



Great Eastern Country Zone

Minutes

Tuesday, 26 April 2022

**Shire of Kellerberrin
Kellerberrin Recreation & Leisure Centre**

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Great Eastern Country Zone

Meeting hosted by Shire of Kellerberrin, Kellerberrin Recreation & Leisure Centre

Commenced at 9:31am on Thursday, 26 April 2022

Minutes

1. OPENING AND WELCOME

2. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Shire of Bruce Rock	President Cr Stephen Strange Deputy President Cr Anthony Cook
Shire of Cunderdin	Cr Tony Smith Mr Stuart Hobley, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Dowerin	President Cr Robert Trepp
Shire of Kellerberrin	Deputy President Cr Emily Ryan
Shire of Kondinin	Mr David Burton, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Koorda	President Cr Jannah Stratford Mr Darren Simmons, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Merredin	President Cr Mark McKenzie Ms Lisa Clack, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Mount Marshall	President Cr Tony Sachse (Chair)
Shire of Narembeen	Deputy President Cr Scott Stirrat Ms Tamara Clarkson, Executive Manager, Corporate Services
Shire of Nungarin	President Cr Pippa de Lacy Deputy President Cr Gary Coumbe Mr Leonard Long, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin	President Cr Glenice Batchelor Ms Joanne Soderlund, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Trayning	President Cr Melanie Brown Deputy President Cr Geoff Waters Ms Leanne Parola, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Westonia	President Cr Karin Day Deputy President Cr Mark Crees
Shire of Wyalkatchem	Mr Peter Klein, Chief Executive Officer

Shire of Yilgarn	Mr Nic Warren, Chief Executive Officer
<u>Guests</u>	Kathleen Brown, Electorate Officer, Office of Hon Mia Davies MLA Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development, RDA Wheatbelt Samantha Cornthwaite, A/Regional Manager, (DLGSC) Wheatbelt Rob Cossart, Chief Executive Officer, Wheatbelt Development Commission Mohammad Siddiqui, Regional Manager, Wheatbelt, Main Roads
WALGA	Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance & Organisational Services Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure Janine Neugebauer, Governance & Organisational Services Officer
<u>Apologies</u>	
Shire of Bruce Rock	Mr Darren Mollenoyux, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Cunderdin	President Cr Alison Harris
Shire of Dowerin	Deputy President Cr Darrel Hudson Ms Rebecca McCall, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kellerberrin	President Cr Scott O' Neill Mr Raymond Griffiths, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Kondinin	President Cr Kent Mouritz Deputy President Cr Beverley Gangell
Shire of Koorda	Deputy President Cr Buster Cooper
Shire of Merredin	Deputy President Cr Donna Crook
Shire of Mount Marshall	Deputy President Cr Nick Gillett Mr John Nuttall, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Mukinbudin	President Cr Gary Shadbolt Deputy President Romina Nicoletti Mr Dirk Sellenger, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Narembeen	President Cr Kellie Mortimore Mr David Blurton, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Tammin	Deputy President Cr Tanya Nicholls
Shire of Westonia	Mr Bill Price, Chief Executive Officer
Shire of Wyalkatchem	President Cr Quentin Davies Deputy President Cr Owen Garner
Shire of Yilgarn	President Cr Wayne Della Bosca Deputy President Cr Bryan Close
<u>Guests</u>	Hon Mia Davies MLA, Member for Central Wheatbelt Martin Aldridge MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Hon Colin de Grussa MLC, Member for Agricultural Region Cliff Simpson, Road Safety Advisor, WALGA

Attachments

The following are attached to the Minutes:

1. Infrastructure Presentation – Ian Duncan
2. State Government Regional Roadworks Signage Review
3. EM Resource Sharing Survey (2021)

State Council Agenda – via link: [State Council Agenda May 2022](#)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

NIL

4. GUEST SPEAKERS / DEPUTATIONS

4.1 Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure – WALGA

Ian provided a presentation on key issues in the infrastructure portfolio relating to Local Governments in WA. **(Attachment 1)**

5. MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT

Kathleen Brown, representing the Hon Mia Davies MLA.

