to be authorised by Parliament, and only then can moneys granted by way of supply be allocated.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** That is correct. So, from that point of view, effectively the Treasurer can spend the money on whatever he likes as long as it is authorised by Parliament in September.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** As long as Parliament authorises it.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** That is correct.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** That's the whole point!

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** That is the whole point. That brings me to the second point. The member for Cannington gave a long speech yesterday. I wrote down the words that the member for Cannington used a number of times here. He said that the Supply Bill allows the continued expenditure of the money of the state on items that have already been authorised by Parliament. If we are sitting here in August and the government decides to spend money on one of its election commitments that is not in last year's appropriation but is in the September budget, then it is authorised in Parliament in September. The explanatory memorandum says that anything in the 2017–18 financial year —

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I am not talking to the member for Cannington! I am talking to the Treasurer. I am talking to someone who is more intelligent.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** Yes, but you don't understand what you're talking about. This is how stupid you are.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Minister!

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** You are very ignorant. I am asking the Treasurer for his opinion.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** I cannot give you an opinion, of course, but I can try to answer your question.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I am saying that if the government decides that today it wants to implement any one of these elections promises that is not authorised in any budget, it can say that once the Supply Bill goes through it is going to spend \$1 billion on Metronet, and it can start digging or do whatever it wants to do. It has not been approved by Parliament, but it will be approved when the budget goes through in September.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** Only if it's in the budget!

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**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** The member for Cannington is agreeing with me! He is saying that is okay as long as it is approved in September. He made a big point about the fact that the opposition was talking about Labor's election promises and was asking how they were funded and saying that they were not costed. He said it was inappropriate for us to ask how the money would be spent, but he said that it allowed the continued expenditure of the money of the state on items that have already been authorised. He said the government can spend money on things that have not yet been authorised, but will be authorised in the budget.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** No, you can't. Until it is authorised, you can't spend it.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** No; only appropriations that have gone through the Parliament can I then use this money for. We are having a circular argument here.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I am just trying to understand this.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** There is a process going on now—that is, the budget process—that will then appropriate moneys to programs and projects across all areas of government.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** Can the Treasurer explain the anomaly with clause 4 of the explanatory memorandum, which states —

This clause authorises the Treasurer to use the moneys granted under Clause 3 for the purposes of funding any services pending those services being voted by the Legislative Assembly during the 2017–18 financial year.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** For example, the budget that is currently in place voted to pay wages and programs, and things like that. That is what the Supply Bill can be allocated to, but anything else we can only appropriate once the Parliament has appropriated it, and that will happen on 7 September, or when the budget is presented.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** The Treasurer is saying that the explanatory memorandum states that the government cannot —

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** You don't get it!

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I do get it. I am reading what the member for Cannington said about the past and what the explanatory memorandum says about the future. Yesterday, the member for Cannington was giving the opposition a hard time for asking about Treasury forecasts and funding, and he was saying how inappropriate it was for us to be raising that at this time and that we needed to talk about the Supply Bill.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** That is what you're supposed to do.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** We had members on the government side talking about things in their electorate.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** Because it's a general debate!

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** Now it is a general debate! The opposition cannot bring up in general debate election promises and how the government is funding things, but government members can talk about grass growing in their electorates if they want to. It is interesting that that is the case.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** Member, I think you might find that was in response to the amendment to bring in, effectively, a budget process around it.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** It was, but his speech was in the general context of the Supply Bill.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** No, it wasn't; it was about the amendment.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I know it was about the amendment, but the member was talking about the Supply Bill.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** I was explaining why the amendment was dumb. And it is so dumb you didn't even vote for it!

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** That was my purpose. That is how petty you are. You are a very abusive individual. Your behaviour is very disrespectful.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** Why didn't you vote for your amendment?

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Minister for Mines and Petroleum, please let the member for Carine finish.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** The minister still thinks he is in opposition. He is still acting like a child! It is ridiculous. Grow up! For God's sake, how old are you?

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** How old are you? Listen to what you say and how you say it!

*Point of Order*

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**Mr S.A. MILLMAN:** I wonder whether the member for Carine can address his remarks through the Chair, rather than to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum directly.

*Debate Resumed*

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** Thank you very much! I am thankful for your protection from the Minister for Mines and Petroleum, and I will!

I was asking this because we are not going into consideration in detail, so I was a bit unsure what was being said and I thought I would ask someone intelligent in the Parliament, rather than someone who knows how to swear and jump up and down.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** When have I ever sworn in this place? The only person I know who has sworn in this place is the Leader of the Opposition.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I am not talking to the member for Cannington anymore. Can you give us some protection?

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Minister for Mines and Petroleum, will you please keep it down.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** I wanted a clarification from the Treasurer over whether there was some confusion there. From the Treasurer's point of view, he does not see any reason that money that is approved in the September budget will start to be spent any earlier than that; is that right?

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** I don't see any anomaly with clause 4, if that's what you're saying.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** From that point of view, the Treasurer is saying that things that are election promises that were not in the previous appropriation bill will not be funded out of this money prior to them being put in the budget in September?

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** That's right.

**Mr A. KRSTICEVIC:** That is all I wanted to know. I just wanted a bit of clarification from someone who knows, rather than from someone who thinks they know.

**MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington — Minister for Mines and Petroleum)** [12.56 pm]: I was not interested in speaking today in this debate on the Supply Bill 2017, but I will take three minutes to repeat exactly what I said last night and to go back over this. The member for Carine runs out of the chamber for obvious reasons: he does not want to know why he is wrong! Let me explain this again. The government is only permitted to spend money authorised by the Parliament. There is a separate question of supply—that is the right to issue a cheque; it is not what the cheque is written for but the actual fact of writing the cheque. That is what supply is.

Last night the opposition moved an amendment—not to the bill but to the second reading of the bill. The opposition wanted to restrict the Parliament's right to grant supply based on having an explanation about authorisation. They are two separate matters. The opposition did not move an amendment to the bill; it moved an amendment to the second reading debate. The second reading is the right of the Clerk to stand and read the bill a second time. Again, it beggars belief that the Liberal Party spent eight years in government and its members still do not understand the standing orders of the Parliament or what it was they were doing when they were passing legislation. I say again that it is very simple: the government may only spend money on individual items authorised by the Parliament. If that authorisation happens in the future, of course, the government will be allowed to do that because the Parliament, at some future time, authorises that expenditure. It is fundamental to the Parliament: a Parliament cannot restrict a future Parliament. That is so fundamental to what we do that it beggars belief that we even have to discuss it. Let us assume that at a future date the Parliament authorises new expenditure, it will only happen after a debate. That is the opportunity for the opposition to deal with the underlying expenditure. That is why the opposition's amendment was so stupid. That is why members opposite did not even vote for it themselves. The idea of delaying supply is so mind-numbingly stupid that nobody ever does it. In fact, it has only happened once or twice in Australia's history—once in New South Wales in the 1920s, and in Canberra in 1975. In fact, the Australian Constitution was amended after the 1975 debacle to prevent it ever happening again. That is how dumb the opposition is! Members opposite just do not get it. No wonder the member for Carine ran out of the chamber the moment he finished his speech. Apparently he does not want to know this; he does not want to learn! He has been a member for eight years. He and I were elected on the same day. I would have thought that after eight years he would know the standing orders of the Parliament and the role of each of the bills that come before us, yet he does not. It is bizarre.

**MR M. HUGHES (Kalamunda)** [12.59 pm]: I rise in support of the Supply Bill 2017. I have been interested to hear the debate so far, particularly the contributions made by members of the opposition about supply. From my simple understanding, we are really discussing the means by which the government can secure the ordinary

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machinery and activity of government for the intervening period. I am pleased to contribute to this debate. Members will be aware that I come late to this Parliament in terms both of my age and the time of my preselection. I was not preselected until 3 December last year, and needed to work quickly to understand my electorate, which I continue to do. I am very attracted by the electorate, having lived in Darlington for the past 15 years. In fact, I had the former member for Kalamunda as my member of Parliament in this place.

There was an interesting aspect to the campaign, and I am not sure whether members present would be aware of similar activities in their own electorates. During the course of polling day I took the opportunity to visit every polling booth. Most of them, as members would be aware, tended to be co-located in schools. Around the schools I saw banners proclaiming that only John Day could build a performing arts centre and only John Day could reconstruct Lesmurdie Primary School. I cannot quite remember what John Day was going to do in Parkerville, but I had a mind to recollect that occasion one Saturday. I often go to Bunnings in Midland, and occasionally I would see Hon John Day there. It never occurred to me that he was in fact secretly acquiring the physical means by which he could repair Parkerville Primary School, rebuild Lesmurdie Primary School and, perhaps, even go so far as to do something about the shocking state of the special education resource centre that was co-located at Kalamunda Senior High School. I decided that if I was unsuccessful in being elected, perhaps I would take the time to lend a hand to the re-elected member for Kalamunda to assist him in those very worthwhile projects. Of course, all that was election spin, was it not? All these promises that the former government was making were part of building up the electorate to restore some semblance of credibility in the eyes of the public before the 11 March election. During the course of my visits around the electorate I managed to visit the principal of Kalamunda Senior High School. She expressed some great surprise that suddenly she was going to be given something in the order of \$3 million towards a performing arts centre. She had no knowledge whatsoever about where that came from.

We bring to this Parliament a mature party that, during the course of its time in opposition, has set about thinking seriously about the ways in which it could make a significant contribution to the betterment of this state, under Mark McGowan as Premier, and here we are beginning that process. Members will be aware that I was a schoolteacher. The focus of my activity was on my school in Mirrabooka. I acknowledge the fact that as principal of John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School, I looked interestingly at the prospect of having a Metro Area Express light rail station outside my school. In fact, my school council made a submission to the previous government proposing to give up part of the school's oval for a new centre development to provide a transport hub, and for the school to acquire some adjacent land. That was taken up with some degree of interest, but it was all fiction. That is a sad thing about my experience as principal of the school—taking seriously what the government had in prospect about the location of MAX light rail. It never happened. In contrast, Metronet will be legislated, and we are looking forward to the way in which it will provide stimulus to the economy and bring about job creation. I will not go over that too much this afternoon.

