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Meeting Minutes

15 June 2023

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- Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the different lands on which people are meeting today, and paid respect to all the Elders past, present and emerging.

2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Members		
Cr David Menzel	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Zoom
James Watt	A/CEO Shire of Broome (Delegate)	Zoom
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Geoff Haerewa	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Observers		
Peter McCumstie	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Phillip Cassell	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	Zoom
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Zoom
Nick Kearns	Director of Planning / Community SWEK	Zoom
Executive Support Team		
Paul Rosair	Principal NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal Mira Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal Redit Research	Zoom
Apologies		
Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome	
Cr Desiree Male	President, Shire of Broome	
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	
Gordon Thomson	President, Shire of Christmas Island	
David Price	CEO, Shire of Christmas Island	
Aindil Minkom	President, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Frank Mills	CEO, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	
Wayne Neate	A/CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	
Natasha Mahar	CEO, Australia's North West	
Janine Hatch	Director, Regional Development Australia - Kimberley	
Guests		
Cr Karen Chappel	CEO WALGA	Zoom
Nick Sloan	CEO, WALGA	Zoom
Tom Zaunmayr	Senior Media and Communications Advisor, WALGA	Zoom
Kim Brown	Acting Director, Regional Development Australia - Kimberley	Zoom
Greg Hayes	Regional Road Safety Advisor, WALGA	Zoom
Nicky Bexley	Trade and Industry Relationships Manager, Australia's North West tourism	Zoom
Claire Wilson	Marketing Officer, Australia's North West Tourism	
Tom Chapman	Regional Manager, DLGCI	Zoom
Glen Chidlow	Director Industry and Infrastructure, Kimberley Development Commission	Zoom
Chuck Berger	CEO Kimberley Development Commission	Zoom

3. Disclosures, Conflicts and Declarations of Interest:

Financial Interest / Impartiality			
Member	Item Number	Item	Nature of Interest
Nil			

4. Kimberley Country Zone State Council Agenda:

Attachments:

- 1 President's Report
- 2 WALGA State Council Agenda and (Separately Attached)

4.1 Presidents Report – Attachment 1



President's Report July 2023

Introduction

I recently travelled to Canberra with the WALGA CEO ahead of an ALGA Board Meeting. Given the importance of the relationship between the Commonwealth and Local Government we took the opportunity to engage with several key Ministerial offices during the visit.

An in-person meeting with the Minister for Local Government Kristy McBain, provided an important opportunity to highlight our concerns regarding the recently announced Independent Strategic Review (the Review) of the Infrastructure Investment Program. Advice that key programs including Roads to Recovery and Federal Black Spot were within scope of the review is of concern and I advocated strongly that WALGA have the opportunity to provide a submission to the Review panel. I'm pleased that this opportunity has now been provided demonstrating the importance of constructive relationships with Commonwealth Offices.

Successful meetings were also held with the offices of the Minister for Emergency Services and Minister for Infrastructure and Development. I also met with the Shadow Minister for Local Government ensuring there is a bipartisan understanding of the challenges facing the sector in WA. The consistent message I received in Canberra was the importance of WA voices being heard in the Nation's Capital. The strength of numbers from WA attending this year's Annual General Assembly should ensure that objective is met this year.

It has been a busy time politically in WA with the resignation of former Premier Mark McGowan and the appointment of the Hon Roger Cook as Premier of WA. Premier Roger Cook has announced his new Cabinet, on 7 June 2023, with the full list [here](#).

There is one new Cabinet appointment, and of most interest to Local Government, that of David Michael MLA as the Local Government Minister. He also takes on the portfolios of Ports; Road Safety and Minister assisting the Minister for Transport. Many of you would remember Minister Michael as a member of State Council for eight years from 2009–2017, as well as a Stirling Councillor from 2005–2017.

Outgoing Local Government Minister John Carey MLA is now Minister for Planning; Lands; Housing; and Homelessness. As anticipated Deputy Premier Rita Saffioti MLA is promoted to Treasurer, retains Transport and adds Tourism. Premier Cook assumes the portfolios of State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade; Public Sector Management; and Federal-State Relations, arguably the more traditional portfolios associated with the role of Premier.

From a Local Government perspective, most of the other key portfolios to our sector are business as usual with Minister Dawson retaining Emergency Services, Minister Punch Regional Development and Minister Johnston Industrial Relations.

Advocacy

Western Power Street Lighting Prices

On 27 April, the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) published Western Power's draft 2023-24 price list, which included a proposed 43.85% hike in street lighting prices. This was met with universal swift condemnation by WALGA and many vocal Local Governments. CEO Nick Sloan emailed all Local Government CEOs on 28 April encouraging all Local Governments to tailor a submission to the ERA, highlighting the financial impacts of such an increase in street lighting tariffs.



WALGA wrote to ERA CEO Steve Edwell highlighting strong concerns about the proposed increase by Western Power, noting it was significantly higher than the 2.81% assumed charge in the 2022-23 Budget papers, was without justification and was ill-timed as most Local Governments were close to completing their annual budgets. WALGA wrote to the Ministers for Energy and Local Governments also, highlighting its dissatisfaction at Western Power's request.

The story broke in The West Australian on 3 May, featuring my comments on behalf of the sector and was followed up by most media the following day, with further comments and interviews. Many Local Governments also made their views known. On 17 May the ERA published its price list, with the increase in street lighting tariffs kept to 7.5%. The media again picked up on the story, with our comments again appearing in many metropolitan and regional news publications and television news bulletins.

State and Federal Budgets

The Federal and State Budgets handed down in May 2023 had a strong focus on providing cost of living relief to households while trying to not to add to inflation.