NOTED

6. AGENCY REPORTS

6.1 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries

Samantha Cornthwaite– A/Regional Manager, Department of Local Government, Sport & Cultural Industries, Wheatbelt, presented to the Zone on the Local Government Legislative Reform Program and Alfresco Dining initiative.

NOTED

6.2 Wheatbelt Development Commission

Renee Manning, Wheatbelt Development Commission - Principal Regional Development Officer, presented to the Zone.

NOTED

6.2.1 Wheatbelt Development Commission – Fire Recovery

Rob Cossart, CEO, Wheatbelt Development Commission provided an update to the Zone on the Wheatbelt fire recovery plan.

The 5 Key focus areas:

1. Mental Health
2. Built Environment
3. Natural Environment
4. Power Supply
5. Community Recovery & Resilience

NOTED

6.3 Main Roads Western Australia

Ammar Mohammed, Regional Manager Wheatbelt, Main Roads, presented to the Zone. Attached, is the State Government, Regional Roadworks Signage Review. **(Attachment 2)**

NOTED

6.4 Wheatbelt RDA

Mandy Walker, Director Regional Development RDA Wheatbelt presented to the Zone, a report was attached to the Zone Agenda.

NOTED

6.5 Water Corporation

Michael Roberts and Andrew Ducas are unavailable to attend this meeting, however a Water Corporation representative will attend the next meeting and provide a presentation on the Water Corporation's Operations.

NOTED

A break was taken at 10:50am.

The meeting resumed at 11:05am

7. MINUTES

7.1 Confirmation of Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Monday, 14 February 2022

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Monday, 14 February 2022 have been circulated to the Zone.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Koorda
Seconded: Shire of Nungarin

That the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone meeting held on Monday, 14 February 2022 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

7.2 Business Arising from the Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Zone Meeting held on Monday, 14 February 2022

NIL

7.3 Confirmation of Minutes from the Great Eastern Country Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 14 April 2022

The Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee meeting held on Thursday, 14 April 2022 have been circulated to the Zone.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Trayning
Seconded: Shire of Westonia

That the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Zone Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 14 April 2022 be endorsed.

CARRIED

7.4 Business Arising from the Minutes of the Great Eastern Country Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 14 April 2022

7.4.1 Item 5.1, Financial Statements - Elected Member Training

The Zone resolved as follows in June 2021:

ZONE RESOLUTION:

Moved: Cr Glenice Batchelor
Seconded: Cr Geoff Waters

That the Great Eastern Country Zone endorse the Committee's recommendation of providing a Training rebate of \$1,000, to Zone members Councils payable per head through their Local Government for Elected Members to complete their Universal Training.

Comment:

Reminding Local Governments to claim the Elected Member training rebate from the Zone. To date only 1 Local Government has claimed for 1 Elected Member.

Local Governments are asked to send in an invoice to the Zone Executive Officer for reimbursement of Training on the completion of all 5 training units. A Local Government can claim \$1,000 per Elected Member when an Elected Member has completed the training courses.

NOTED

8. ZONE BUSINESS

8.1 WA Drought Rehabilitation Fund

At the February meeting, the Executive Committee requested an update on this project for a future Zone meeting.

The [South-West WA Drought Resilience Adoption and Innovation Hub](#), funded through the Future Drought Fund, is led by the Grower Group Alliance.

The Hub Director Mark Holland and Hub Knowledge Broker Tanya Kilminster have advised that they will present to the Zone at the June meeting.

NOTED

8.2 Roadworks During a Total Fire Ban
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Shire of Westonia

The issue of restrictions on carrying out any grading or bitumen works within 5m of flammable material has been raised by Zone Local Governments. Local Governments can keep working if you have a qualified bush fire brigade officer and a fire fighting vehicle with 2000 litres of water following the grader. Please refer to attached information sheet. Local Governments are querying if there are further changes to the exemption permitted?