Being a latecomer to the process of the election, and having the focus of my attention for the past 21 years in Mirrabooka and Beechboro, inevitably I did not have the same kind of engagement as other members in this place with their electorates, where they have been working for a significant period with various community groups. However, I have been able to engage quite quickly with all the local authorities. I have met with the presidents and chief executive officers of the Shires of Mundaring and Kalamunda, and the deputy mayor and chief executive officer of the City of Gosnells, indicating to them that I and my colleagues in the East Metropolitan Region are intent on engaging with all the local authorities in furtherance of their objectives for their communities. It has also been my great pleasure to sit down with various ratepayer groups to discuss their concerns about their engagement with local authorities. It is my intention at some stage to talk with the Minister for Local Government about the grave concerns that ordinary people have about the delegated authority provided to officers within each of the local authorities on applications for development, and the ability for the officers to make deemed provisions about which applications comply with building codes. That often sets neighbour against neighbour, particularly when there is no opportunity for third-party appeal rights. This is something I want to pursue further in the time I have in this place.

I have also been pleased to sit as a member of the public, holding the title of a member of the Legislative Assembly, in the public galleries of the local authorities in Mundaring and Kalamunda, and to engage with people who have particular concerns bringing petitions before the local authorities. It is a stark contrast, they say, with their experience of the previous member for Kalamunda, notwithstanding the fact that he was a minister for much of his time. People are delighted to have a local member of Parliament who is prepared to take an interest in their particular concerns, which operate at the individual level rather than at the macro level, although macro level decisions often affect people quite adversely.

I am also pleased to say that volunteering in the electorate of Kalamunda is evident at every corner I turn. I have had the great pleasure to meet with people from the Kanyana Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre, which looks after

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more than 2 600 animals a year. It accepts sick or damaged creatures brought to its doorstep and returns them to the wild. The centre was in a position of having to renegotiate its contract over Department of Parks and Wildlife land. It was a great delight for me to be able to represent its interests to the relevant authorities as the member for Kalamunda. The Kalamunda and Mundaring men's sheds are well known to me, as is the Darlington Sports and Recreation Association, in organising some assistance towards its pavilion. I might add that the previous member, Hon John Day, made an offer of something like \$75 000, I believe, towards the project of providing a pavilion. Under the local projects, local jobs program—I noticed that the member for Carine was waving a document about the promises that Labor had given ahead of the election—I had made a pledge of something in the order of \$100 000 towards building that pavilion. It was obviously a bipartisan approach to this particular project, because it was with great pleasure that I attended the turning of the sod at which Hon John Day enthusiastically took one of three spades to turn the sod on that development. I hope that opposition members are not too appalled by that prospect and wag their fingers at the Treasurer should he dare to advance that payment ahead of bringing down the budget.

I would like to let the member for Bicton know that I have taken a recent interest in bowling in a theoretical sense because I have been very honoured to take on the role of patron of the Kalamunda bowling club. Who knows, I may develop skills. I have noticed that coming up soon in South Australia is an inter-parliamentary bowling club activity. If I chance my arm, we might be able to organise a group to go.

I have about nine minutes to go. As part of my engagement with the community, I have met with the Bibbulmun principals' network group, which operates in the Kalamunda part of my electorate rather than the Mundaring part, to talk about its concerns across the board with the way in which primary and secondary schools in the area are experiencing constraints under the existing operations of the department. I have also met with the principals of Mundaring Primary School, Parkerville Primary School, Kalamunda Primary School and Gooseberry Hill Primary School, and accepted memberships on the boards of Lesmurdie and Kalamunda Senior High Schools and the Kalamunda Secondary Education Support centre. Anyone who knows me from my time as principal of John Septimus Roe Anglican Community School will recognise that I am a strong advocate for children with disabilities and the need to include them in mainstream classes. In fact, I dedicated almost 21 years to ensuring that we did that at that school.

The Kalamunda Secondary Education Support centre, which is co-located at Kalamunda Senior High School, is experiencing very poor conditions. It cannot be called a centre. The teachers do their planning and preparation in the corridors. There is some discussion about bringing an additional transportable classroom onto the site. The students have to find vacated mainstream student classrooms to find a teaching space, such is the timetable of constraints that exists. I hope I am making myself clear about the problems they are facing. I know that money is short. We know of the problems we are experiencing with what we might regard as the structural difficulties of our revenue stream. Both sides of the house can agree on the problems we are experiencing with the GST carve-up. However, I am going to advocate very strongly that within this term of government, if nothing else gets done in Kalamunda, and there are other needs as well, we do something about that situation. Those children deserve better. If it requires a bit of a pinch and tuck across the electorates, I hope that I will get some support from my colleagues on maybe changing the rollout of projects that are nominated in part of the document that the member for Carine was waving before the house. Those children deserve better than they are getting. I am very pleased that the Minister for Education and Training has accepted an invitation to visit the electorate in August. She will visit Kalamunda Senior High School and the co-located education support centre. We will also be looking at Lesmurdie Primary School and I hope I get the opportunity to take her to see Walliston Primary School too. The principals are very excited about the prospect of the minister coming. They were pleased that I was prepared to attend their forum meetings on a regular basis. They said that they do not expect me to work miracles because they are used to having very little done in their electorate after the previous government and their previous member. However, they expect to have a member who is interested in what they are doing and who is prepared to listen to and advocate for their concerns. That is exactly what I am doing with the Minister for Education and Training.