The Federal Budget retained its commitment to a number of important programs for Local Government but there were few new spending announcements. It was disappointing that the Government did not deliver on its commitment to a fair and reasonable increase in Financial Assistance Grants. This year, \$3.1 billion has been provided for Financial Assistance Grants funding, with WA to receive \$376.9 million. Financial Assistance Grants now represent 0.5% of total Commonwealth Tax revenue, down from 0.52% in 2022-23. The Government has indicated that it will continue to work with states in relation to the financial sustainability of the Local Government sector, including advancing 75% of funding "earlier than would usually occur".

The State Budget provided funding for a number of important areas identified in WALGA's State Budget Submission and ongoing policy and advocacy work, including funding for the Urban Greening Grants Program, Government Regional Officers Housing and the Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund and to support the implementation of the new *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021*. Unfortunately, there was no additional funding allocated for the Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) Program which would have boosted Local Governments' capacity to support their communities in the preparation, response and recovery from emergency events such as bushfires and flooding.

Regional GP Services

We were successful with our advocacy requesting a tender exemption for rural GP's. The Minister for Local Government listen to the sector and introduced amendments to the Local Government Functions and General Regulations to provide an exemption from the requirement to seek public tenders where a Local Government is extending, varying, or renewing a contract. This will make it easier for Local Governments to vary and extend contracts relating to the provision of medical services. However, Local Governments will still need to go through a public tender process when first engaging a General Practitioner.

In respect to the tender for first engaging a GP, WALGA is preparing a template tender document to assist Local Governments and General Practitioners in responding to a tender.

Local Government Amendment Act 2023

The Local Government Amendment Act 2023 received assent in May, however very few of the provisions have commenced at the time of writing. The priority of the Government will be to commence Act provisions and introduce new regulations relating to the election process and this is expected by the end of June 2023.

Two specific amendments will not commence for the 2023 elections:

- Caretaker Provisions are planned to commence in time for the 2025 Local Government elections; and
- Owner Occupier roll amendments that will introduce new provisions requiring specific 'right of occupancy' legal instruments that will determine enrolment eligibility also to be introduced for the 2025 elections.



WALGA is also collaborating with the WA Electoral Commission and Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries in practical election preparations including planning for a state-wide Candidate Information Briefing, delivery of in-house candidate briefings organised by Local Governments and a webinar on the Owners and Occupiers Roll.

Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act

The new *Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021* commences on 1 July. I have written to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs requesting support for the sector in the transition to the new Act through the provision of a dedicated Local Government ACH Act Facilitator, training, guidance materials, additional DPLH regional officers and an extension of grant funding project timeframes.

Convention

The website for the 2023 WALGA Convention has been launched, registrations opened, and three speakers announced – Melbourne Cup winning jockey Michelle Payne (Tuesday breakfast), Futurist and Author Gihan Perera (Mayors & Presidents Forum) and Business Disruptor and Transformer Dominic Thurbon (Keynote). Speakers for the two Plenary Sessions on Regional Housing and Active Mobility are being secured and Sponsorship Prospectuses have been finalised and sent out.

Cr Karen Chappel JP
WALGA President



President's Contacts

The President's contacts since 3 May 2023 and scheduled before 5 July 2023 are as follows:

Government Relations

- Shadow Minister for Local Government and Territories, Hon Darren Chester MP
- Hon. Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack
- Federal Parliamentary Inquiry into Regional Mobile Phone Coverage, Department of the House of Representatives
- Deputy Chief of Staff Emergency Management, Office of the Senator Murray Watts
- Leader of the Nationals in the Senate, Senator the Hon Bridget McKenzie, Hon Darren Chester MP
- Hon. Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Regional Development, Territories Local Government

Zone Meetings

- Northern Country Zone Meeting
- Kimberly Country Zone Meeting
- Central Country Zone Meeting

Local Government Relations

- State Council meetings:
 - State Council meeting, 3 May
 - Strategic Forum, 3 May
 - Finance and Services Committee meeting
- LGIS
 - Board meeting
 - Board workshop
- ALGA
 - Board meeting
 - Cultural Ministers Meeting
 - National General Assembly
 - Executive meeting
 - Budget meeting
 - National Emergency Management Ministers Meeting (NEMM)
- Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund Board meeting
- State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee meeting

Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations

- National Road Safety Vanguard Programme
- Premiers Budget Sundowner
- Post Budget Breakfast with Premier, Hon Mark McGowan
- Leadership Matters Breakfast with Hon Dr Jim Chalmers
- Curtin Bankwest Housing Affordability in WA 2023 Report Launch

4.2 Reports from Representatives

WALGA –

- Karen Chappel, President,
- Nick Sloan CEO,
- Tom Zaunmayr, Senior Media and Communications Advisor,
- Greg Hayes, Regional Road Safety Advisor,

RDA Kimberley – Kim Brown, Acting Director

Australia's North West Tourism –

- Nicky Bexley Trade and Industry Relationships Manager
- Claire Wilson Marketing Officer

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries –

- Tom Chapman, Regional Manager Kimberley.

Kimberley Development Commission –

- Chuck Berger, CEO
- Glen Chidlow, Director Industry and Infrastructure

4.2 Reports from Kimberley Country Zone

The following table provides a summary of Matters for Decision that will be considered at the WALGA State Meeting on 5th July, 2023, and provides an update on Matters for Noting. For full details of items, including background material and discussions, please see separately attached WALGA State Council Agenda (Attachment 2).

