

ELLENBROOK BUS SERVICE

**290. Ms J.J. SHAW to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the new east-west bus service for my community of Ellenbrook. How will this improve travel times and help the commute for workers coming from Ellenbrook—people who were treated appallingly by the previous Liberal–National government?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I thank the member for Swan Hills for the question. It is with great excitement that we announce the new east–west bus service for Ellenbrook. As the member for Swan Hills knows, people in the Ellenbrook corridor accessing services on the Joondalup line, such as the hospital, Edith Cowan University and other services, was a key issue raised by the public over many, many years. The new 355 service will connect Ellenbrook residents to the Joondalup train line. On top of this, we also have new connections from Ellenbrook to Midland. Again, that key issue was raised for many, many years. It also provides a new service for residents across that corridor covering Madeley, Kingsley, Whitfords and Landsdale. This is great news for the people of our north-east and northern suburbs. We take issues in our suburbs very, very seriously. We take our election commitments seriously. This was a key election commitment we made to the public at the election, unlike the Liberal Party, which, as we know, hated Ellenbrook, did it not? It hated Ellenbrook.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The Liberal Party hated Ellenbrook and, as a result, residents were denied services. Many election commitments to the people of Ellenbrook were broken by the Liberal Party throughout its time in government. This new service will connect young people to jobs and older people to services, and will see a significant new east–west linkage —

**Mr D.C. Nalder** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bateman!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** This new east–west linkage has been called for by the public year upon year. I remember writing to former Ministers for Transport asking about that service and for more connections to Midland. They denied the residents those services. This is a huge commitment for the people of Ellenbrook and surrounds. They have welcomed the new service, which is part of our strategy of making sure that everyone in WA, in our regions and in the suburbs, is looked after, as opposed to opposition members, who are a rabble. Again, they demonstrate today that they have learned nothing from the last election. We will continue to deliver to the people of Western Australia.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Pilbara, I messed it up before. You are next.

**Mr D.T. Redman:** So we are being penalised for being on the ball, Mr Speaker. Is that the case?

**The SPEAKER:** There is always a first for everything, member for Warren–Blackwood. It was my mistake.