

SWANBOURNE DEFENCE AREA

An assurance that resumption of land for residents of Swanbourne would not be cancelled by the proposed resumption of land in that locality for defence purposes was given to the Nedlands Rate Board on Tuesday night in a letter received from the Minister for Defence (Mr. Archdale Parkhill).

Parts of the reply were on lines already reported in "The West Australian," but additional points were as follows:—
"In selecting the Swanbourne site, due regard was given to the area of land required, and no more land than is necessary for efficient defence purposes will be required. For efficiency it is imperative that the field of fire seawards from the guns should not be obstructed in any way, and in addition it is necessary for purposes of training and test of equipment that occasional use be made of the same area. It is not proposed to enclose the reserve, and no objections will be offered to the use of this ground for recreation purposes, except for a few days each year when firing operations from the fort are in progress. In these circumstances the reserve (Allen Park) will be preserved for the use of residents possibly more effectively than if it remained under local control."