I could go on but I want to talk about the provision of aged care within the community, which is in desperate need. In doing so I would like to compliment the work of Hon Ken Wyatt, AM, MP, who initiated the Kalamunda Aged Care Committee and provided a foreword in that committee's report. He is equally concerned about the provision of aged care within the electorate. I concur with his introduction to the "Residential Aged Care Options in the Kalamunda Shire" report that was published in October 2015, in which he states —

Arguably the largest challenge we face lies in distribution of aged care services and facilities. We do not want to break up families, split apart couples and destroy communities by providing services that require people to undertake arduous travel to see their loved ones.

The aged-care situation in Kalamunda is at a critical stage.

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I probably will not need an extension of time. I will try to conclude in the next three minutes.

This report's background information casts back to 2011 and indicates that at that time there were 257 aged-care beds in the electorate of Kalamunda and a shortfall of 191 beds, which was likely to grow to a shortfall of 435 beds in 2021. The report talks about a growing gap between the supply and demand for aged-care facilities, particularly at the nursing care level. We need to do something about the provision of high-need beds in the electorate of Kalamunda. Having talked to Ron Carey, a former City of Swan councillor who chaired a similar committee for the City of Swan, there is a recognition that we need to bring about an adequate supply of aged-care beds over the foreseeable future across the East Metropolitan Region. I have made some representations to the Minister for Planning about two particular developments in the Shire of Kalamunda that I would like to advance. I will not mention them by name this afternoon, but maybe there will be a further opportunity for me to ask questions of the minister about them tomorrow.

I am delighted to be the member for Kalamunda and to be solidly engaged in pursuing the agenda of the McGowan government. I look forward to engaging further with my community and bringing about the realisation of a number of issues that have remained un-tackled and unaddressed for the last eight years.

**MR S.A. MILLMAN (Mount Lawley)** [1.18 pm]: I rise to speak on the Supply Bill 2017. I do not propose to go over a number of the issues that I raised during my first speech in this place, but there are a couple of issues that to my mind will be forever pertinent to not just me but everyone who has the privilege of sitting in this chamber. Day after day, in my experience, the members in this chamber have wrestled with difficult, complicated and pressing problems. We have seen members in this chamber turn their mind, attention and energy towards tackling those problems in a way that realises the potential of Western Australia and provides the best for the citizens of this state.

We have the great privilege of living in a parliamentary democracy, which means that we can bring a bill like this Supply Bill before Parliament and the people of our respective constituencies know that we will do the responsible thing—ensure the passage of this bill and ensure that the business of government continues. There was some extensive debate yesterday and again this afternoon about the purpose of this bill and perhaps, more appropriately, I look forward to the contributions from all members, particularly those members opposite, when debating the budget later this year.

Before we get to that budget process, there are a number of matters pertaining to the electorate of Mount Lawley that should be reflected on in my speech to the chamber this afternoon. The first thing that I will say—it is in line with what I said earlier about the privilege of being in a parliamentary democracy—is that we won in a relatively decisive election result. I know that all those members who sit on the government benches and, I am sure, many members who sit on the opposition benches worked very hard in consulting with their communities in advancing a positive program in what they thought were the best interests of their communities and the best interests of the state. For my own part, in the electorate of Mount Lawley, the way in which we ran the campaign was to identify relative local issues that were of concern to the community, to consult with the community and then to formulate policies that would tackle those concerns. When we first went out doorknocking, people were worried about privatisation, the rising cost of living and the cost of electricity prices, overcrowding in local government high schools, congestion and access to good-quality public transport, and preserving our architectural and built heritage. It is true to say that I am very grateful, very honoured and very privileged to live in Mt Lawley. It is definitely one of the most salubrious parts of Perth, but it is thus because so much effort and attention has been put into preserving the architectural heritage of the suburbs that make up the electorate. In that regard, I would like to commend the work of the Mount Lawley Society and its president, Paul Collins, and its immediate past president, Hon Tim Hammond, MP, member for Perth. This organisation focuses on making sure that the suburbs of Mt Lawley, Menora, Coolbinia and Inglewood remain terrific places to live, work, visit and do business.

Once we had identified those problems that I have outlined, it was a very straightforward matter for us to go back to the drawing board and arrive at policies that would alleviate those problems. On the issue of congestion on the roads through the electorate of Mount Lawley, such as Flinders Street, Wanneroo Road, Fitzgerald Street, Alexander Drive and Beaufort Street, it was quite clear to me and my campaign team that we needed a significant investment in a congestion-busting infrastructure project like Metronet. We need to make promises on public transport that are achievable and realistic, that inspire the imagination of the community and that unlock the potential of the state. When people look at our plan for Metronet, they can see that it ticks all those boxes. By building a railway line from Morley to Ellenbrook, we will alleviate congestion on the roads through my electorate. By investing in an extension of the Joondalup line to Yanchep, we will alleviate congestion on Wanneroo Road.

We took a promise to the election to build an inner-city high school to alleviate the overcrowding that was already occurring at Shenton College and Churchlands Senior High School—overcrowding that was a tidal wave

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about to break over Mount Lawley Senior High School and have potentially significant adverse pedagogical consequences for students at that school. Having listened to the community, we have come up with a brilliant proposal to build a brand-new school at Kitchener Park, which will have immeasurable benefit in alleviating that problem of overcrowding in these schools. The reason we identified this problem and the reason we formulated a policy, and then amended the policy and landed on a policy that will deal with overcrowding, is that a core Labor value is providing quality public education to the people of Western Australia. Unfortunately, after eight and a half years of neglect, we were left with a legacy of significant overcrowding in schools in the western suburbs and the inner city.