4.2.1 Item/Matters for Decision

Item / Matters for Decision	WALGA Recommendations
4.1. Minutes of the State council meeting held 3 May 2023	<i>That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on Wednesday, 3 May 2023 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.</i>
4.2 Flying Minute – Submission for 2023 State Wage Case	<p><i>That the Flying Minute – Submission for 2023 State Wage Case be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.</i></p> <p>4.2.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – Submission for 2023 State Wage Case</p>

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<p>7.1 Review of Urban Forest Advocacy Position</p>	<p><i>That WALGA endorse a new Advocacy Position 4.6 Urban Forest as follows:</i></p> <p><i>To promote the growth of Western Australia’s urban forest the State Government should:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Identify a lead agency with responsibility for setting the strategic direction and oversight of urban forest initiatives.</i> <i>2. In consultation with Local Government:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. Develop an Urban Forest Strategy, based on the overarching principles of a resilient, connected, expanded and equitable urban forest including:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. an overall tree canopy target for the Perth and Peel regions,</i> <i>ii. robust and contemporary data to inform decision making,</i> <i>iii. funding mechanisms to support growth in urban canopy.</i> <i>b. Develop contemporary legislative and policy mechanisms to enable the protection and growth of urban forest, including:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>i. an effective and efficient regulatory mechanism that allows Local Government to consider the removal or alteration of a significant tree as a form of development.</i> <i>ii. prioritisation of trees and vegetation as a key structural element in the design of new neighbourhoods to facilitate climate resilient and liveable communities.</i> <i>iii. consideration of public realm design to maximise opportunities for tree retention and new planting consistent with any tree canopy targets.</i> <i>3. Work with Local Government and other stakeholders to increase community awareness and promote behaviour change in relation to urban forest growth and retention to support State and Local Government targets and action.</i> <i>4. Provide recurrent funding for a comprehensive and accessible Urban Greening Grant program to support Local Government investment in public realm planting, focusing on high urban heat areas and enhancing biodiversity outcomes.</i> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is proposed that the 2017 Advocacy Position 4.6 Urban Forestry be replaced with a new position that reflects Local Governments’ urban forest advocacy priorities. • The new position has been prepared in collaboration with the officers of the Local Government Urban Forest Working Group and has been endorsed by both the People and Place Policy Team and Environment and Waste Policy Team at a special joint meeting on 31 May 2023. <p>Attachments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues Paper: Local Government Approaches to Tree Retention • New Urban Forest Advocacy Position

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<p>7.2 State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire</p>	<p>That WALGA endorse the submission on <i>State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire</i> and the <i>Planning for Bushfire Guidelines</i>.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire</i> (SPP3.7) directs how land use and planning proposals should address bushfire risk in Western Australia. It applies to all land designated as bushfire prone, which is approximately 93% of the state. • The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage has released a revised version of SPP3.7 and <i>Planning for Bushfire Guidelines</i> for public comment. • Future changes to the <i>Map of Bush Fire Prone Areas</i> are planned that will create a revised mapping standard for lower risk areas, such as significantly built-up urban areas. • The revised SPP 3.7 and Guidelines propose a nuanced response compared to the existing policy framework, with the intent of better reflecting the type of planning or development proposal and the level of bushfire risk. • WALGA's submission generally supports the revised SPP3.7 and Guidelines. The more nuanced policy response better reflects the level of bushfire risk across the State and is a positive evolution of policy design. Several matters of concern and technical comments are raised in the submission. • The public comment period closes on Monday, 17 July 2023. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA submission on State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire • Planning for Bushfire Guidelines • State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire and Planning for Bushfire Guidelines
<p>7.3 Reforming WA Disability Legislation Submission</p>	<p>That WALGA endorse the submission to the Department of Communities relating to the <i>Consultation Paper – Reforming WA Disability Legislation</i>.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In March 2023, the Department of Communities (DoC) released the consultation paper 'Reforming WA Disability Legislation'. • DoC is developing new disability legislation for Western Australia, largely driven by the State Disability Strategy 2020-2030 and the recommendations of the <i>Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability</i>. • Under the current <i>Disability Services Act 1993</i> (DSA), Local Governments are legislated to implement Disability Access and Inclusion Plans (DAIPs). • WALGA has consulted with the sector and developed a submission with 11 key recommendations. • The recommendations make the case for additional measures to support Local Governments implement DAIPs to deliver enhanced access and inclusion outcomes within local communities through standardized governance, training, support and funding. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA Submission: Reforming WA Disability Legislation • Consultation Paper: Reforming WA Disability Legislation, March 2023 • State Disability Strategy 2020-2030

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<p>7.4 Landfill Bans Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That WALGA endorse the following Landfill Ban Advocacy Position:</p> <p><i>Landfill bans are not supported in the absence of effective product stewardship schemes, or other funding mechanisms, for products which would be subject to the ban.</i></p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Government has committed to delivering a state-wide E-waste ban to landfill by 2024, with the aim of improving management and recycling of e-waste produced by households and businesses across the State. • Consultation has occurred on the proposed ban and a WALGA Submission on this matter was endorsed by State Council in March 2023. • A key recommendation of this and previous WALGA Submissions is that any material subject to landfill bans must be covered by a fully effective product stewardship scheme prior to ban implementation. • Without effective product stewardship arrangements in place for items covered under landfill bans, the burden of managing the product at end of life falls disproportionately to Local Governments. • A new advocacy position is proposed that makes it clear that landfill bans are not supported in the absence of effective product stewardship schemes, or other funding mechanisms, for products which would be subject to the ban. • A contemporary and clear advocacy position on landfill bans will enable WALGA to strongly discourage this policy approach and advocate to the Government for the range of conditions necessary to increase resource recovery and reduce disposal of material to landfill.
<p>7.5 Audit Experience Survey Results Summary and Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Council note the Audit Experience Survey Results Summary; and 2. WALGA advocate to the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to reform the audit process for Local Governments by seeking: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Audits of Local Governments are completed and reported on in a timely manner and that the processes, procedures and scope of audits are consistently applied. b. That the OAG review the requirements for pre-audit information with a view to reducing the need for additional information where possible; c. That the OAG review their costing formulae for Local Government audits and show constraint in audit cost increases; d. That the OAG provide a breakdown on the cost of the audit and justification for any variance to the estimate to the Local Government as part of the final billing process; e. That auditors be required to improve their communication and information management and avoid repeated requests for information that has already been provided;

