

**DENNIS WELLINGTON — MAYOR OF ALBANY — RETIREMENT**

*Statement by Member for Albany*

**MS R.S. STEPHENS (Albany)** [12.55 pm]: Next week, City of Albany Mayor Dennis Wellington hangs up his boots. Mayor Wellington has led the City of Albany for the last 12 years as mayor and served on council for a remarkable 23 years. I have been fortunate enough to work alongside him as his personal assistant, serve alongside him as an elected member and, now most recently, work with him in my role as the member for Albany. I have seen firsthand the unwavering commitment he has shown to the people of Albany. He has been the passionate guiding force behind numerous transformative projects that have reshaped Albany, making it an even more vibrant and thriving place that we all call home. During his tenure, he led Albany through the Anzac Centenary commemoration project, the redevelopment of Centennial Park sporting and recreation precinct and upgrades to Middleton Beach–Binalup, and he has laid the groundwork for the upcoming Albany Bicentenary celebrations in 2026. Dennis was actively involved in ensuring that the youth of Albany are represented through the Albany Youth Advisory Council and that Albany is passionately known as a compassionate community.

Dennis, you should be extremely proud of your many incredible achievements, and I thank you for your service to the Albany community. You always led with the attitude “Is it good for Albany?”, and, if it was, you championed the issue. You have been the heart and soul of our city. Our thriving regional city has been forever changed because of the impact of your dedication and leadership. Best wishes for your retirement and enjoy watching more sport on the TV.