The next issue that was regularly canvassed with me in the campaign was the current state of Western Australia's finances. I am sorry to say but, unfortunately for members opposite, the people I spoke to realised that the then government of the day had become addicted to its profligate spending. The people I spoke to knew that unless there was a dramatic and drastic change of direction—the sort of change that can be achieved only by a change of government—the situation would only get worse. We confront a significant problem. The debt that this state carries is bigger than it has ever been before. We can stand here and say that there is a problem with our GST distribution and that is fine, but I implore not only members on our side, but also members opposite to give due consideration to what can be done by this chamber and Parliament to address this issue. Surely by working together and figuring out what can be done, we can discharge that sacred duty we have to the people of Western Australia to do the right thing.

Yesterday, complaints were made by members opposite that we had come up with election policies that were going to cost some \$5 billion to implement. Once again, it saddens me to say this but it is true: the ideology that shaped and drove the way in which members opposite previously implemented their financial decisions has now been discredited. Their attack on our election promises fails to understand two fundamental tenets: first, this is a parliamentary democracy whereby citizens get to decide how they will be governed, and the citizens have voted overwhelmingly for us and our program; and, second, sometimes money needs to be spent on significant infrastructure projects to make the economy function more efficiently—on projects like Metronet and, hopefully, an outer harbour at Kwinana, on reinvesting in schools, and on expenditure like freezing TAFE fees so that more people can access quality post-secondary education and have the skills and experience they need for the jobs of the future. I read the other day that 65 per cent of the jobs that our children in primary school will do have not even been invented yet. That sort of statistic should give us pause for thought. Now is not the time for us to divide on and bicker about issues of ideology. Now is the time for us to come together to do things. I am very proud to be spending \$20 000 on a robotics program at Mount Lawley Primary School. These initiatives will help the students at those schools develop the skills and expertise they need to apply when they come to perform those jobs of the future.

Government has an essential role to play in making people's lives easier, but also in making them more fulfilling. Members can hear from my tone that I am not necessarily one to invoke narrow partisanship. In that regard, one of the things that we are spending money on is the Alexander Park Tennis Club. What could be better than spending money on refurbishing the local tennis club to encourage people to participate in sport and recreation? This money is going to be supplemented, therefore multiplied, by money being contributed by the local council—that is, the City of Stirling. Two dollars together is better than one dollar from the state government doing one thing and one dollar from the local council going in the opposite direction. I commend the City of Stirling and the state government for their contributions to the Alexander Park Tennis Club. It might interest members to know that it just so happens that my predecessor, the former member for Mount Lawley, is a member of the Alexander Park Tennis Club. Members can rest assured that I will put aside partisanship and I will even encourage the expenditure of money that will directly benefit Hon Michael Sutherland in his—I was going to say retirement—post-election period.

Our election commitments also involve spending money on things like the sump on the corner of Wellington and Flinders Streets in Yokine. Unfortunately, this unsightly water sump, controlled by the Water Corporation, is in a fantastic location. The City of Stirling came to us during the election campaign and asked if we were elected whether we would be prepared to lobby the government for an investment to turn this sump into a local park. This is a fantastic contribution to the local community because it will reinvigorate and re-enliven the whole area. All of a sudden, the industrial wasteland of this sump will be revitalised into a terrific local park, which will be a fantastic amenity that everybody will be able to use. Once again, this is a co-contribution from the state government and the City of Stirling.

Members will remember that I spoke about the magnificent diversity of the Mount Lawley electorate in my first speech. I commend the work of an aged-care provider in the community by the name of Umbrella Multicultural Community Care. Although it is not based in Mt Lawley—it is based in Bedford—it does a significant amount of work throughout the Mount Lawley electorate. Umbrella brings together people from multicultural backgrounds,

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many of whom have English as a second language, and provides them with a space where they can meaningfully participate in social and recreational activities. I am very proud to be a supporter of Umbrella. I also commend the work of our local community-based childcare centres: Meela Child Care Centre, Mount Lawley Child Care Centre and the Marjorie Mann Lawley Day Care Centre. These community childcare centres are supported by their local councils, and will also receive support from the state government. I am very privileged to have the fantastic radio station RTRFM located in Mt Lawley. Part of our election commitment is to allocate funding to RTR so that it can reinvigorate its operations and hopefully retain local managers and programmers in order to preserve employment.

I commend the work of the fantastic local sporting clubs in our community. As many members would be aware, sporting clubs provide a fantastic forum for members of the community to come together and engage with their neighbours, families and friends. Let me do it like this. We have a number of terrific parks in the Mount Lawley electorate and over weekends those parks are full of people participating in games and activities. At Hamer Park on any given weekend in the winter, people can see the Mt Lawley Football Club Hawks seniors and the Mt Lawley Inglewood Roos Junior Football Club. During the summertime, people can see the Mt Lawley–Inglewood Cricket Club. Over at Yokine Reserve, people can see the Coolbinia Bombers Junior Football Club, the Coolbinia West Perth Amateur Football Club Falcons, Yokine cricket clubs and various other sporting organisations. All this activity is going on in an area where there is a fantastic adventure playground. I am very proud to say that we will be making a contribution towards the upgrade of the Coolbinia Bombers' facilities and providing them with a contribution to purchase additional equipment. I place on the record my appreciation for the fantastic work done by my colleague the member for Morley in negotiating this.