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	<p>f. That Local Governments only be required to communicate with contract Auditors (<i>unless the OAG is directly auditing the Local Government</i>) and the onus be placed on the contract Auditors to confirm their advice with the OAG before instructing the Local Government; and</p> <p>g. In-conjunction with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, review the application of Fair Value principles in the context of the audit.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In April, WALGA in partnership with LG Professionals WA conducted a survey of the Local Government sector to seek feedback on the annual audit process. • A range of views were captured in the feedback, both positive and negative. • The responses highlighted five key emerging issues in the audit process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ timeframe and delays; ○ additional workload on Local Government staff; ○ cost; ○ inconsistent advice from contract Auditors and the OAG; and ○ asset valuation requirements. • WALGA and LG Professionals will continue to work with the OAG to reform the audit process in line with sector feedback, with a particular focus on those issues above. <p><u>Attachment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audit Experience Survey Results Summary
<p>7.6 Amendments to WALGA's Constitution</p>	<p>That State Council endorse putting two items to the 2023 Annual General Meeting that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. propose a new Constitution to give effect to the alternate governance model as per the attached; and 2. amend the Constitution to retain the current governance model with necessary changes, as per the attached mark-up. <p>VOTING REQUIREMENT: 75% SPECIAL MAJORITY</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At its last meeting, State Council resolved for two sets of constitutional changes to be developed for consideration by State Council, with the intention that Members would consider both sets of amendments at the 2023 Annual General Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ One set to give effect to the alternate model, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and ○ A second set to refine the current Constitution to address inconsistencies and other issues while maintaining the current governance model. • The constitutional changes have been prepared by legal firm, Jackson McDonald.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to the Association Constitution require both a special (75 percent) majority at State Council and a special (75 percent) majority at a General Meeting of Members. • Consequently, if the proposed sets of amendments are endorsed by State Council, they will be put to the 2023 Annual General Meeting on Monday, 18 September. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA Constitution – proposed new Constitution to give effect to alternate model • WALGA Constitution (marked up) – proposed amendments (retaining current model)

4.2.2. Policy Team and Committee Reports

Limited information is provided in this information, please see attached WALGA State Council Agenda for full details.

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<p>8.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council note the matters considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team.</p> <p>Matters for State Council Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landfill bans • Matters referred by Zones <p>Matters for State Council Noting – updates on the following</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) EV charging infrastructure funding application • Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act (BAM Act) Review • Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) • Draft State Waste Infrastructure Plan • Urban Forest
<p>8.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. retain, without amendment, Advocacy Positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) 2.1.10 Recovery of Rates and Service Charges; and (b) 2.5.31 Annual Electors' General Meetings; 2. delete Advocacy Position 2.5.25 Attendance at Council Meetings by Technology; and

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	<p>3. notes that the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team endorsed the WALGA 2023 State Wage Case submission.</p> <p>Matters for State Council Decision</p> <p>1.1 Advocacy Position 2.1.10 Recovery of Rates and Service Charges <u>Policy Team Comment:</u> Amendment of s.6.56 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> has not been addressed in the current Local Government Amendment Bill 2023 and the matter is therefore unresolved. Recommend State Council retain Advocacy Position 2.1.10 Recovery of Rates and Service Charges</p> <p>1.2 Advocacy Position 2.5.25 Attendance at Council Meetings by Technology <u>Policy Team Comment:</u> This advocacy position has been achieved through the <i>Local Government (Administration) Amendment Regulations 2022</i>, implemented in November 2022, which included provisions that enable Council Members to individually attend by electronic means up to half the council or committee meetings held within any 12 month period.</p> <p>Recommend State Council delete Advocacy Position 2.5.25 Attendance at Council Meetings by Technology</p> <p>1.3 Advocacy Position 2.5.31 Annual Electors' General Meetings <u>Policy Team Comment:</u> The Minister for Local Government has not included or proposed a provision in the current Local Government Act Reform proposals that would give effect to this advocacy position. Recommend State Council retain Advocacy Position 2.5.31 Annual Elector's General Meetings</p> <p>Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>The GOS Policy Team endorsed the WALGA 2023 State Wage Case submission at its meeting held on 3 May, subject to the submission including an example of the street lighting costs.</p>
8.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report	<p>That State Council note the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team.</p> <p>Matters for State Council Decision - nil</p> <p>Matters for State Council Noting The Infrastructure Policy Team noted the expanding number of activities and prioritised:</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing effective responses to barriers and challenges to achieving timely and on-budget deliver of funded road projects in conjunction with Regional Road Groups; • Revising and providing updated tools, model policies and advice to Local Governments concerning heavy vehicle cost recovery, including options available to Councils considering extending access to concessional mass vehicles; • Improving the implementation and effectiveness of Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, noting that there are currently three on-going inquiries or reviews initiated by the Commonwealth, and a need to resolve implementation issues with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services; • Addressing management of road works during Total Fire Bans.
<p>8.4 People and Place Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team be noted.</p> <p>Matters for State Council Decision</p> <p>At the meeting on 3 May, the People and Place Policy Team Policy Team noted the request from the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone on Advocacy on Building Issues and endorsed actions to be undertaken by WALGA Secretariat.</p> <p>At the meeting on 31 May, the People and Place Policy Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In conjunction with the Environment and Waste Policy Team, endorsed a new Urban Forest advocacy position for consideration by State Council (see Agenda Item 7.1); • Endorsed the WALGA submission on Consistent Local Planning Schemes and an updated Planning Reform advocacy position for consideration by State Council via the Flying Minute process; • Noted a matter referred from Peel Country Zone on the establishment of a Coastal Hazard Risk Management and Adaptation Plan (CHRMAP) Taskforce and endorsed actions to be undertaken by WALGA Secretariat, including the preparation of a discussion paper on the matter; and • Endorsed the WALGA submission to the Department of Communities on Reforming WA Disability Legislation (see Agenda Item 7.3). <p>Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>At the meeting on 3 May, the People and Place Policy Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Received a presentation from the Planning and Building Team on Non-Residential Car Parking Requirements – Draft Interim Guidance; • Received a presentation from the Planning and Building Team on Local Government Planning and Building Performance for the 2022-23 reporting year (see Agenda Item 9.3); • Received an update from the Planning and Building Team on WALGA’s work on planning fees and charges; and • Received an update from the Planning and Building Team on Urban Forest.

