

MASJID IBRAHIM — OFFICIAL OPENING

Statement by Member for Gosnells

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [12.51 pm]: On Saturday, 31 May 2014, the Western Australian Labor leader, Hon Mark McGowan, and I had the privilege of attending the official opening of Masjid Ibrahim in Southern River. The Masjid is a beautiful building that captures the essence of Islamic architecture. It brings together many members of our Western Australian Islamic community. For a number of years, the community has been actively engaged in trying to make a mosque in the southern suburbs a reality and a legacy for future generations. Islamic faith and Islamic teaching instils in its followers the great human values of fairness and equity and the importance of generously giving to our community. For some, this is a matter of donating financially; for others, it is a matter of donating time and skills. The construction of the Masjid was in itself a reflection of the generous efforts of many followers of Islam from Perth, and elsewhere in Australia, and even from overseas. I want to especially congratulate Imam Burhaan Mehtar on his unstinting commitment to his community. There is no doubt that his drive and energy and his tireless desire to serve has led to the strength of the Islamic community in Perth's south eastern suburbs. Hon Mark McGowan and I were humbled to be present at such an important occasion. We are delighted that the Masjid will serve the Western Australian Islamic community for many generations to come.