At the northern end of the electorate, just on the other side of Morley Drive, is Dianella Open Space, which is used by the Inglewood Little Athletics Centre and the Dianella White Eagles Soccer Club. It is a fantastic location that is well utilised by both of those groups and also by people in the wider community. It was a great privilege for me to be able to attend the Dianella White Eagles soccer match with my good friend the member for Forrestfield on Saturday afternoon to see the game between the Dianella White Eagles and Forrestfield United Soccer Club. I place on the record just how proud I am of the Dianella White Eagles who won that game 4–2, despite getting off to a slow start against Forrestfield. For a moment there I thought that Pricey might have our measure.

Through the issues I have canvassed in my short speech this afternoon, members can understand just how vibrant the Mount Lawley electorate is and just how much a revived, passionate and committed government will invest in our local community to make a significant difference for the benefit of all our constituents. That is something of which I am and will remain forever proud.

**MS J.J. SHAW (Swan Hills)** [1.35 pm]: I rise to support the Supply Bill 2017. This is a really important budget for the people of Swan Hills because I do not think that there is a community that had been more let down by the previous Liberal government than the people of Swan Hills, particularly the people of Ellenbrook. We all know about the promises made to the people of Ellenbrook and how badly those people were let down—the promises around heavy rail; Metro Area Express light rail, which indirectly would have benefited my community; and then the absolute insult of the solution of a nine-kilometre bus lane to help the people of Ellenbrook. The issues of the people in Ellenbrook are well documented. The Housing Industry Association released some statistics this week. In the last 12 months, Ellenbrook has grown by 9.2 per cent. It was the third-fastest growing suburb in Perth. Between 2006 and 2011 the population grew by 79 per cent. Even in the last three years, the population has doubled in that part of the world. We have had rapid population growth, but we have not had the services and infrastructure required to support that community. In March, the people of Ellenbrook said enough is enough. I am a proud advocate for the Supply Bill and the projects that Labor has committed to deliver to try to alleviate these shocking infrastructure problems that my constituents experience.

As many members know, Lord Street is the main arterial road between Ellenbrook and the southern parts of the electorate. About 14 000 cars use Lord Street every day, and the traffic jams are very often two and a half kilometres. It can take 25 minutes to traverse five kilometres and the people of Ellenbrook are sick to the back teeth with this absolutely horrifically inadequate transport infrastructure. The McGowan Labor government is getting on with the job of finally sorting out that situation. One of the first commitments we made as part of our Metronet policy was for the duplication of Lord Street; a project that is well and truly overdue. We will duplicate Lord Street and create a dual carriageway to link Gnanagara Road to Reid Highway. As part of the project we will establish a Park 'n' Ride facility at the top end that will facilitate linkages between Joondalup, Ellenbrook and Midland and allow the people in my electorate to traverse between the eastern and western suburbs to access hospitals, education facilities and Centrelink. It is amazing that people in a suburb with a population as big as Ellenbrook—41 000 people—do not have the ability to access essential services using functional public transport. We intend to change this; we will introduce better quality public transport. I am proud to be part of the

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McGowan Labor government that will do that. Many flow-on benefits will come from easing congestion on Lord Street in particular. Although it is not in my electorate, but in the neighbouring electorate of West Swan, I am excited about the easing of congestion it will bring to West Swan Road, which is a prime tourist destination and it employs a number of people in the electorate of Swan Hills. I think the Minister for Planning has been the greatest champion for public transport and road infrastructure solutions. I want to acknowledge the hard work and effort she has put in, and her untiring advocacy for these issues. It will be a great thing when she finally gets to turn the first sod on the construction of the Lord Street duplication. We can compare that to the nine-kilometre bus lane that was the rapid bus transit system and the ongoing broken promise of the Ellenbrook rail line.

**Mr S.A. Millman:** Shame.

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** Shame, indeed, member for Mount Lawley, but you know all about broken promises on public transport.

Our solution for Lord Street will also enable us to undertake preliminary works for the Ellenbrook rail line, and I look forward to seeing that project come to fruition. It will benefit not just my electorate of Swan Hills but also West Swan and the member for Morley's electorate will stand to gain from it. It is indicative that when we look at the way the seats fell throughout the East Metropolitan Region and the northeast corridor, it is now a sea of red because the people were tired of their infrastructure requirements being so wholly ignored and unacknowledged.

Delivery of the Morley–Ellenbrook railway line into Ellenbrook will complete our town centre. It will create a bustling, thriving town centre. There will be intelligent planning solutions with mixed-use facilities. There will be a lot of activity and a lot of jobs will be delivered into the area. It will really complete the area. It is about time we had a government that was genuinely committed to delivering better solutions for Swan Hills. In addition to the paltry level of infrastructure investment for the people of Swan Hills, there has also been an abject lack of service provisions to the area. This includes aged-care facilities and also an issue that is particularly close to my heart, which is support for youth. Our commitment to deliver mental health and youth suicide services to the electorate of Swan Hills is one of the things I am most proud of. It is a highly relevant issue. It is a well-documented and growing problem in my electorate. As part of my initiation into becoming the member for Swan Hills, as I went around and met every one of my local parents and citizens associations, I was horrified by the number of times that principals and P&C associations mentioned the rising levels of anxiety, stress and isolation that children are feeling. That is because we are so remote and so un-serviced out there, and this needs to change. I am proud of the commitment we made to increase youth suicide and mental health services. The development of a dedicated youth facility in Ellenbrook, in the electorate of Swan Hills, is the other commitment I am particularly proud of. It will be a place where kids can go and hang out and socialise. It may be a bit of a refuge from domestic violence, which is certainly a growing problem in Swan Hills.