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<p>8.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) Report</p>	<p>That State Council note the resolutions of the 19 April 2023 Municipal Waste Advisory Council.</p> <p>Matters for State Council Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission on WA Container Deposit Scheme Expansion • Policy Position Landfill Bans <p>Matters for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Release of the draft State Waste Infrastructure Plan • Review of Waste Policy Statements • Packaging Product Stewardship and national advocacy on flexible plastic recycling • WALGA's investigations into e-cigarette disposal options and the regulatory framework for used and disposal of these products and advocacy underway. • Contingency Planning for waste management, including the development of a Mutual Assistance Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for Local Governments and WALGA Preferred Suppliers of waste fleet. • Waste management and biosecurity, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ working with Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) on undertaking preparedness activities for any disposal requirements resulting from Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), such as landfill capacity and resourcing, logistics and communications as part of a coordinated emergency response. • the expansion of the Quarantine Area, for the invasive Polyphagous Shot-hole Borer, impacts 25 Local Government FOGO, GO and verge collections.
<p>9.1 Flying Minute – Submission to 2023 State Wage Case</p>	<p>That State Council note the WALGA 2023 State Wage Case submission, as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually, the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) in Court Session issues a decision setting the WA minimum wage. • WALGA has an opportunity to file a submission with the WAIRC containing Local Government specific information and economic data for the WAIRC to consider when making its decision. • The provision of a submission is important because Local Governments are now the second largest employer in the State industrial relations (IR) system (after the State Government) and the decision issued may impact on Local Government employee wages. • State Council endorsed the WALGA 2023 State Wage Case submission by way of Flying Minute on 15 May. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA submission for the 2023 State Wage Case

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<p>9.3 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project</p>	<p>That State Council note the results of the 2021-22 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA initiated the Local Government Performance Monitoring Project in 2018. WALGA has continued and expanded the Project producing subsequent Reports in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022. • 36 Local Governments participated in the Project this year. These Local Governments are home to approximately 80% of Western Australia's population and between 2001 and 2021 accounted for 83% of the state's total population growth. • The 2021-22 data shows that Local Governments have maintained high performance in undertaking their planning and building functions. • They provide a strong indication of how the Local Government sector in Western Australia is performing in the areas of strategic and statutory planning and building regulation. In 2022, process and technological improvements were undertaken to improve how the data is conveyed and presented. The findings of the Project are incorporated into an online interactive dashboard publicly available through the WALGA website. <p><u>Attachments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Key Indicator Snapshot • Performance Monitoring Dashboard
<p>9.4 Street Lighting Tariffs</p>	<p>That State Council note the update on the 2023-24 street lighting tariffs.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In May 2023, Western Power provided its Price List to the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) for approval, which included a proposed 43.85% increase for street lighting tariffs. • The proposed increase would apply to the costs paid by Synergy to access Western Power's network, which are a large component of the final tariff paid by Local Governments to Synergy. • WALGA responded quickly to the proposed increase, with the WALGA CEO and President writing to the ERA, Minister for Energy and Minister for Local Government, expressing the sector's strong concerns about the magnitude of the unjustified and unexpected increase. • Local Governments also wrote directly to the ERA and spoke publicly on the impact the proposed increase would have on their communities. • The ERA rejected the proposed increase, instead approving a 7.5% increase in the network component of the streetlight tariff for 2023-24, in line with their forecast of the average increase in network charges.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In making its decision, the ERA acknowledged Local Governments' concerns on streetlighting tariffs. Local Governments can expect to see street lighting costs rise by 4.8% in 2023-24, in line with the approved tariff increase set out in the State Budget Papers. <p><u>Attachments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Letter to the ERA Letter to Minister for Housing; Lands; Homelessness; Local Government Letter to Minister for Mines and Petroleum, Energy, Corrective Services and Industrial Relations ERA Statement WALGA Media Statement
<p>9.5 2023-24 Federal and State Budgets</p>	<p>That State Council note the update on the 2023-24 Federal and State Budgets and impacts on Local Government.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal and State Budgets were handed down on 9 and 11 May 2023. The Federal Budget retained its commitment to a number of important programs for Local Government but there were few new spending announcements. The State Budget provided funding for a number of important areas identified in WALGA's State Budget Submission. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WALGA Federal Budget 2023-24 Highlights WALGA State Budget 2023-24 Highlights WALGA State Budget Submission 2023-24
<p>9.6 Update on the Commencement of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</p>	<p>That State Council note the update on the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</i> (ACH Act), which replaces the <i>Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972</i>, comes into effect on 1 July 2023. Since 2018, WALGA has undertaken extensive consultation and communication with the sector in relation to the development of the ACH Act, and undertaken advocacy on behalf of the sector, including three State Council endorsed submissions during the 2022 Co-Design process. WALGA's advocacy resulted in significant improvements to the activity categories, with consideration now given to many every day and emergency works that Local Governments undertake.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA's 2023-24 State Budget Submission called for funding for the establishment and ongoing functioning of the new ACH system with respect to Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Council, Local Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Services (LACHS) and Local Governments. • The WALGA President has written to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, requesting additional support for Local Governments in the implementation of the new legislation. • In May and June 2023, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) is delivering education workshops throughout the State to support implementation of the new legislation, including a Local Government specific session co-hosted with WALGA on 10 May. • WALGA will monitor the impact of the ACH Act on Local Governments and will continue to advocate for ongoing support to enhance Local Government knowledge and capability with respect to implementing the new legislation. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from WALGA President to the Minister for Education, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, and Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests, 1 June 2023 • WALGA ACH Act Submissions
<p>9.7 State Award Variations Impacting on Local Governments</p>	<p>That State Council note the update on the State award variation applications currently before the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 1 January 2023, a majority of Local Governments and Regional Councils were required to transition from the Federal industrial relations (IR) system to the State IR system due to a change in State legislation. • Both the Federal and State IR systems have awards covering Local Government employers and employees. Awards are documents which set out the minimum terms and conditions of employment for a particular industry or occupation. • There are a number of State awards that cover Local Governments however these awards contain outdated and unclear language, are very difficult to consistently interpret and are not reflective of the needs of a modern Local Government workforce. • This is unlike the Federal Local Government Industry Award 2020 (Federal Award) which has been consistently reviewed and updated since 2009. • Unfortunately, the State Government and the unions did not support a legislated State award modernisation process before Local Governments were mandated to operate in the State IR system. Further, the transitional legislation does not provide for the Federal Award to permanently transition to the State IR system. • The Western Australian Municipal, Administrative, Clerical and Services Union of Employees (commonly also known as the WA Branch of the ASU) (ASU) made an application in February 2023 to amend the State Local Government awards without employer consultation.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further, the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) is reviewing the scope clauses of a number of State awards which potentially cover Local Governments, in addition to the two State Local Government awards. • WALGA has commenced representing the sector and individually named Local Governments in the various applications before the WAIRC regarding proposed amendments to the State awards. • This item for noting provides an update on the status of these applications and outlines the engagement methods WALGA will be using to seek feedback from the sector on these important employment issues.
10.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the July 2023 State Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u> Media: 72 mentions of WALGA in April and May Advocacy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ERA • Federal Budget Advocacy and Communications • State Budget Advocacy and Communications • Local Government Election Campaign • WALGA Conference 2023
10.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the July 2023 State Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u> Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance, • Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program <p>Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement • Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions • Business Case for Safety Improvement to High Speed Sealed Local Government Roads <p>Utilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Streetlighting • Underground Power <p>Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Safety Ratings for Local Government Roads Project

