

MATAGARUP BRIDGE — CONSTRUCTION

**569. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:**

Minister —

**Mr F.M. Logan** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister for Corrective Services, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I ask a supplementary question. Given that the Australian Workers' Union has criticised the rushed construction of the Matagarup Bridge, can the minister now confirm that Western Australians have been delivered a compromised piece of infrastructure because she demanded it be delivered to her politically contrived time frame?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

The member talks about a politically contrived time line. I was away. If I wanted to politically contrive an opening, I would have told the workers to delay it until I came back.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Scarborough!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The proposition in the member for Scarborough's question was ridiculous. I wish the opening had been delayed until I came back.

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** I got it done.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Thank goodness the member for Cannington got to finish it! The idea that we would practically complete it is like finishing a home but the landscaping needs to be done and the painting needs to be finished— one cannot do everything —

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** How about just bolt the hand railings together?

**The SPEAKER:** How about you do not interject. I call you to order for the second time, member for Scarborough.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Does the member for Scarborough think someone could fall through? I was actually on leave. I tried to change my leave. If I wanted to make political opportunities out of that, I would have told them not to open the bridge. People could have travelled further and the public could have been disadvantaged until I came back. That is a ridiculous proposition put by the member for Scarborough.

**Mr W.R. Marmion:** That's not what the construction companies say.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The member for Nedlands—the engineer. The opposition could not get the bridge built and it is now worried —

**Mr D.J. Kelly:** About the handrail.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Yes, it is worried about the handrail. Let us face it, it is a quality project. It is a fantastic project and Western Australians should be proud that they built this bridge.