Another commitment we made to young people in Swan Hills is the establishment of a child and parent centre. The north east metropolitan area is the only part of Perth that currently has no child and parent centre. What was the former government thinking! It is the fastest growing part of the metropolitan area and it has no child and parent centre. I find that absolutely astonishing.

**Mr C.J. Barnett** interjected.

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** The member for Cottesloe had eight and a half years.

Several members interjected.

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** If the member for Cottesloe were not so focused on his vanity projects, perhaps he would have taken the time to respond to the needs of young people in my area!

Several members interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** How dare the member for Cottesloe sit there and catcall me across the chamber when he has failed my community for such a long time! How dare he, indeed.

Several members interjected.

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** The gall, Madam Acting Speaker!

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** You'll learn.

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** I will tell you what, I have learnt from observing the way you operate and I am determined never to conduct myself and not listen to people in the way that you have!

Several members interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** I have learnt never to be as arrogant and as out of touch, and in a complete state of denial about what my community is demanding of me.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Member for Swan Hills. Thank you, members.

**Ms J.J. SHAW:** The other commitments that we made to young people in the electorate of Swan Hills were about EduCare. For people who live in an outer metropolitan seat, as I do, it is a long way to get in to work every day. Particularly at a time when families are struggling and they really need to rely on two incomes, it is important for people to be able to drop their kids off before and after school at high-quality facilities and for them to know they are in a safe place. It is important that parents are doing only one drop-off in the morning. For people who live in remote areas of the metropolitan region, having access to facilities like EduCare is really important. I think it will be a wonderful thing that will really benefit the people of Swan Hills.

Another commitment that reflects my professional background, in which I regularly geek-out on all things energy, is our Science in Schools policy. In primary schools, we will establish dedicated science labs. I cannot tell members how important I think it is for us to introduce a spark of interest in science at a time before science and technology typically become gendered. It is really important that we get girls interested in science and get people really engaged and involved in science at an early age because that can set us up really well for the future. This is particularly at a point when, over the longer term, we need to think about economic diversification and the industries of the future. I am very excited about that policy. One of the first gigs I got as a preselected candidate was to go up to the hills with Minister Ellery and the Premier and we announced the Science in Schools policy at Gidgegannup Primary School. It is a tiny school that is a couple of kilometres down the road from my house. It is an absolutely beautiful school. The staff are doing a fantastic job. It is great to see that even in a relatively remote school, there is still a focus on getting science into schools and getting kids interested in it.

As a remote part of the Perth metropolitan area, the establishment of urgent care clinics and medihotels are the other real benefits that my electorate stands to gain from the current budget. Although it is a metropolitan seat, my seat extends all the way up past Morangup, which is nearly halfway to Toodyay. Believe me, with 982 square kilometres, I have done a lot of petrol miles, and it is a very long drive from the outer reaches of my electorate, up past Bullsbrook in some instances, to the closest hospital, which is Midland Public Hospital. The ability for people to stay overnight proximate to hospital facilities, and have their loved ones close to them if need be when they have to travel such a long way, will really benefit people in Swan Hills. The ability to access closer urgent care clinics and not have to travel all the way down, deep into the metropolitan area, for not-quite-so-serious medical ailments will also benefit the people of Swan Hills.

I acknowledge some of the issues that my colleague the member for Kalamunda raised about aged-care facilities. That is very problematic in my part of the hills. There is quite a bit of overlap and commonality between the issues that people in Mundaring experience and those of the people in Mt Helena and Chidlow. I think it is wonderful that the government intends to examine opportunities to increase the availability of land for aged-care facilities and ways to accelerate the development of those facilities. They will most certainly benefit the people of Swan Hills. The other thing I think is quite interesting regarding aged care is the Strata Titles Act reforms that this government will propose. I hope they will strengthen the rights of our seniors to participate in processes that affect strata title, particularly for aged-care facilities. I hope it will provide more strength for the elderly who sometimes find they are completely disempowered in aged-care facilities and not particularly able to participate in processes. I look forward to seeing how that bill develops and how those measures will be implemented over time. I look forward to seeing the rights of aged people in my electorate effectively championed and protected. The other important and interesting part of those proposed reforms is that they allow common title to assets in subdivisions and property developments, which facilitates the installation of things like common solar panels and battery technologies that are available to offset the energy costs of all people who decide to reside within subdivisions or strata title properties. That is just one example of the ways in which this government will facilitate the innovation economy and will finally look to genuine opportunities to diversify our economic base and to create the opportunities of the future.

It is absolutely disgraceful that in 2013–14 there was a 53 per cent drop in employment in renewable energy industries in Western Australia. We have the lowest number of full-time equivalents in renewable energy activities of any Australian state. This is at a time when the International Renewable Energy Agency currently states that 7.7 million people worldwide are employed in renewable energy industries, and that by 2030 that number will double. What have we done? We have gutted our industries capability from an abject lack of leadership in energy policy and a blinkered vision on old industry structures. We have not been able to turn our minds to the opportunities of the future, which is an absolute disgrace. I really look forward to being part of

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a government that will focus on those new industries and will have research programs aimed specifically at renewable energy technologies and batteries. It will work with those technologies and look at those dynamic opportunities that we really should focus on. We now have a government that is delivering a range of macro policies that will have incredible benefits on a micro level in every electorate in this state. I thank the McGowan government for the leadership that it is showing and the benefits it will deliver to the people of Swan Hills.

