



MEDIA STATEMENT

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SAFFIOTI CALLS FOR NEW LANDSDALE BUS SERVICE TO BE FUNDED

Local MLA Rita Saffioti has called for the Barnett Government to fund a new planned bus route, between Landsdale and Warwick train station, in the State Budget to be handed down on Thursday.

Ms Saffioti understood that it was a PTA priority to introduce the new route via Kingsway Shopping Centre which would serve Landsdale, Darch, Madeley, Kingsley, Hillarys and Greenwood.

“But no funding is being provided for this new service,” she said.

“It is clear that this service is desperately needed throughout the corridor.

“An east-west service for the wider Landsdale community linking the shopping centre and the Joondalup train line has been planned by the Public Transport Authority.

“However due to a lack of funding by the Barnett Government this service cannot commence.”

Ms Saffioti said residents in the area had waited long enough for an adequate east-west service.

“The fact that the residents can not catch a bus directly to their main shopping centre is just not good enough,” she said.

“In 2008 Labor committed to a bus service between Landsdale and Hillarys, linking the Greenwood train station.

“My calls for this or a similar service to be introduced have fallen on deaf ears in the Barnett Government.

“We now know that the PTA is calling for a service to begin operating, Mr Barnett has no more excuses.

“The Barnett Government needs to invest in the basic infrastructure, like this simple yet effective bus service, to meet community needs before spending millions on indulgences like the new palace for Mr Barnett and his staff.”

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