



State Council Summary Minutes

3 July 2019

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting No. 5 of 2019 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council to be held at WALGA, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday 3 July 2019 commencing at 4pm.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Members	President of WALGA Chair Deputy President of WALGA, North Metropolitan Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Northern Country Zone Peel Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone	President Cr Lynne Craigie OAM Mayor Tracey Roberts JP President Cr Philip Blight Cr Jenna Ledgerwood Cr Paul Kelly Cr Brooke O'Donnell Cr Kate Driver President Cr Malcolm Cullen President Cr Cheryl Cowell President Cr Stephen Strange President Cr Keith House JP Cr Chris Mitchell JP Cr Les Price Cr Russ Fishwick JP Cr Giovanni Italiano JP President Cr Karen Chappel JP President Cr Michelle Rich Cr Julie Brown Mayor Carol Adams OAM Cr Doug Thompson Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Ex-Officio	Local Government Professionals WA Chair of Commissioners City of Perth	Mr Ian Cowie Mr Eric Lumsden
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer EM Environment & Waste EM Governance & Organisational Services EM Finance & Marketing EM People and Place EM Infrastructure EM Business Solutions Manager Strategy & Association Governance Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan Mr Mark Batty Mr Tony Brown Mr Zac Donovan Ms Joanne Burges Mr Ian Duncan Mr John Filippone Mr Tim Lane Ms Margaret Degebrodt

1.2 Apologies

Pilbara Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South West Country Zone South West Country Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone	President Cr Kerry White Mayor Peter Long (Deputy) President Cr Tony Dean President Cr Murray Scott (Deputy) Cr Jan Court JP Cr Brian Oliver
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ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

1. OPEN and WELCOME by President Cr Lynne Craigie OAM

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4:04pm.

- Acknowledgement of Country
- Welcome to Mr Eric Lumsden, Commissioner, City of Perth
- Welcome to State Councillors and WALGA secretariat

MEETING ASSESSMENT

The Chair invited Cr Jenna Ledgerwood to undertake a meeting assessment at the conclusion of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Mayor Carol Adams on her OAM Award.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of 5 June 2019 State Council Meeting.

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel

Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council Meeting held on 5 June 2019 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 63.5/2019

CARRIED

2.1.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of 5 June 2019.

Nil

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

I note that there are several State Councillors and deputies that may be directly or indirectly associated with the recommendations of the Selection Committee. I ask that if you are affected by these recommendations, that you excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil

PAPERS

The following papers were distributed to State Councillors prior to the meeting under separate cover:

- Strategic Forum Agenda;
- Item 5.7 Selection Committee Minutes;
- Item 5.8 Use of Common Seal;
- Item 5.9 LGIS Minutes;
- Item 5.10 WALGA JLT Broking & Scheme Management Agreements CONFIDENTIAL
- CEO's report to State Council; and
- President's Report (previously emailed to your Zone meeting)

4. EMERGING ISSUES

4.1 Regional Road Group Project – Finalisation Payments

By Mayor Carol Adams, City of Kwinana

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Emerging Issue relating to Regional Road Group Project – Finalisation Payments, be considered by State Council.

RESOLUTION 64.5/2019

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

Many WA Local Governments cannot make final claims for Regional Road Group Projects until all costs are finalised.

The final claim is made to Main Roads and Main Roads makes the payment to the Local Government. However, one of the invoices required is a line-marking invoice.

The City of Kwinana has been advised that Main Roads do not allow Local Governments to engage a contractor directly. Main Roads' contractor completes line marking, and Main Roads invoice the Local Governments for actual costs.

The issue is that Main Roads has not been sending invoices for line marking, which means final claims cannot be made.

The effect of this is that each Local Government is carrying the prefunding of grant funded works, and is having to carry forward completed projects and outstanding income, in order to pay for line-marking (at a later date) and to account for the income in the following year.

Another consequence of this problem is that Main Roads will not process requests for additional funds until all invoices are received. Accordingly, Main Roads' failure to invoice for line marking prevents a Local Government from requesting additional funds from Main Roads. This problem arises because under the Main Road rules, a local authority can request up to an additional 10%, to cover over-expenditure.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Main Roads WA initiated a new five year line marking contract in October 2018. There were administrative and operational issues following the appointment of a new contractor. Additional resources have been deployed and new systems implemented. An analysis of the potential impact of delays in line marking on acquittal of State funded and Australian Government Black Spot funded road projects in the Metropolitan Region was completed as at 20 June. The results are summarised below.