**MS A. SANDERSON (Morley — Parliamentary Secretary)** [1.52 pm]: I apologise for rising a little bit slowly. I was taken by surprise through the member for Swan Hills finishing up very rapidly. I have enjoyed members' contributions to the second reading debate on the Supply Bill 2017 and I rise to make my contribution to the debate. I want to talk about one of the major projects that affect my electorate of Morley—that is, the NorthLink project. NorthLink is a combined state and federal project that I believe was instigated by the previous federal Labor government in conjunction with the previous state Liberal government. It was designed to ease congestion, which is pretty chronic, along Tonkin Highway and to provide a clear route through Swan Hills and West Swan up to Muchea. I want to touch from my perspective on how much of that project was handled in my electorate and my community by the previous government.

I will start with the incidents around Hampton Park Primary School, which is literally the school that the previous government forgot in its NorthLink planning. I think this case is demonstrative of how the previous member for Morley approached his electorate in that he had very little knowledge of what was going on in it. I attended a parents and citizens association meeting at that school about seven to 10 days before I was due to have my baby. I was expecting it to be my very last work commitment, and I had promised my partner that it would be and that I would not do any more. I attended the meeting, which was packed. I was surprised at that because it is often hard to get six or seven true believers in a room at P&C meetings. This meeting had a full turnout of parents and the principal. The main issue they wanted to talk about was the looming closure of the pedestrian tunnel underneath Tonkin Highway from their school. Seventy per cent of the school's student catchment lives on the other side of Tonkin Highway from the school. Main Roads and the then government, in their wisdom, had decided to close the tunnel and that there would not be another tunnel. They also decided to close all the car parking available. That was where all parents parked because 70 per cent of the catchment came from the other side of Tonkin Highway. Parents were deeply concerned, and no planning had been put in place by the department or the government to get kids across what was going to be a massive construction area and eventually a six to eight-lane freeway. I would like to say that planning was inadequate, but planning was completely absent. At the very last minute, Main Roads suggested some buses and then it suggested that kindy children could be walked through the construction site and eventually across the giant roundabout that would be built there. It suggested that it was perfectly fine and that it was perfectly happy with that.

The parents were deeply concerned about the ongoing viability of the school because, quite frankly, a lot of the schools in my electorate are older schools that struggle with enrolments. When many schools are now independent public schools able to take children from outside of catchment areas, parents were deeply concerned about future enrolments at this school. Parents would have to make a choice between sending their children to a school that they could walk to, cycle to or be driven to or making their children cross an eight-lane freeway. This was a serious crisis for the school. The principal and the P&C president told me that they had made numerous representations to the then local member, to the government and to the department about the issue but had heard literally nothing back from them. They were desperate because construction was imminent and there was no plan to get kids to the school. In opposition, we had few avenues available to us to influence government policy, one of which was to create a lot of noise and sound around an issue. Therefore, I and the member for Bassendean—whose electorate most of the kids came from—organised a group of parents one morning outside the tunnel. We thought that there would be about 10 to 20 parents but there were literally 100 parents outside the tunnel. Those parents were angry and had been let down because the government had completely ignored the school. In fact, on a number of the released NorthLink maps, the school did not even appear; it had dropped off the map. The government had done no planning at all for the school.

It was not until we had created a bunch of noise, ended up on the Channel Nine morning news, and raised the issue in Parliament that the former member for Morley and the former minister realised that this was an issue and eventually came to the party. It took that much time for them to do that. They came with a very poor proposal, I have to say. They landed at a community meeting at which the minister did not front up. He sent Main Roads representatives with a plan to walk the children across a massive intersection. These will be the biggest intersections ever seen in Western Australia. The plan was that it was perfectly fine and perfectly safe for parents to walk their children across the intersection or get them to ride their bikes through the intersection every morning. It was completely unacceptable and the community said, no, it was not acceptable at all. To give the government credit, it agreed to and came back with a plan for a pedestrian tunnel. That was the first major failing of community consultation. The school said that it had not been engaged in the consultation process at all.

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Moving further up the electorate along NorthLink along Tonkin Highway, there is the issue of Lightning Park access. Lightning Park is a significant community asset in the seat of Morley. It was opened around 20 years ago by the then mayor, John D'Orazio, and the City of Bayswater. It is highly utilised by people outside as well as inside the electorate. The very successful football team, the Noranda Hawks, operate out of the park as their home ground. It is used for T-ball events and a range of other football and soccer events. People come from north, south, east and west to that significant community asset and sporting field. There are only two ways to get in and out of Lightning Park Recreation Centre—off Tonkin Highway and off Reid Highway. An ironclad commitment was given to the residents around Lightning Park in Noranda that they would always remain open and not be subject to high volumes of traffic in and out in intense times, particularly on weekends and evenings, accessing that park. There is literally a very, very narrow road network around that park. A community consultation process was engaged in.

Debate interrupted, pursuant to standing orders.

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