



# MEDIA STATEMENT

RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
MEMBER FOR WEST SWAN



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## **RESIDENTS ANGRY AT DISAPPEARANCE OF THEIR BUS STOP**

Orchid Park residents have teamed up with local MLA Rita Saffioti to fight for the reinstatement of their one and only bus stop after it was removed overnight late last year.

In November last year the residents were shocked to find their bus stop of ten years had been removed and not replaced without any significant consultation with passengers.

Ms Saffioti was contacted by the concerned residents and followed up on the issue, confirming that the bus stop had purposely been removed and the Public Transport Authority was not intending to replace it.

“This is the only bus stop that caters to residents living in Orchid Park,” she said.

“Young children and seniors are now forced to cross the dangerous Beechboro Road and walk an extra 200 metres to get to the nearest bus stop.”

Ms Saffioti wrote to the Minister for Transport before Christmas urging him to have the bus stop reinstated immediately and still has not received a response.

“Students have now returned to school and the situation they face to catch a bus could easily be avoided,” Ms Saffioti said.

“No consideration was given to improving the bus stop – there is sufficient land available to construct a bus stop lane which would increase the safety for passengers and bus drivers.

“The construction of a safe pedestrian crossing would also allow a new bus stop constructed on the eastern side of Beechboro Road.”

Ms Saffioti said a solution was needed now and called on the Transport Minister to act.

“This is simply not good enough, it is their only bus stop and it has been stolen from them,” she said.

Residents are also collecting signatures on a petition for Ms Saffioti to present in Parliament.

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