Secretariat Comment

The 5,000-litre water cart referred to would qualify as the source of water if there is not a reticulated supply close by. We would expect that the operational issue is that there is a requirement for there to be the capacity to apply a large amount of water quickly, either using a fire truck or similar (truck mounted pump etc.).

The information sheet that was circulated to the Zone, provided information of the exemption from the requirements of a Total Fire Ban. Local Governments may want to seek a change to the conditions associated with an exemption, as they already have an exemption. There would need to be a proposal coming forward that offers arguably equal or better fire risk mitigation than the requirements in the exemption?

WALGA has requested comment from LGIS in request to risk issues on this item.

The Zone has noted that the restrictions should be for a Harvest and Movement ban, not a Total Fire Ban.

ACTION

The Executive Officer is to obtain further information for the next meeting.

8.3 Emergency Management – Shared Resources
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Shire of Mt Marshall

Background

At a recent Wheatbelt OASG Shackleton Fire Debrief meeting, one of the actions was to see if Local Governments were able to share resources in Emergency Management with regard to such things as accommodation and staff. This could perhaps be done through an MOU. It was suggested that WALGA may be preparing a template to accommodate this so that all on the same page.

Comment

Many Local Governments have resource sharing agreements. WALGA carried out an Emergency Management survey in 2021 where 55 Local Governments indicated that they have an agreement in place. **Attachment 3** is a screenshot of the survey results regarding resource sharing.

A copy of an MOU between the Metropolitan North Local Governments and East Recovery Group is also attached.

WALGA is looking to carry out further resource sharing work in this space.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Bruce Rock
Seconded: Shire of Tammin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone request WALGA to consider preparing a template MOU for Local Governments in respect to sharing resources in emergencies.

CARRIED

9. ZONE REPORTS

9.1 Zone President Report

Zone President Cr Tony Sachse, provided a report to the Zone.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Trayning
Seconded: Shire of Dowerin

That the Zone President's Report be received.

CARRIED

9.2 Local Government Agricultural Freight Group

The minutes of the LDAFG meeting on 4th February 2022 were circulated to the Zone. The LGAFG met with the Minister for Transport and Planning, the Hon Rita Saffioti MLA on 29/03/2022. Discussions on Agricultural freight were wide ranging. This meeting led to a further meeting between the Group and representatives of the Transport Portfolio (Department of Transport, Main Roads WA, Public Transport Authority) which was held on 21/04/2022.

Agenda items included:

- Road network – roadwork permits, changes to RAV network, tractor speed limits
- Agricultural Supply Chain Improvements Program
- Port delays for incoming agricultural inputs and machinery
- Online mapping system for road and rail initiatives

At the time of writing this report this meeting has yet to take place.

NOTED

9.3 Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee

President Cr Tony Sachse

The Wheatbelt DEMC met in Northam on 16th March 2022. The minutes of this meeting were circulated to the Zone.

The Wheatbelt Operational Area Support Group (OASG) met on 24th March 2022. The minutes of this meeting were circulated to the Zone.

The Wheatbelt OASG held a debrief workshop on the Shackleton Fire Complex on 4th April 2022. There was a request from the meeting that WALGA Zones consider more formalised arrangements regarding shared resources during emergencies. The shared resources would cover such things as accommodation and staff. It was suggested that these arrangements could be in the form of an MOU or similar.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Nungarin

Seconded: Shire of Koorda

That the Wheatbelt District Emergency Management Committee Report and attachments be received.

CARRIED

9.4 Regional Health Advocacy Group

Ceo, Mr Stuart Hobley provided a report to the Zone.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Westonia

Seconded: Shire of Tammin

That the Regional Health Advocacy Group Report be received.

