



MEDIA STATEMENT

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CHANGES TO BUS SERVICES, JUST A DROP IN THE OCEAN FOR BALLAJURA RESIDENTS

Local Labor MLA Rita Saffioti said Ballajura residents deserved to feel hard done by after no new bus routes would be considered by the Barnett Government as part of proposed changes to bus services in the northern suburbs.

The proposed changes are currently being advertised for public comment before the changes come into effect in November.

Ms Saffioti said the changes, coupled with Government's disappointing 20 year public transport plan released last month, did not go far enough to improving public transport in Ballajura and Malaga.

"Residents will be pleased with some of these changes, however they only provide a bandaid solution in the short term," she said.

The West Swan MLA said Malaga was in the top 10 employment centres in WA, yet the Barnett Government refused to provide it with any satisfactory services now and in the next 20 years.

"The changes will see some additional services for the 887 and 889 routes, yet the 886, which services the centre of Ballajura, still won't run on weekends," she said.

"In three years the Liberals have broken their key election commitment to build a north eastern rail line, provided no vision for this corridor and now have provided no additional bus routes.

"They simply cannot be trusted when it comes to public transport."

Ms Saffioti said it was unfair no representatives would visit Ballajura to discuss the changes with residents, yet visit seven other areas in the process.

"Given the Barnett Government's record in Ballajura it doesn't surprise me," she said.

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