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MAIN ROADS AMENDMENT BILL 2023

Second Reading

Resumed from 10 May.

MRS J.M.C. STOJKOVSKI (Kingsley — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.17 pm]: My speech yesterday was interrupted by other parliamentary business. I was commenting that the minister and Main Roads Western Australia have been doing an awful lot of work. I have an extensive list of all the work that is being undertaken by Main Roads, in both the metropolitan area and the regions.

I would like to highlight another, particularly because I have a revhead in my family—not a redhead—who likes car racing, whether it is F1 or supercars. We were fortunate to watch the V8 supercars racing around the track at Wanneroo raceway two weekends ago. I believe the Minister for Energy and the Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade were also there. The government has undertaken a \$1.5 million project to construct a bus lay-down area, around 300 metres of widening works along Wattle Avenue East and, as part of the scope of works, retaining walls. It does not sound like a big project, but it meant a lot to the organisers of the supercar racing, particularly Russell Sewell from the WA Sporting Car Club. He contacted me last year about it, and I believe the member for Wanneroo was also involved. We were able to work together with Main Roads Western Australia, the Public Transport Authority and Tourism Western Australia to ensure that this really important event was able to happen in Perth. This is a demonstration that Main Roads projects are not necessarily only about providing access or ways for us to travel around the state; they have far-reaching impacts into our state.

Debate interrupted, pursuant to standing orders.

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