

STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

Inquiry into the removal of Senior School Allocation Funding for Year 11 and 12 Courses at District High Schools.

Terms of Reference (a) and (b)

The proposal to no longer fund years 11 and 12 at the Jurien Bay High School is unfortunate.

Unfortunate for existing parents and students, but also for those people who aspire to be part of the community of Jurien Bay.

Jurien Bay has undergone significant growth and is expected to grow into a significant town and ultimately a City. Evidence for this is.

- The 1995 Central Coast Planning Strategy identified Jurien bay as the regional centre of the Central Coast.
- Studies by MRWA and the Wheatbelt Development Commission identified an expected doubling of population once the extension of Indian Ocean Drive from Lancelin to Cervantes was completed.
- Although delayed the link is now expected to be completed in 2010.
- The WA Planning Commission approved the Turquoise Coast Structure Plan in 2005 (see presentation panel) which identified some 9000 future residential lots and supporting commercial and industrial. Provision is also made in the Plan for extensive areas of conservation and essential infrastructure such as school Sites.
- WAPC and the Dandaragan Shire Council have subsequently approved subdivisions for about 700 lots.
- The Ardross Group of Companies is the owner of land to the south of the existing town site.
- It has developed in excess of 600 lots in Beachridge and Marine Fields of which in excess of 540 have been sold.
- In Beachridge alone, in excess of 100 homes have been built since 2005 including 5 for Government Regional Officers Housing under Royalties for Region Funding.
- In view of further anticipated growth, I suggest that it would not be appropriate to cease funding for years 11 and 12 at the Jurien Bay High School.