CARRIED

9.5 WALGA Roadwise

Cliff Simpson, Road Safety Advisor (Wheatbelt North), Infrastructure, was an apology for this meeting.

NOTED

10. WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) BUSINESS

10.1 State Councillor Report

President Cr Stephen Strange, provided the State Councillor Report.

The first ordinary meeting of State Council for 2022 was held as a virtual meeting on Wednesday, 2 March.

President Cr Karen Chappel JP was elected President of WALGA for a two-year term after fulfilling the role since December 2021. Cr Paul Kelly, Central Metropolitan Zone, Town of Claremont, was elected Deputy President for a two-year term.

February Special Meeting of State Council

At a special meeting on 23 February, State Council endorsed the recommendations contained in the Local Government Reform Proposal submission. The final submission was submitted to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries on 25 February. The Full Minutes of the special meeting, including the submission, can be found on the WALGA website, [here](#).

March 2022 State Council Strategic Forum

State Council discussed a number of important contemporary issues at the March Strategic Forum:

- ALGA President, Cr Linda Scott, provided an overview of ALGA and their current priorities, particularly [advocacy](#) focused on the upcoming Federal Election.
- Department of Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner, Darren Klemm, updated State Council on a number of issues relating to the current fire season, recent emergencies, priorities of DFES, and harmonisation of emergency services legislation.
- Other issues discussed at the Strategic Forum, included:
 - the proposal for WALGA to no longer be constituted under the Local Government Act 1995;
 - structures to be put in place to enable State Councillors to be involved on an ongoing basis in consultations relating to the Minister for Local Government's legislative reforms;
 - WALGA's 2022-23 Budget development timetable; and
 - mechanisms and process changes that would facilitate greater State Council engagement in the Flying Agenda process.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Westonia

Seconded: Shire of Nungarin

That the State Councillor Report be received.

CARRIED

10.2 WALGA Status Report

By Tony Brown, Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

Presenting the Status Report for April 2022 which contains WALGA's responses to the resolutions of previous Zone Meetings.

GREAT EASTERN ZONE STATUS REPORT APRIL 2022

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Great Eastern C	2018 November 29 Zone Agenda Item 7.3 Container Deposit Scheme Locations	<p>That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Local Governments be guaranteed, as a minimum, one flexible refund point in their area. 2. A flexible access point should be defined as a refund point which, as a minimum, is open 16 hours each two week period, including at least 8 hours at weekends <p>The State Government provide appropriate funding for the refund points.</p>	<p>WALGA will continue to advocate for, as a minimum, one flexible refund point per Local Government area. WALGA has also raised with Government the definitions of flexible refund points and how this is applied.</p> <p>MWAC has now made two Submissions to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the Minimum Network Standards for the Scheme. These Submissions related to the first and second review of the Network Standards.</p>	Ongoing	<p>Nicole Matthews A/Executive Manager, Strategy, Policy and Planning nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</p>

Zone Comment

This is an opportunity for Member Councils to consider the response from WALGA in respect to the matters that were submitted at the previous Zone Meeting.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Koorda
Seconded: Shire of Merredin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone, WALGA Status Report for April 2022, be noted.

CARRIED

10.3 Review of WALGA State Council Agenda's – Matters for Decision

10.3.1 State Council Meeting Agenda – 4 May 2022

Background

WALGA State Council meets five times each year and as part of the consultation process with Member Councils circulates the State Council Agenda for input through the Zone structure.

The full State Council Agenda can be found via link: [State Council Agenda May 2022](#)

The Zone is able to provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that is then presented to the State Council for consideration.

Matters for Decision

5.1 Submission to Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the *Food Act 2008* be endorsed.

Zone Comment:

The Zone supports the WALGA recommendation.

5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.

- d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
5. Support for an increase in Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020-21 LGGS Capital Grants Committee.

Zone Comment

The Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

5.3 Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to "*Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist*"; and
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.