Project Status	Number of Projects	Unclaimed amount (\$)	% of Grant funds
Line marking completed; Invoice not yet issued	6	218,675	0.4
Line marking requested prior to 1 April 2019	13	832,535	1.7

Line marking requested during April 2019	10	465,438	0.9
Line marking requested 1 May – 20 June	26	737,711	1.5
Works complete; No line marking request received	6	1,031,026	2.1
TOTAL	61	3,285,385	6.6

The current funding agreement with the State Government provides for the first 80% of the cost of road projects to be pre-funded by Main Roads WA (40% paid on project initiation; 40% paid when the first grant payment spent). The final 20% (plus or minus adjustments) is paid on acquittal. As part of a suite of measures designed to improve timely acquittal of State and Federal road project grants, the Metropolitan Regional Road Group agreed to implement penalties for failure to acquit projects within the budget year. These arrangements commence in 2019/20 following a two year lead in period.

There are 19 projects where line marking requests were made prior to 1 April that are clearly impacted by operational and administrative delays by Main Roads' line marking contractor. An estimated \$1.051 million is expected to be claimed for these projects.

It has been agreed with Main Roads WA and the Metropolitan Regional Road Group that where projects have been completed and line-marking requests received on or prior to 30 April 2019 then projects will be recorded as being complete in 2018/19 and penalties will not be applied. The final 20% claims will be accrued and on confirmation of final costs the final claims for these project will be processed.

A total of \$49.95 million in State Government grants plus Federal Black Spot program was budgeted for 2018/19 in the Metropolitan Regional Road Group. As at 20 June 2019, 26.7% (\$13.319 million) of grant funding for 2018/19 remains unclaimed, a result similar to the same time last year. There remains time to improve this result before the end of the month. Of the outstanding claims, 7.9% are clearly due to delays by the line marking contractor. A further 3.5% of the outstanding claims are arguably the result of the line marking contractor performance (requests made during April).

Advice to Local Government staff during the past two years has highlighted the need to schedule road projects to complete physical work by the end of March to ensure timely acquittal. The Site Availability Form indicates that the line-marking delivery timeframe is 20 business days following confirmation of site availability. The time allowance for the sub-contractor, contractor, Main Roads WA and Local Government to produce and process an invoice is not set out.

The system does not provide any response or advice to Local Governments following receipt of the Site Availability Advice prior to receipt of the invoice for actual cost.

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

That:

- 1. WALGA write to MRWA seeking an urgent meeting to call for procedure changes to ensure timely delivery and invoicing of line marking.**
- 2. Where a request for line marking was submitted on or before 30 April 2019 the outstanding claim amount (final 20%) is accrued at 30 June, the project recorded as being complete in 2018/19 and no penalties on future grants be applied.**
- 3. Through the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee, WALGA seek a change to the Procedures so that invoices are always provided within four weeks of line marking work being completed and Main Roads WA to invoice on the basis of an estimate where this is not achieved.**

RESOLUTION 65.5/2019

CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 National Redress and Local Government (05-086-03-0004 KD)

By Kristie Davis, Policy Manager Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WA Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme declaration with full financial coverage by the State, be endorsed in principle, noting that further engagement with the sector will occur in the second half of 2019.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
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Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA continue to promote awareness of the National Redress Scheme and note that some Local Governments may wish to join the Scheme in the very near future to demonstrate a commitment to the victims of institutional child sexual abuse.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Secretariat acknowledges the intent of the Recommendation provided by the South East Metropolitan Zone and encourages the inclusion of a Part 2 that emphasises the intent of all current engagement with Local Governments that State funds any claims regarding the National Redress Scheme.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the 'National Redress and Local Government' Item be deferred.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Secretariat acknowledges the recommendation from Central Metropolitan Zone, however note most other Zones supported the recommendation.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

The member Councils of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA agree to join the National Redress Scheme as State Government Entities under the following conditions:

1. Local Government's Child Safety Officer positions from existing staff positions:
 - a) This position must be fully funded by the State and/or Commonwealth government and cost is not an imposition on the local government (ie not another costs-shifting exercise);

- b) A regional approach could be considered by a group of local government authorities if this is considered appropriate and effective, rather than expecting every individual local government authority to establish a new position, or incorporate the tasks required of the position into existing staff profiles;
 - c) There must be stringent legal processes and protections in place to ensure the reporting officer is not exposed for not reporting an incident, or reporting something, which is false or vexatious.
2. Areas of the local government to establish the Child Support Officer designation in supporting the community to create child safe environments:
- a) There is no specific position in small local government authorities, which is best suited to undertaking the role as a Child Safety Officer and this should be determined by the individual local government authority;
 - b) The Working with Children Check should be all a sporting and recreation institution, including arts, culture and hobby groups, engaging with or providing services to children should be required to implement and comply with the Child Safety Standards (i.e. the status quo to remain for these groups);
3. Training, resources and support required by the local government to successfully implement designated Child Safety Officers:
- a) Initial and ongoing training, resources and support of the local government authority and the proposed Child Support Officer needs to be fully funded by the Commonwealth and/or State government and not be at the cost of the local government;
 - b) Any agency established for administering the reporting requirements of local government authorities must be there to support the process, not simply a regulatory body with a focus on compliance by a local government authority;
 - c) Help desk, legal support and advice needs to be provided and readily available to the Child Support Officer and the local government authority, with this being the predominant purpose of any such agency.
4. Supporting local government with the implementation of Child Safety Officers
- a) Any agency established for accepting and determining outcomes of matters reported by the local government should provide legal representation on behalf of the local government and any staff in the event of legal action taken against the Child Support Officer and/or local government. Any legal costs must not be the local government authority's responsibility;
 - b) Legislation introduced for the proposed reportable conduct scheme must incorporate stringent processes and protections in place to ensure the reporting officer and local government authority is not legally exposed for not reporting an incident, or reporting something, which is proven to be false or vexatious;
 - c) There must be strong legal processes and procedures in place to deal with the vexatious complainants creating issues based on conspiracy theories, rumour and innuendo and for those proven to have submitted complaints without basis dealt with under any proposed legislation (e.g. prosecution, infringement).
5. Source and Provide Records
- Agree to being responsible for sourcing and providing records within prescribed timeframes under the condition such responsibility will not result in any additional resources being required of the Shire;
6. Deliver and Provide Personal Response
- Agree to being responsible for delivery of a Direct Personal Response in the requested manner timeframes under the condition such responsibility will not result in any additional resources being required of the Shire;
7. Financially Compensate the Claim
- The State Government is responsible for financial compensation of all claims;

8. Insurance

The Local Government Government's insurance policies and premiums are in no way adversely affected by its agreement to join National Redress Scheme as a State Government entity.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Secretariat understands that Points 1 – 4 of the Zone's recommendation relate to the Royal Commission Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse by the Commonwealth and are not intrinsically connected to this matter.

Further, that Points 5 – 6 of the Zones recommendation the Secretariat believes these are inherent in the Composite Recommendation and that Point 7 is addressed in the Composite Recommendation.

Regarding Point 8, Local Government Insurance Services have previously provided information to Local Governments regarding their position on the National Redress Scheme.

Cr Brooke O'Donnell arrived at 4:13pm.

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel JP

That:

- 1. WA Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme declaration with full financial coverage by the State, be endorsed in principle, noting that further engagement with the sector will occur in the second half of 2019.**
- 2. WALGA continue to promote awareness of the National Redress Scheme and note that Local Governments may wish to join the Scheme in the future to demonstrate a commitment to the victims of institutional child sexual abuse.**

RESOLUTION 66.5./2019

CARRIED

5.2 Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys and *Heritage Act 2018* Proclamation Regulations (05-071-03-0003 SM)

By Susie Moir, Policy Officer, Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the interim submission on the Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys and *Heritage Act 2018* Proclamation Regulations be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

GOLDFIELD ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE

GVROC support subject to consideration of issues raised:

- Unless State Government puts money into help with Heritage projects not going to make real impacts
- Is the State Government expected to accept their assets need to be maintained and renewed in same line as Local Government?
- State need to fix their assets
- Heritage assets are significant – ongoing maintenance and renewal challenge
- Unknown factors of cost to Local Government – what impacts will it have and what will ongoing costs be
- Regulations require better asset management of assets – changes to regulations requires owner of assets to maintain and renew
- Campaign to Federal and State Government for more funding to be made available
- Previously no appeal rights – Is there any ability to appeal decisions of Heritage Council to SAT – WALGA to follow up

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Draft *Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys* and the *Proclamation Regulations* pursuant to the *Heritage Act 2018 (WA)* relate to specific heritage matters. ‘Local Heritage Surveys’ were called ‘Municipal Inventories’ under the previous heritage legislation, and the financial and administrative impost on Local Government of maintaining and reviewing a Local Heritage Survey under the new legislation should be no greater than maintaining and reviewing a Municipal Inventory under the previous legislation. Compliance with the *Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys* is discretionary; ie it is a Guideline and is not binding.

The concerns raised by the Goldfields Esperance Zone relating to asset management and funding for the maintenance of heritage places go beyond the scope of Item 5.2. Therefore the Association recommends expressing the concerns of the sector to the Minister for Planning, Lands and Heritage advising of the Local Government sectors’ concerns about the lack of funding for

maintenance, management and conservation of heritage places in Western Australia and urging the State Government to provide additional funding and support for heritage conservation.

Moved: President Cr Malcolm Cullen
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That:

- 1. The interim submission on the Draft Guidelines for Local Heritage Surveys and *Heritage Act 2018* Proclamation Regulations be endorsed.**
- 2. WALGA write to the Minister for Planning, Lands and Heritage advising of the Local Government sectors' concerns about the lack of funding for maintenance, management and conservation of heritage places in Western Australia and urging the State Government to provide additional funding and support for heritage conservation.**

RESOLUTION 67.5/2019

CARRIED

5.3 Review of the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* (Phase Two) (05-032-01-0001 SM)

By Susie Moir, Policy Officer Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the interim submission on the Aboriginal Heritage Act Review Phase Two be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
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North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That the interim submission on the Aboriginal Heritage Act Review Phase Two be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 68.5/2019

CARRIED

5.4 Planning for Bushfire Guidelines: Element 3 Vehicular Access (05-024-02-0056 CH)

By Christopher Hossen, Senior Planner – People and Place

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on the proposed modifications to Appendix 4 Element 3: Vehicular Access of the Planning for Bushfire Guidelines, be endorsed; and
2. WALGA formally advise the Western Australian Planning Commission that draft Appendix 4 Element 3 is not supported, due to significant concerns with the proposed modifications to road designs and difficulties in implementing the draft Guidelines.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
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North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

Mr Nick Sloan left the meeting at 4:20pm.

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

That:

1. the interim submission to the Western Australian Planning Commission on the proposed modifications to Appendix 4 Element 3: Vehicular Access of the Planning for Bushfire Guidelines, be endorsed, subject to the guidelines facilitating a flexible approach to key access issues based on a risk based analysis due to the varying terrain and bushfires across the State; and
2. WALGA formally advise the Western Australian Planning Commission that draft Appendix 4 Element 3 is not supported, due to significant concerns with the proposed modifications to road designs and difficulties in implementing the draft Guidelines.

RESOLUTION 69.5/2019

CARRIED

5.5 Remote Area Tax Concessions (05-001-03-0006 NF)

By Nebojsa Franich, Policy Manager - Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA's interim submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Remote Area Tax Concessions be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
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North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE

GVROC support subject to the following:

- Significant importance to be placed on submissions made by Local Governments in the region
- Most important change needed in the Goldfields Esperance Region to assist with management of FIFO
- Needs to be driven and supported at highest levels of Government
- Central to future of Kalgoorlie Boulder
- Local Governments to provide Submissions to WALGA

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA's interim submission to the Productivity Commission incorporated the comments made by the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone, including that:

- there remains a strong rationale for regional assistance programs as part of a broader policy agenda to support all of WA's regional and remote areas by encouraging development and offsetting some of the challenges of living in these areas;
- any remote area assistance should not actively encourage FIFO in preference to a residential community workforce; and
- the Productivity Commission should consider a number of reforms proposed by WALGA and its members, in order to ensure that remote area assistance programs are achieving their objectives to support regional development.

