

ROAD AND RAIL PROJECTS — DENNY AVENUE LEVEL CROSSING

**1002. Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's massive investment in road and rail projects across Western Australia. Can the minister outline to the house what these projects mean for those in our outer suburbs, including the Denny Avenue level crossing removal; and can the minister advise the house whether she is aware of anyone who does not support the Denny Avenue level crossing and the benefits it will bring to those in Perth's south east and the hills?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I thank the member for Thornlie for that question. Today I was at Denny Avenue with the member for Armadale, with geotechnical works commencing for the new level crossing removal. We will see the removal of what the RAC has rated as the most dangerous black spot across the whole network in the metropolitan area, and a new connection through Davis Road. It is a significant project for the region, and it was great to be out there to see the geotechnical work, and construction will commence next year. One of the key priorities we took to the election was the removal of that level crossing. Of course, it was on top of the member for Armadale's wish list for what we deliver for the whole area.

I came across another wish list, this time from the member for Darling Range. It was in an annual Christmas card she has released. It is a very pleasant Christmas card.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mrs A.K. Hayden:** It must have been someone else's Christmas card!

**The SPEAKER:** I call you to order for the first time, member for Darling Range. We are not talking about Christmas cards.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The member for Darling Range has obviously not yet struck my family off her campaign mailing list! She has not searched that Saffioti name quite yet!

It is really interesting to see what is on the wish list, because Denny Avenue does not rate a mention, member for Armadale. I remember when we were out there campaigning and the member for Darling Range gatecrashed our press conference saying it was the number one priority, but it does not make the list.

**Mrs A.K. Hayden** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Darling Range!

**Mrs A.K. Hayden** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Darling Range, I call you to order for the second time.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** It does not make the list. I know the people of Roleystone really want this project. I know the good constituents of Clifton Hills, for example, would really, really want it.

**Mrs A.K. Hayden** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Darling Range, I will call you again.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** That does not make the list, but what does make the list?

**Ms S. Winton** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Armadale; sorry, member for Wanneroo!

**Mr V.A. Catania** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for North West Central, just be careful.

*Point of Order*

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** Mr Speaker, I have been very careful not to say anything and you have just put me on the list apparently.

**The SPEAKER:** No, I did not, but I can!

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** My apologies, Mr Speaker.

**The SPEAKER:** I said "Armadale" instead of "Wanneroo", but I can put you down if you like!

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

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**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Denny Avenue did not make it, but the Tonkin Highway extension did. Remember that is a project that, over eight and a half years, the former government committed no funds to and did no planning on. Our government is out there lobbying, we have got some funds from the commonwealth and planning is underway. Byford station, the one that the Leader of the Opposition said would bring criminals to Byford, is on her list. Of course, promoting and supporting small business —

**Mrs A.K. Hayden** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Darling Range, I call you to order for the third time.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Promoting and supporting small business is on the list, because we know her record as a Kalamunda successful small business woman would make her well placed to know what small businesses want!

I know Santa missed the suburbs and the outer suburbs under the member for Darling Range's government, but Santa is not missing the suburbs under this government. There is a record amount of infrastructure.

**Mrs A.K. Hayden** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Darling Range!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** In Wanneroo, member for Wanneroo, there is record infrastructure. In the member for Jandakot's electorate there are roads being constructed as we speak. There are rail lines to Yanchep, there is the Thornlie–Cockburn line, there are the Roe and Reid Highway duplications —

**The SPEAKER:** Through the Chair, minister.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** — the Lord Street upgrade and Roe Highway projects. There is NorthLink WA, which was started by federal Labor and which we are delivering. It is a very good project. As I said, Santa forgot the suburbs under the Barnett government that the member for Darling Range was a part of, but he will not forget the suburbs under this government.