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<p>10.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio</p>	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the July 2023 State Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <p>Commercial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preferred Supplier Program Development • Construction and Built Environments <p>Employee Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Wage Case 2023 • WAIRC Amendments to the Scope of Private Sector State Awards • Breakfast Seminar and Webinar <p>Governance and Procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional GP Services • Guide to Engaging with Solicitors • Local Government Amendment Act 2023 <p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CPP30719 Certificate III in Waste Management • Safety Representative Course with DMIRS • LGA30120 Certificate III in Local Government • Elected Member Training • Officer Training – Short Courses
<p>10.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio</p>	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the July 2023 State Council meeting.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to the Federal and State Budgets • Economic Development Tools and Templates <p>Environment and Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waste Levy Increase and Strategy Review • Gascoyne Environment & Waste Summit • Natural Resource Management Grants Released • Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act (BAM Act) Review – Stage three <p>Planning and Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building Surveyor Forum • Regional Roads and Planning Proposals Consultation Response • Upcoming Public Consultations • Local Government CHRMAP Forum • CoastWA Grants • WA Coastal Hazard Adaptation Program - Stage 2 Infrastructure Australia proposal

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	<p>Resilient Communities</p> <p>Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Emergency Management Committee • Member Representation • Local Emergency Management Arrangements Review and Improvement Plan • Section 33 Firebreak Notice Guidance <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aboriginal Cultural Heritage • Regional Health Services • Member Representation

4.2.3 Status Report on State Council Resolutions

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3 May 2023 Item 7.1 Best Practice Governance Review – Feedback on Governance Model	That: 1. This report summarising feedback from Members on the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report be received; 2. Two sets of constitutional changes be developed for consideration by State Council at the July 2023 meeting to be put to the 2023 Annual General Meeting, that: a. Give effect to the revised Model 1, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and b. Refine the current constitution to address inconsistencies and other issues while maintaining the current governance model. RESOLUTION 439.2/2023	An Agenda item has been prepared for the July 2023 State Council meeting proposing two sets of constitution amendments relating to the current governance model and the alternate model.	Ongoing	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
3 May 2023 Item 7.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Child Safe Awareness Policy Template	That State Council: 1. Supports the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template being provided to Local Governments to assist with their implementation of Recommendation 6.12 of the Royal Commission (Child Safety Officers in Local Government); and 2. Notes the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' commitment to providing ongoing support and resourcing assistance to Local Governments to assist with implementation of the draft Child Safe Awareness Policy Template	A letter was sent on 30 May to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries advising of the State Council decision.	Complete	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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	<p>and other relevant actions relating to child safeguarding, through the Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 440.2/2023</p>			
<p>3 May 2023 Item 7.3 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the following position on Abandoned Shopping Trolleys:</p> <p><i>The Local Government Sector advocates for State Government to consult with the Sector and prioritise legislative reforms that require retailers to contain shopping trolleys within shopping centre property boundaries, inclusive of enforcement and modified penalty mechanisms that are a realistic economic imperative for retailers to comply with containment requirements.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 441.2/2023</p>	<p>Correspondence has been written to the Minister for Local Government advocating for legislative reforms to require retailers to contain shopping trolleys within their property boundary.</p> <p>The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>3 May 2023 Item 7.4 Speed Management Reform Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That the Speed Management Advocacy Position as follows, be endorsed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>That WALGA supports Local Governments wishing to manage travel speeds, including speed limit changes, as a means of achieving the many health, social and environmental benefits for communities.</i> 2. <i>That Main Roads WA (MRWA) retain the overarching authority for speed limit setting/zoning.</i> 3. <i>That Main Roads WA speed zoning policies and processes be reformed so that Local Governments are more influential in the determination of speed limit decreases or increases for local roads.</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>This will include applications that are deemed to be approved when the application:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. <i>is based on assessments by competent Local Government practitioners,</i> ii. <i>contains evidence-based identification of the benefits,</i> iii. <i>contains preliminary designs for infrastructure safety upgrades associated with applications to increase speed limits, and</i> iv. <i>includes an engagement strategy for managing community and stakeholder expectations.</i> b. <i>Allows for Main Roads WA to decline an application, within a mutually agreed timeframe, on the basis that it:</i> 	<p>The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

