

**HILLARYS BOAT HARBOUR AND FREMANTLE FISHING BOAT HARBOUR — JETTIES**

*Statement by Minister for Ports*

**MR D.R. MICHAEL (Balcatta — Minister for Ports)** [1.18 pm]: Today I would like to update the house on a \$14 million investment made by the Cook Labor government into local manufacturing and WA maritime jobs.

Earlier today, I announced details of a state government contract with local manufacturing company Global Trade Sales to design and construct five new jetties at the Hillarys Boat Harbour and replace one jetty at the Fremantle Fishing Boat Harbour. This Wangara-based company has seen its own workforce nearly triple, growing from six to 17 employees since winning the contract. It employs several specialised marine sector professionals and others, including graduates and an apprentice, to ensure that skill sets are passed on to future generations.

Similarly, nearly 40 local subcontractors and suppliers engaged to complete the two projects will benefit. The suppliers of the locally made jetty components will be able to continue to grow their business. As a result of collaboration with local suppliers, the floating modules, fendering and aluminium frames for the new jetties will be 100 per cent manufactured in WA, with the aluminium used sourced from WA and other Australian mills.

The projects in Hillarys and Fremantle will see around 115 newly completed pens sized between 10 and 22 metres at two of the best locations in the city. This result represents the Cook Labor government's willingness to invest in WA's maritime construction and manufacturing sectors.

The construction of a realigned 3.5-metre-wide central floating walkway in Hillarys is now nearing completion. This walkway will provide continued penholder access while work is undertaken to demolish and replace jetties F, G, H and J with WA-made jetties.

We have already seen the replacement of jetty 3 at Fremantle with a new WA-made jetty. This is an excellent result for our marine construction and manufacturing sectors in WA, and it also demonstrates the success of the WA recovery plan in delivering job opportunities and economic activity for our state.