Zone Comment

The Zone supports the WALGA recommendation

Matters for Noting

- 6.1 Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (05-086-03-0004 VB)
- 6.2 Feedback on Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper (05-024-02-0067 VJ)
- 6.3 2021 CoastWA Local Government Survey (06-085-01-0002 LS)
- 6.4 Update on draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026
- 6.5 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project (05-024-03-0040 SR)
- 6.6 Comment on Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 (05-031-03-0005 BW)
- 6.7 Wooroloo Bushfire Independent Review Final Report (05-024-03-0011 CM)
- 6.8 2022-23 Federal Budget Update (05-088-03-0002 DT)
- 6.9 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results (05-024-03-0042 CM)

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Tammin
Seconded: Shire of Dowerin

That the Great Eastern Country Zone

1. **Supports Matters for Decision, item 5.1 to 5.3 as listed above in the May 2022 State Council Agenda, and**
2. **Notes all Matters for Noting and Organisational Reports as listed in the May 2022 State Council Agenda.**

CARRIED

10.4 WALGA President's Report

The WALGA President's Report was circulated to the Zone.

RESOLVED

Moved: Shire of Bruce Rock

Seconded: Shire of Koorda

That the Great Eastern Country Zone notes the WALGA President's Report.

CARRIED

11. EMERGING ISSUES

NIL

12. URGENT BUSINESS

NIL

13. DATE, TIME, AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETINGS

The next Executive Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, 16 June 2022 via Teleconference.

The next Great Eastern Country Zone meeting will be held on Monday, 27 June 2022, commencing at 9.30am. This meeting will be hosted by the Shire of Merredin.

14. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 11:36 am.



Wheatbelt Region

Gross Regional Product

Agriculture	33%
Mining	21%

Employment

Agriculture	30% of jobs
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Secondary Freight Routes



Planning started in 2014

Completed a Stage 1 project submission to Infrastructure Australia. Funded by RDA Wheatbelt.

Sought significant funding to do the work for subsequent stages of the Infrastructure Australia process.

Early 2019 election commitment of \$70 m Federal funding - \$87.5m in total funding – commencing pilot projects in 2019/20. **Roads of Strategic Importance Initiative** (Deputy Prime Minister, Michael MacCormack)

Additional \$80 m Federal Funding in September 2020 – total funding of \$187.5 m

Secondary Freight Routes

Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network



Project Description

The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network comprises some 4,400 kilometres of local government managed roads that connect with state and national highways to provide access for heavy vehicles into the region. These roads are essential for supporting the freight supply chains including grain and mining related freight. They also support tourism in the region.

These roads form part of a whole of network approach in improving freight productivity in the region and enabling the agricultural communities to access domestic markets and international markets via key ports.

Upgrades will be prioritised based on linkages to state and national roads and highways and the rail network. Consideration will also be given to links to six ports and two livestock centres, as well as regional and inter-regional freight hubs, accessed by the producers of the Wheatbelt region.

The project will undertake upgrade works within the Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network. The works include the construction of overtake lanes, road and bridge upgrades, shoulder sealing and road train assembly centres.

Benefits

The project will:

- improve road safety
- improve freight efficiency, connectivity and travel time
- ensure consistent freight access (vehicle platoons) ranges across the network, which will provide improved access for agriculture and mining regions to transport hubs

Funding

The Australian Government has committed \$100 million towards the project.

Timetable

The project has commenced construction, with the project expected to be completed by the end of 2026.