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	<p>i. does not meet the above criteria, and ii. provides specific evidence for declining the application.</p> <p>4. That WALGA seeks to work with Main Roads WA and other stakeholders, to develop a speed management guide for Local Governments.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 442.2/2023</p>			
<p>3 May 2023 Item 7.5 State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 to 2027/28</p>	<p>That the State Roads Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28 be endorsed.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 443.2/2023</p>	<p>We understand that the draft Agreement endorsed by WALGA State Council was recommended for signing by the Premier and Minister for Transport. A date for signing was not secured prior to the Premier resigning and is now dependent on a new Premier and potentially new Transport Minister being briefed and agreeing.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
<p>3 May 2023 Item 7.7 Flying Minute: Interview Report – LGIS Independent Director</p>	<p>That the appointment of Ms Kelly Hick to the LGIS Board as an Independent Director for a term of 3 years, endorsed by State Council by way of Flying Minute, be noted.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 445.2/2023</p>	<p>An LGIS induction for Ms Hick was held.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>3 May 2023 Item 7.8 Selection Committee Minutes 24 April 2023</p>	<p>That the resolutions contained in the 24 April 2023 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 446.2/2023</p>	<p>Appointments have been actioned.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>

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3 May 2023 Item 7.9 Selection Committee Interview Report – LGIS Non-Metropolitan Local Government Officer	That: 1. the Selection Committee Interview Report be noted; and 2. Mr Ben Rose, Chief Executive Officer of the Shire of Donnybrook Balingup be appointed to the LGISWA Board in the Non-Metropolitan Local Government Officer position, for a three-year term commencing on 1 July 2023. RESOLUTION 447.2/2023	An LGIS induction for Mr Rose was held.	Complete	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
3 May 2023 Item 7.11 LGIS Board Remuneration – CONFIDENTIAL	[Refer Confidential Minutes] RESOLUTION 449.2/2023	Actions from the confidential report have been carried out.	Complete	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
3 May 2023 Item 8.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report	That State Council: 1. Retain, without amendment, Advocacy Positions: (a) 2.1.14 Financial Assistance Grants (b) 2.4.4 Remote Area Tax (c) 2.5.21 Conduct of Postal Elections (d) 2.5.39 Exemption from ASSB124 2. Delete Advocacy Positions: (a) 2.5.14 Tender Threshold (b) 2.5.26 Simple and Absolute Majority 3. Notes the GOS Policy Team's consideration of WALGA AGM 2022 Item 3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys. RESOLUTION 452.2/2023	The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated.	Complete	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
1 March 2023 Item 7.1 Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People	That WALGA: 1. Supports respectful conversations about constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and the Voice to Parliament. 2. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and communities are kept informed on the proposal. RESOLUTION 418.1/2023	WALGA will continue to keep the Local Government sector informed of progress towards the Referendum on an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.	Ongoing	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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1 March 2023 Item 7.4 Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities	That WALGA: 1. Note that the Environment Minister has withdrawn the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball. 2. Write to the Ministers for Environment, Local Government, Sport and Planning requesting the formation of a cross Government working group, including relevant representative bodies, to consider and develop solutions to balance urban density and infill, public recreation and noise management. RESOLUTION 422.1/2023	Correspondence has been sent, awaiting a response.	Ongoing	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy
7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions	That the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action: 3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General <i>Advocate for a full review of the rating methodology used by the Valuer-General to value all land in the State of Western Australia.</i> ... RESOLUTION 394.8/2022	A letter has been sent to the Minister for Lands (with a copy also sent to the Minister for Local Government).	Complete	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions	That the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action: ... 3.10 Reform of the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> <i>That the WA Local Government sector requests the WA State Government prioritise reforms to the Cat Act 2011, in accordance with the Statutory Review undertaken and tabled in the State Parliament on 27 November 2019.</i> RESOLUTION 394.8/2022	A letter has been sent to the Minister for Local Government on this issue.	Complete	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions	The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: ... 3.1 Road Traffic Issues <i>That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including</i>	The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved: That efforts to increase the importance given to Local Government knowledge regarding traffic issues be deferred for consideration in mid-2023 after a clear Local Government advocacy position on speed management is	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure

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	<p><i>requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>developed and endorsed.</p> <p>This matter is central to the new Speed Management Policy adopted by State Council in May 2023. Implementation strategy being considered.</p>		
<p>7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools <i>That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>Reviewing car parking standards for schools;</i> 2. <i>Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;</i> 3. <i>Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;</i> 4. <i>Restricting school access from major roads;</i> 5. <i>Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;</i> 6. <i>Develop programs to educate drivers; and</i> 7. <i>Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.</i> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:</p> <p>That WALGA uses its role at the Safe Active Travel to School Working Group to advocate for these outcomes and provide advice back to the Local Government sector.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
<p>7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA <i>That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.</i></p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:</p> <p>That the opportunities and interest in contracting Local Governments to undertake maintenance and minor works on the State road network be explored in discussion with Main Roads WA.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