The policy reform agenda identified in WALGA's recent Economic Development Project also incorporates the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone's point to have these issues driven and supported by the highest levels of Government.

The Productivity Commission is currently collecting feedback from individual Local Governments through a survey, which has been relayed through WALGA's communication channels.

Mr Nick Sloan returned to the meeting at 4:22pm.

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That WALGA's interim submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Remote Area Tax Concessions be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 70.5/2019

CARRIED

5.6 Directions Paper for the 10 Year Strategy on Homelessness (05-018-02-0007 JB)
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By Joanne Burges, Executive Manager People and Place

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the interim submission to the Directions Paper for the 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
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South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation supported

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

1. That WALGA notes:
 - a. that the State Government’s “Directions Paper for 10-year Strategy on Homelessness: Western Australia 2019-2029” does not explicitly address the general housing affordability crisis as a cause of homelessness, nor the approximate seven year waiting list for qualifying applicants to be allocated social housing; and
 - b. that without a significant injection of new capital and a qualitative increase in social housing stock, it is hard to see how endemic homelessness can be eliminated even though this is the stated aim of the directions paper.

2. The South Metropolitan Zone endorse the officer recommendation for item 5.6 subject to the Association’s submission being modified to incorporate the need to address the underlying crisis outlines in (1) above.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Secretariat acknowledges that the ‘Directions Paper for 10-year Strategy on Homelessness: Western Australia 2019-2029’ does not explicitly address the general housing affordability crisis as a cause of homelessness. The Direction Paper, on page 21, refers to an acute shortage of housing in the Kimberley and Pilbara and on page 22, speaks to the range of housing options does not currently suit the needs of individuals and families however not specifically to the housing affordability crisis identified by the South Metropolitan Zone.

The Secretariat believes this contribution will add value to the submission and will provide to the Department of Communities.

Moved: Cr Brooke O'Donnell
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

1. That WALGA notes:
 - a. that the State Government's "Directions Paper for 10-year Strategy on Homelessness: Western Australia 2019-2029" does not explicitly address the general housing affordability crisis as a cause of homelessness, nor the approximate seven year waiting list for qualifying applicants to be allocated social housing
 - b. that without a significant injection of new capital and a qualitative increase in social housing stock, it is hard to see how endemic homelessness can be eliminated even though this is the stated aim of the directions paper.
2. The Association's submission be endorsed subject to incorporating the need to address the underlying crisis outlined in (1) above.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams OAM
Seconded Mayor Tracey Roberts JP

3. That WALGA advocates to the State and Federal Governments for a whole of Government approach.

AMENDMENT CARRIED

The Motion as Amended was put:

1. That WALGA notes:
 - a. that the State Government's "Directions Paper for 10-year Strategy on Homelessness: Western Australia 2019-2029" does not explicitly address the general housing affordability crisis as a cause of homelessness, nor the approximate seven year waiting list for qualifying applicants to be allocated social housing
 - b. that without a significant injection of new capital and a qualitative increase in social housing stock, it is hard to see how endemic homelessness can be eliminated even though this is the stated aim of the directions paper.
2. The Association's submission be endorsed subject to incorporating the need to address the underlying crisis outlined in (1) above.
3. That WALGA advocates to the State and Federal Governments for a whole of Government approach.

RESOLUTION 71.5/2019

CARRIED

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

5.7 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 CO)

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP
 Seconded: Mayor Carol Adams OAM

That:

1. The recommendations claimed in the 25 June 2019 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed; and
2. The resolution contained in the 25 June 2019 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.

RESOLUTION 72.5/2019

CARRIED

5.8 Use of the Association's Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 NS)

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Chris Michell JP
 Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That the use of the Association's common seal for the following purpose be noted:

Document	Document Description	Signatories	State Council prior approval
General License Transfer	Application for Transfer of a General Licence for an Employment Agents Licence (WALGA Recruitment)	Nick Sloan	No

RESOLUTION 73.5/2019

CARRIED

Cr Doug Thompson departed the meeting at 5:09pm and did not return.

