

LEIGHTON BEACH REDEVELOPMENT

675. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure:

Can the minister please advise the house of the newest improvements to the coastal village at Leighton?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN replied:

I thank the member for the question. Today we were able to open the plaza linking the North Fremantle railway station to Leighton Beach. It is a magnificent piece of work, and I recommend that all members visit this site and see what a magnificent urban water playground we have created at Leighton. Of course, as members know, we were able to open the new road some months ago. We have extended Curtin Avenue, which has allowed us to move and calm Port Beach Road. That is now a road that does not create a hazard for beach users, and it has totally opened up this very spectacular area. LandCorp has spent about \$10 million on this area, including the remediation. We have already planted in excess of 100 000 native plants, as well as some 250 trees.

The private sector residential, commercial and hotel developments will start early next year. Through Mirvac Fini, leading architects have been involved in developing a very high order of built form, so it will be a truly spectacular sight. It is the commitment of our government that we will make sure that no expense is spared on the public realm to ensure that this becomes a playground which is not just for the rich and famous, but which all Western Australians will be able to visit and enjoy. I particularly want to compliment the artists who have been involved -

Mr M.W. Trenorden: Are you going to be able to catch a train?

Ms A.J.G. MacTIERNAN: The member for Avon will be able to catch a train because we reopened the Fremantle line; he may recall that. It links beautifully with the North Fremantle railway station. Now we are looking at doing some work around the North Fremantle railway station. I have to say that this is a magnificent project and I urge everyone to go and look at it.