

ELLENBROOK RAIL LINE — BUSINESS CASE

**19. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. I notice that the Premier avoided answering the key points of this question. The questions are: Will the Ellenbrook business case include the expansion of the Bayswater station and the significant cost of the improvements to signalling in order to accommodate a third line or not? Will the Premier refer these business cases for rail to the commission of inquiry?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

As I understand it, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition is asking me to refer a project that has not yet been built to a commission of inquiry that is looking backwards at other projects. In any event, the Minister for Transport will tomorrow be meeting —

**Dr M.D. Nahan:** It's not included.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The Leader of the Opposition might learn something here.

**Dr M.D. Nahan:** I doubt it.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The Minister for Transport is tomorrow meeting with the federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure, Hon Paul Fletcher, to talk about all these issues. We are seeking to advance the interests of this state, we are seeking to have long-term transport plans put in place, and we are seeking to have jobs for Western Australian citizens put in place as part of the build for these projects. That is what we are doing. The opposition can flap around pretending there is some issue when there is not, but I will tell the opposition what: we committed to this project at the last state election and we will deliver the project we committed to at the last state election.