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Additional \$80 m Federal Funding in September 2020 – total funding of \$187.5 m

Freight Strategy

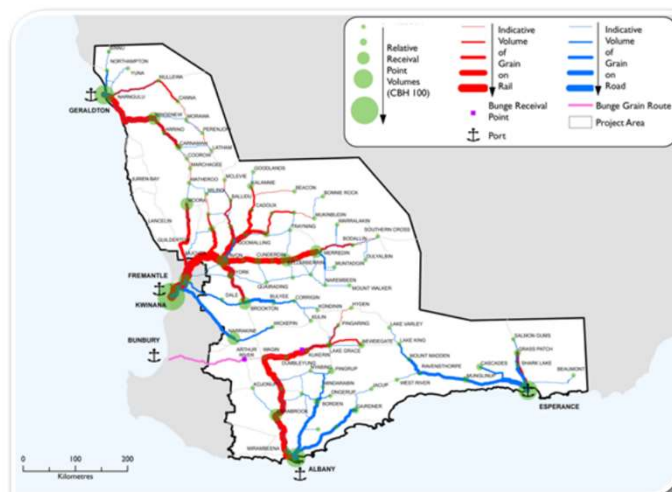
 Department of Transport
Main Roads Western Australia
Public Transport Authority
GOVERNMENT OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development



Worked on during 2019 and finalised in June 2020

Freight Strategy

PROJECT AREA - GRAIN TRANSPORT ROUTES



Worked on during 2019 and finalised in June 2020

Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement



Western Australia agricultural supply chain improvements

LOCATION	Western Australia
GEOGRAPHY	Small towns, rural communities and remote areas
CATEGORY	Regional Connectivity
PROBLEM	Near term (0-5 years)
PROPONENT	WA Government
DATE ADDED	26 February 2020



Dept of Transport translated the projects identified in the strategy into an Infrastructure Australia Stage 1 Submission.

The Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network Steering Committee supported a request from the State Government that the existing Wheatbelt Secondary Freight Network proposal that had been accepted by IA be rolled into this project.

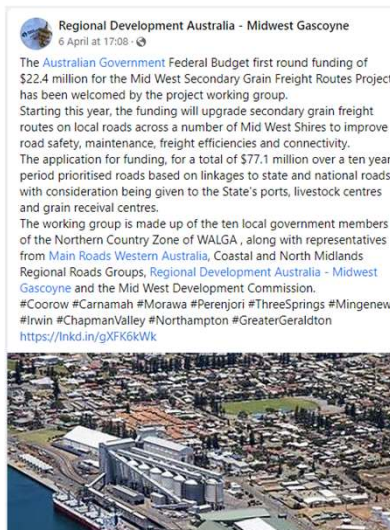
Agricultural Supply Chain Improvement Program Package 1



2021-22 Federal Budget \$160m

2021-22 State Budget \$40m (4 rail sidings were announced as part of this – Moora, Brookton, Cranbrook and Broomehill requiring \$22m grant funding)

Roads of Strategic Importance



Mid West and Great Southern Secondary Freight Network

Attachment 2

Click [here](#) to view this email in your browser.



STATE GOVERNMENT REGIONAL ROADWORKS SIGNAGE REVIEW

As you may be aware, last year the State Government coordinated a review of regional roadworks signage to help improve road user safety through regional roadwork sites.

The [Regional Roadworks Signage Review](#) was undertaken by an independent industry-based stakeholder Reference Group. It considered what and how temporary traffic signage at roadwork sites is installed, secured, and managed in regional areas.

Feedback was sought through community meetings and the [MySay Transport Online Engagement Portal](#).

The [Regional Roadworks Signage Review Report](#), released on 7 September 2021, listed 13 recommendations which are addressed by 21 actions - seven immediate and 14 short, medium or long term.

PROGRESS ON IMMEDIATE ACTIONS

On 22 March 2022, the [Minister for Transport announced](#) that all seven of the immediate actions listed in the Report have been completed.

Action Six is the development and implementation a community education program to inform road users and workers about how, where, and when to submit feedback about traffic management, road and sign conditions.

'Be our eyes on the road' is Main Roads' new campaign designed to educate road users on how they can report fallen, damaged, or missing road signs, faulty traffic lights and road surface issues, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

WHAT'S NEXT?