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7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions	The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: ... 3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program <i>That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.</i> RESOLUTION 394.8/2022	The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved: That the Association write to the Goldfields Esperance Regional Road Group identifying the issue raised and invite them to consider whether they may partner with other organizations such as Meat and Livestock Australia, the Pastoral and Graziers Association and the Regional Development Commission and RDA to develop a business case to fund roads critical to the southern pastoral beef industry.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure
7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions	The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: ... 3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance <i>That WALGA requests:</i> 1. <i>Assistance from Minister for Industry and Science The Hon Ed Husic MP, Minister for Housing and Homelessness, Small Business The Hon Julie Collins MP, Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government The Hon Catherine King MP to work with Ministers from all State and Territory Governments who have Building and Construction in their portfolios, to collaborate and to consider removing impediments within the National Construction Code Series and associated Australian Standards, that dissuade industry from adopting 3D printing as a building method.</i>	The People and Place Policy Team considered the motion at meeting held on 3 May 2023, and resolved to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note the recommendations of the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone, Note that housing affordability is now becoming critical and that legislative reforms are required to support compliance pathways for new building technologies, Note that 3D printing as a building method can currently be approved through the performance pathway in the National Construction Code, and Request that WALGA continue to engage with Department of 	Complete	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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	<p>2. <i>That the Government provide instruments to incentivise private industry to develop 3D printing and include this as an acceptable building practice.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>Mines, Industry Regulation and Safety - Building and Energy on the issue of building reform in Western Australia that includes efficient and effective regulation to support quality, safe and environmentally friendly buildings that are cost efficient.</p>		
<p>7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3.6 South West Native Title Settlement <i>That WALGA advocate to the State Government that Local Governments be provided with the full list of potential land to be requested for transfer as part of the South West Native Title Settlement and that a minimum of three months be provided for Council to provide feedback.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>WALGA wrote to Anthony Kannis, Director General of Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) requesting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A full list of potential land parcels that will be eligible for transfer as part of the Southwest Native Title Settlement to enable Local Governments to undertake early due diligence on the identified land, The consultation timeframe is increased for consideration of parcels of land for transfer from 40 days to 90 days (3 months) <p>A response was received from DPLH on 28 April 2023 advising that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPLH regularly provides Local Governments with a list of UCL and UMR under consideration for inclusion in the Noongar Land Estate and the lists are reflective of land under consideration at a specific point in time and may be subject to change, so Local Governments are encouraged to contact DPLH to obtain this information as needed. The timeframe cannot be extended to 90 days due to yearly obligations of the State and Trustee (Noongar Boodja Trust) and the deadline for the delivery of the Noongar Land Estate. 	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DPLH does not require a decision from council for land under consideration in the Noongar Land Estate and any public consultation undertaken is at the discretion of the Local Government. Local Governments retain their decision-making powers for the use, management and development of all land included in the Noongar Land Estate, under the statutory and policy framework applicable to all land in WA. 		
<p>1 December 2021 Item 5.3 2021 Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2021 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:</p> <p><u>Cost of Regional Development</u> That WALGA makes urgent representation to the State Government to address the high cost of development in regional areas for both residential and industrial land, including the prohibitive cost of utilities headworks, which has led to market failure in many regional towns.</p> <p>...</p> <p>RESOLUTION 294.7/2021</p>	<p>In March the State Government announced the establishment of a new Infrastructure Development Fund that includes a stream to support the delivery of regional worker accommodation with applications open until September 2024. This is an infrastructure investment program to address infrastructure constraints in the water, wastewater and electricity network at a precinct or strategic site scale impacting the delivery of regional worker accommodation. Full details can be found here.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>an Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
<p>3 September 2021 Item 6.1 Stop Puppy Farming Legislation</p>	<p>1. That the update on the Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2021 be noted. 2. That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> any additional costs incurred by a Local Government in administering the Dog Act be paid by the State Government; and the Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed bi-annually and at minimum, be adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index. <p>RESOLUTION 275.5/2021</p>	<p>Correspondence has been sent to the Minister for Local Government advising of resolution 2.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>

4.2.4 Complete Zone Status Report June 2023

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Kimberley C	19 April 2022 Zone Agenda Item 9.7 Underground Power	That the Kimberley Regional Group requests that WALGA enter into discussions with Horizon Power in relation to programs and funding to transition overhead wires to underground power.	Development of the Targeted Underground Power Program is continuing. However, further work is required with Horizon Power that operates under a different regulatory framework and is heavily dependent on revenue from the tariff equalization arrangements.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Infrastructure iduncan@walgga.asn.au 9213 2031
Kimberley C	2021 20 April Zone Agenda Item 11.1 Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding Arrangements	That the Kimberley Zone: 1. Express dissatisfaction with current disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements and call for urgent action from the State Government to investigate and address these shortcomings. 2. Seek WALGA advocacy to support the motion.	The Association has endorsed advocacy positions seeking improvements to disaster relief and recovery funding including assessment periods, eligibility of certain costs and improving resilience of reconstructed infrastructure. Regular meetings with DFES and Main Roads officers are ongoing. Detailed evidence of examples where the process is not effective have been collected and continue to be. Timelines for decision-making and an escalation process would seem to be an important addition to the process. Following consideration at the Infrastructure Policy Team a working group is being established to develop recommendations to improve DRFA WA processes. Initial engagement with the DFES Assistant Commissioner, Resilience and Recovery has occurred.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walgga.asn.au 9213 2031

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Facilitate Partner Fund Promote Monitor	Nil	
Resolution(s)		Action(s)	
That the Kimberley Regional Group: 1. Notes the report from the WALGA President 2. Notes the State Council Agenda Items as circulated 3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision contained within the State Council Agenda 4. Acknowledges the Items for noting 5. Acknowledges the Status Report on State Council Resolutions 6. Notes the Kimberley Zone Status Report		Chuck Berger to put forward a proposal to provide additional breakdown of data. Executive Team to follow up.	
Moved:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Team, Chuck Berger
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	4/ 4		

Conclusion of Zone Matters: 10:30am