

**MEMBER FOR SCARBOROUGH**

*Scarborough Planning Amendment 458 — Personal Explanation*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough)** [12.14 pm]: Pursuant to standing order 148, I wish to make a personal explanation regarding the allegations of family property ownership within the amendment 458 zone in Scarborough and my representations to the Minister for Planning regarding the amendment. I would like to clarify my position for the record. The property in question is owned by my mother-in-law and is the property upon which my husband's business is located. Neither my husband nor I directly own that property.

My representations to the minister regarding amendment 458 were in response to numerous requests by constituents as to the status of the amendment. I did make representations to expedite the finalisation of the amendment as I believe it is in the best interests of Scarborough to have some planning certainty. At no time did I discuss the specifics of any development scenario directly connected to that property with the minister and should I have undertaken those discussions, I would, of course, have declared the property interests of my mother-in-law.

I regret that I did not inform the minister personally; however, the matter of the ownership of that property has been public knowledge for many years. In all my representations regarding the amendment publicly and to the City of Stirling, I have always declared the interests of my mother-in-law as a matter of transparency and my assumption was that this was public knowledge.