

NORTH BEACH URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MR S.N. AUBREY (Scarborough) [12.58 pm]: A little over two years ago, Cromer Way residents in North Beach were among the 5 000 people I spoke to on their doorstep as their local Labor candidate for Scarborough. It was made clear to me that the Cromer Way flats had been an issue for many years. Some residents explained how they were promised by their real estate agent that the units would be gone in two years when they moved in over 15 years ago. It was with great pride this week when I returned to their doorsteps as their local Labor member for Scarborough to advise them of the North Beach urban renewal project. I advised them that a tender has gone out for the demolition of the structures, with completion expected in mid to late 2023, paving the way for the future renewal of the site.

I want to thank the Minister for Housing, John Carey, his team and the Department of Communities for working with me to deliver an outcome that not only is considerate of the last remaining tenants, but also delivers for the North Beach community. I also thank “Team Scarborough” for its efforts over the last three days. Together we have engaged with over 10 000 members of our community to inform them of the good news. The response from the community has been overwhelmingly positive. Former federal and state parliamentarian Hon Graham Edwards, who lives in North Beach, said —

Social housing is a matter of urgent priority so well done Stuart

The Mayor of the City of Stirling, Mark Irwin, who I have had the pleasure of working closely with to deliver better outcomes for the Scarborough community, said —

Well done Stuart Aubrey MLA! Community has been wanting this for a long time.

Jeff Grubisa, a resident of North Beach, commented —

Stuart this is great news finally action is coming You might remember who I all and all the work I have done with neighbours and pushing for this to happen with Tony Krsticevic MLA and the media for nearly 14 years You met with me at my house when you we’re running for your seat

As members can see, the community is incredibly grateful to have this result and to have a local Labor member, the first in 30 years, who acts and delivers for his community!

Sitting suspended from 1.00 pm to 2.00 pm