We understand that this campaign may lead to an increase in the reporting of road issues under local government responsibility.

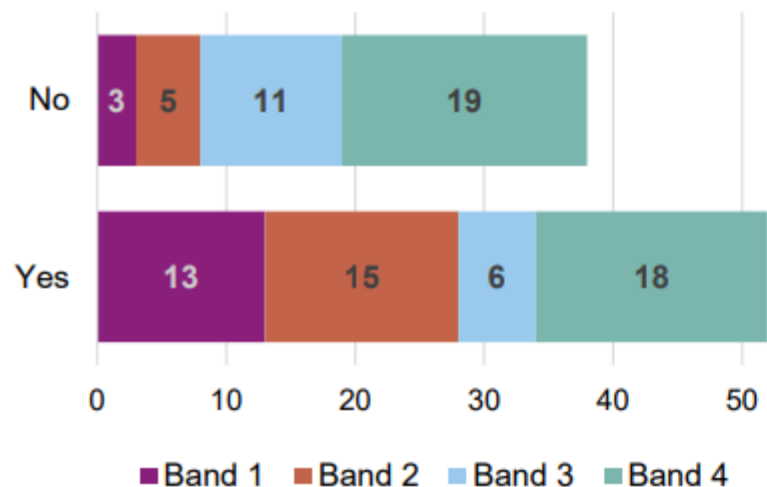
Leading up to this campaign we have been actively training our Customer Information Centre staff to ensure they are familiar with the correct processes for reporting faults, and to ensure the correct responsibility (either Main Roads or Local Government) is assigned. These processes include awareness to:

- gather sufficient location details so that further investigation can be undertaken
- gather information on the severity and safety implications of the report so that priority action can be taken when required; and
- ensure reports related to Local Government roads are as detailed as possible and passed on to the relevant local government, along with customer contact details, for action.

There is no change to the current process where the generated fault report is directed to the relevant local government by email and the customer is provided with the fault reference number and local government details. Main Roads does not need to be advised once the fault is closed out.

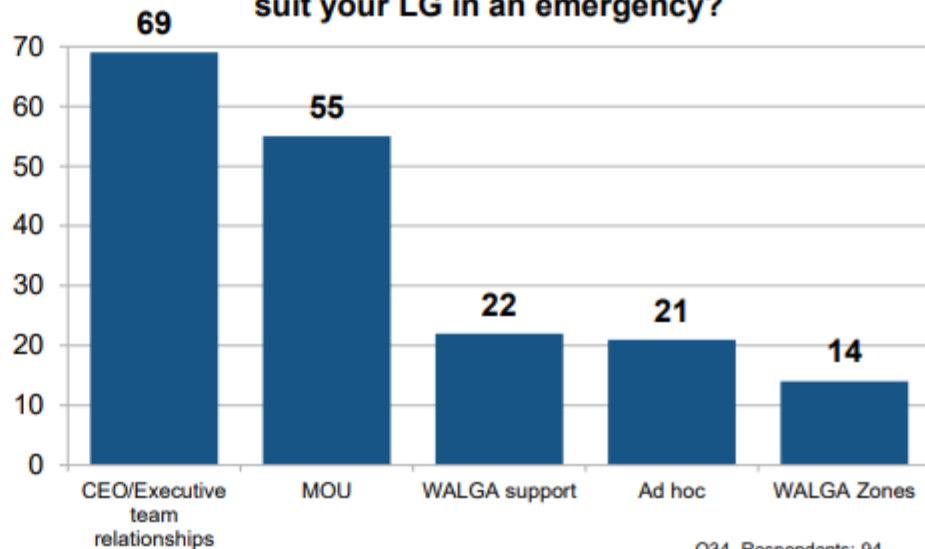
Resource Sharing during Emergencies

MOU Agreements between LGs



Q33 Respondents: 92

What method for resource sharing would best suit your LG in an emergency?



Q34 Respondents: 94