5.9 LGIS Board Minutes and Surplus Distribution

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That:

1. Minutes of the LGIS Board meeting held 16 May 2019 be endorsed.
2. The proposed surplus distribution strategy be endorsed and be implemented by the WALGA President writing to each LGIS Member Local Government:
 - a) explaining the LGIS surplus distribution options and potential broad considerations of such; and
 - b) requesting a decision of the Ordinary Council Meeting to advise WALGA on the respective Local Government's preferred option.
3. WALGA to advise JLT (Marsh) as to Member preferences to make distribution payments as per respective OCM resolutions.

RESOLUTION 74.5/2019

CARRIED

5.10 LGIS Agreements - Confidential

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel JP

Given the Strategic Review of LGIS by State Council that:

- a) The following agreements be approved for signing on the basis that they be open to renegotiation in 12 months' time:
 1. WALGA JLT (Marsh) Scheme Management Agreement.
 2. WALGA JLT (Marsh) Broking Agreement.
- b) WALGA President and CEO advise JLT(Marsh) and the LGIS Board as to the State Council strategic review process timing and option to renegotiate the agreements in 12 months.
- c) All other details as to the State Council LGIS review to remain confidential.

RESOLUTION 75.5/2019

CARRIED

Cr Russ Fishwick left the meeting at 5:11pm and returned at 5:13pm.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2017/18 (0600-703-0016 MB)

By Mark Bondiotti, Policy Manager Transport and Roads

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2017 /18 be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
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Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
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South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2017 /18 be noted.

RESOLUTION 76.5/2019

CARRIED

6.2 2019-2020 State and Federal Budgets (05-088-03-0001 NF)

By Nebojsa Franich, Policy Manager, Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the key outcomes for Local Governments in the 2019-20 State and Federal Budgets be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the key outcomes for Local Governments in the 2019-20 State and Federal Budgets be noted.

RESOLUTION 77.5/2019

CARRIED

6.3 Public Library Assets (05-012-03-0001 KD)

By Kirstie Davis, Policy Manager, Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the pending consultation to the public library collection assets be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the pending consultation to the public library collection assets be noted.

RESOLUTION 78.5/2019

CARRIED

6.4 Climate Change Policy Advocacy Update (05-028-04-0002 LS)

By Laura Simes, Environment Policy Advisor

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That this update on WALGA's key climate change advocacy priorities, the development of the State Climate Change Policy and related initiatives, be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
 Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That this update on WALGA's key climate change advocacy priorities, the development of the State Climate Change Policy and related initiatives, be noted.

RESOLUTION 79.5/2019

CARRIED

6.5 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

By Rebecca Brown, Manager, Waste & Recycling

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 17 April 2019 meeting be noted.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Kimberley Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
Murchison Country Zone	No meeting held
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
Peel Zone	No meeting held
Pilbara Zone	No meeting held
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation noted

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

That WALGA

1. Seek a commitment from the Waste Authority to complete an audit into downstream processing of mixed plastic that are shipped overseas to ensure this waste is not ending up in illegal recycling centres with large amounts either burned or buried in landfill.
2. Advocates to the State Government to consider a State Government rescue package using the Waste Levy as is the case in other States.

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 17 April 2019 meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 80.5/2019

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste (01-006-03-0017 MJB)

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Key Activities Report from the Environment and Waste Unit to the July 2019 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 81.5/2019

CARRIED

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Key Activities Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the July 2019 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 82.5/2019

CARRIED

7.1.3. Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the July 2019 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 83.5/2019

CARRIED

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, People and Place (01-006-03-0014 JB)

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Key Activities Report from the People and Place Unit to July 2019 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 84.5/2019

CARRIED

7.2 Policy Forum Report (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the July 2019 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 85.5/2019

CARRIED

7.3 President's Report

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That the President's Report for July 2019 be received.

RESOLUTION 86.5/2019

CARRIED

7.4 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the CEO's Report for July 2019 be received.

RESOLUTION 87.5/2019

CARRIED

7.5 LG Professional's Report

Moved: President Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded: Cr Giovanni Italiano JP

That the LG Professional's Report be received.

RESOLUTION 88.5/2019

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the June 2019 round of Zone meetings as follows, be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 89.5/2019

CARRIED

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

Hydraulic Fracking – Environment and Waste

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA works with WALGA to confirm the State Government Policy with respect to hydraulic fracking in coal seam gas.

GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE

Regional Strategy Carnarvon to Exmouth – Nynggulu (Ningaloo) Coastal Reserves, Draft Joint Management Plan.– Environment and Waste

That the Gascoyne Zone:

1. Request WALGA continue to advocate to the State Government that an independent economic assessment of Wilderness Camping in the Shire of Exmouth and the broader Gascoyne Region be undertaken prior to any decisions being made; and,
2. Note that the Shire of Exmouth will draft a statement to be sent to Gascoyne Local Government Chief Executive Officers outlining concerns with the current proposal.

Asset Preservation Model – Infrastructure

That the Gascoyne Country Zone request WALGA to undertake a review of the Asset Preservation Model that informs the distribution of road funding to ensure equity, recognition of Local Government circumstances and the validity and accuracy of assumptions that inform the model.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

Clearing Regulations – Shire of Plantagenet – Environment and Waste

That the WA Local Government Association be advised that:

1. The Great Southern Zone of WALGA supports a review of the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004, so that the clause regarding previously cleared vegetation be amended to 20 years without seeking further authority from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.
2. WALGA therefore be requested to endorse this position and to write to the Minister for Environment highlighting the effectiveness and efficiency of the Strategic Purpose Permit system whilst requesting an amendment to the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004 extending the time frame for clearing restrictions to 20 years.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

Urban Tree Canopy – Environment and Waste

That WALGA:

1. Writes to the Premier seeking a Whole of Government approach coordinated through the Department of Premier and Cabinet, to address Perth's declining urban tree canopy cover and;
2. Develop a policy position on urban tree canopy to be endorsed by State Council.

State Underground Power Program – Infrastructure

That WALGA advocates on behalf of Local Government to the State Government to engage with the Sector and other Stakeholders, to review the State Underground Power Program prior to the commencement of Round 7, for the following reasons:

- a) The program is becoming an unacceptable cost burden on residents; and
- b) Changes made to the program before Round 6, resulting in a bidding war between Local Governments, have disadvantaged many communities and Local Governments and do not adequately take into consideration factors such as service reliability.

WA Election Signage – Governance and Organisational Services

That the Zone requests WALGA to prepare for all Local Governments, a model Local Law template governing election signs.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

Urban Forest Grants Program – Environment and Waste

That WALGA supports and develops an advocacy approach for the introduction of a Local Government Greener Perth grant program, funded by the State Government.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE

WALGA Advocacy Regarding Greenfinch Mine Expansion – Environment and Waste and Economics

That the Great Eastern Country Zone

1. Supports the Shire of Westonia's position to seek clearing and mining approval for the proposed Greenfinch mining operation.
2. Requests WALGA to raise the issue with relevant authorities to ensure that the Greenfinch Project has every chance of success.

Government Regional Officer Housing (GRPH) – People and Place

That the Zone request WALGA to advocate on the impact of Government Regional Officer Housing on retaining public sector professionals (Doctors, nurses, teachers) in the Great Eastern Country Zone.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

Community Newspaper Awards – Finance and Marketing

The Zone requests WALGA support a regional annual award program to recognize the significant contribution of community news publications.

Support for Waste to Energy – Environment and Waste

That WALGA continue to support Western Australia's Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030 and seek firm commitments from the State Government about how the waste avoidance, resource recovery and diversion from landfill targets will be achieved, including local options for reprocessing, recycling and waste to energy.

Reactivation of South West Rail Line – Infrastructure

That WALGA advocate for the State Government to make a clear decision on the reactivation of the South West rail line.

Waste Reduction – Environment and Waste

That WALGA

1. Seek a commitment from the Waste Authority to complete an audit into downstream processing of mixed plastic that are shipped overseas to ensure this waste is not ending up in illegal recycling centres with large amounts either burned or buried in landfill.
2. Advocates to the State Government to consider a State Government rescue package using the Waste Levy as is the case in other States.

Mr Eric Lumsden departed the meeting at 6:03pm and did not return.

Mr Nick Sloan left the meeting at 6:03pm and returned at 6:05pm.

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Cr Jenna Ledgerwood provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the WALGA State Council be held in Shark Bay, on **Friday 6 September 2019** commencement time to be advised.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6:07pm.