

**CITY OF JOONDALUP — HOUSING INFILL PROGRAM**

*Statement by Member for Kingsley*

**MRS J.M.C. STOJKOVSKI (Kingsley)** [12.52 pm]: I rise today to acknowledge and commend the work of Graham Short, Suzanne Apps and the Woodvale development group. This group is engaged in an issue that is close to their hearts and their homes. I also thank them for inviting me to speak at their street corner meeting last Sunday. The group is unhappy about the implementation of the City of Joondalup's housing opportunity area, also known as increased density. While the group maintains that it is not against density, it is concerned about the large multidwelling developments currently being built in and proposed for Woodvale. I know the member for Joondalup's constituents feel the same way, particularly those in Edgewater. Part of the anger felt by this group is due to the lack of appropriate consultation by the City of Joondalup about what increased density would produce for their suburb. In 2016, scheme amendment 73 to the city's previous district planning scheme sought to implement the housing opportunity areas through various rezoning proposals. It was recommended that adjustment be made to the scheme amendment to further increase density, and it was then approved by the former government through the Western Australian Planning Commission. Once this decision was made by the former planning minister, there was no mechanism in the legislation for a subsequent minister to reverse this decision. It is clear from recent media reports that the City of Joondalup and the mayor want to lay responsibility for this situation with the new state government. Given it was the former government that set the current infill targets and endorsed the council's approach to the HOAs, I feel this is not the most productive way forward. I implore the City of Joondalup to do the right thing by its residents and pursue more creative, out-of-the-box solutions to meet density targets, such as the suggestion I made of building apartment blocks on top of train station car parks and allowing for sensible density in suburban streets.