



THE
**KIMBERLEY
ZONE**

Meeting Minutes

13 April 2023

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Kimberley Country Zone Meeting Open: 1pm

1.

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

2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Members		
Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome	In person
Cr Geoff Haerewa	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In person
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr David Menzel	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In person
Observers		
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	In person
James Watt	Director Corporate Services, Shire of Broome	Zoom
Peter McCumstie	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Neil Hartley	Director Strategic Business, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In person
Phillip Cassell	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	Zoom
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In person
Executive Support Team		
Paul Rosair	Principal NAJA Business Consulting	In person
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal Mira Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal Redit Research	In person
Apologies		
Desiree Male	President, 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	
Nick Kearns	Director of Planning / Community SWEK	
Nick Sloan	CEO, WALGA	
Natasha Mahar	CEO, Australia's North West	
Tom Chapman	Regional Manager, DLGCI	
Tim Bray	Director Regional Development, Kimberley Development Commission	
Chuck Berger	CEO Kimberley Development Commission	
Guests		
Cr Karen Chappel	CEO WALGA	In Person
Tim Lane	Manager, Association and Corporate Governance, WALGA	In Person
Kim Brown	Acting Director, RDA Kimberley	Zoom
Greg Hayes	Regional Road Safety Advisor, WALGA	Zoom
Kym Francesconi	Chari Australia's North West Tourism	In person

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 WALGA State Council Agenda and (Separately Attached)
- 2 Complete Zone Status Report April 2023 (Separately Attached)
- 3 President's Report

4.1 Reports from Representatives

WALGA – Karen Chappel, President WALGA, and Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance (Nick Sloan CEO – apology)

RDA Kimberley - Kim Brown, A/Director

Kym Francesconi – Chair Australia's Northwest Tourism

Apology: Australia's North West Tourism – Natasha Mahar, CEO

Apology: Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – Tom Chapman, Regional Manager Kimberley. Written report provided, Section 4.1.1 pages 6 -8:

Please note: WALGA will note any questions regarding the DLGSCI report and will send to DLGSC. These will be responded to and circulated back to WALGA. For individual queries from members, a list of DLGSC contacts has been provided in the report.

4.1.1 DLGSCI Report



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April 2023

Local Government Act Reform

- On 23 February 2023, the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023 was introduced.
- The Bill passed in the Legislative Assembly on 23 March 2023 and is currently before the Legislative Council.
- Subject to Parliamentary processes, the anticipated passage of the Bill will be May 2023.
- As you are aware, the Minister has advised that he will be introducing the legislative reform proposals in two tranches.
- The first tranche was introduced in March 2023 covering:
 - electoral reforms such as:
 - number of council members
 - optional preferential voting
 - public vote to elect the Mayor/President for bands 1 and 2
 - removal of electoral wards for bands 3 and 4
 - filling of extraordinary vacancies without need for extraordinary elections.
 - standardised council meeting procedures
 - live streaming of meetings for bands 1 and 2
 - recording of meetings for bands 3 and 4
 - State-wide caretaker period
 - publication of CEO performance indicators and results
 - community engagement charters and surveys
 - council/CEO communications agreements
 - payment of fees and expenses for independent committee members.
- The second tranche will cover all other matters and will be introduced to Parliament later in the year.
- On 9 March 2023, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSCI) hosted a webinar discussing the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023 in further detail. If you would like a link to the webinar recording, this is available on the [DLGSCI website under local government reforms](#).
- DLGSCI is running a series of monthly webinars and deep dives into specific topics regarding the reforms in the upcoming months. The topic for April's webinar will be optional preferential voting. Please ensure you are signed up to LG alerts for these announcements.

October 2023 Local Government Elections

- The first Bill introduces optional preferential voting (OPV) for all local government elections to allow electors to preference as many or as few candidates as they decide.
- It is important to note that preferential voting is only form of voting for local government elections however the elector has the option to vote for:
 - one candidate; or
 - more than one candidate in their order of their preference.



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- It also includes related new provisions to provide for the backfilling of vacancies in situations such as when a member of a council is directly elected as the Mayor or President, or if a vacancy arises within one year of a council member being elected.
- OPV and related new provisions will come into operation for the October 2023 local government elections.
- In considering potential arrangements, councils must decide whether to declare the Western Australian Electoral Commissioner to conduct the election or appoint the local government's Chief Executive Officer (or other appointee) as the Returning Officer.
- Declaring the Electoral Commissioner to conduct the election will mean that they will be responsible for managing the election, including the conduct of the count and the introduction of the new OPV counting and backfilling provisions.
- If local governments chose to appoint the local government's Chief Executive Officer (or other appointee) as the Returning Officer to conduct the election, they will be wholly responsible for managing the election.
- If local governments chose to manage the election themselves, they will have the option to purchase a licence for access to the WAEC's CountWA software to facilitate the counting of votes.
- The WAEC will only be able to provide general assistance on accessing and using the software if this option is chosen.
- Local governments have received a letter from the Minister encouraging them to consider options for the conduct of the October 2023 elections no later than 31 March 2023.

Regulatory approach and framework for local government

- The DLGSC has reviewed its regulatory framework for local government.
- The previous local government Compliance Framework was out of date, and it was identified by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) to not be meeting the needs of the sector.
- The updated regulatory framework addresses recommendations of the OAG Performance Audit Report – DLGSC Regulation and Support of Local Government, which was tabled in Parliament on 30 April 2021.
- The DLGSC is currently working to finalise an assessment and triage tool to guide consistent decision-making in responding to instances of regulatory non-compliance. It is anticipated that this tool will be completed in the coming months.
- To complement and support DLGSC's approach to regulating the sector, a compliance and risk assessment framework is currently being developed by DLGSC which will set out how it deals with non-compliance and rates LGs risk levels.
- It is expected that the compliance framework will be completed and implemented by end of June 2023.
- A new information and data collection system to streamline and replace previous platforms, SmartHub and CRM is being developed to ensure that DLGSC has appropriate and current information to inform its regulatory framework and risk assessment tools.

Local government early intervention strategies

- There has been an increased emphasis on early intervention where local governments are experiencing a level of dysfunction, that if persists, could have consequences on the local government's provision of good governance to their community and district.
- Currently, the DLGSC is engaging with a small number of local governments in the early intervention space.



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Complaints handling

- To assist the local government sector with handling council member behavioural issues and resulting complaints, DLGSC is developing a preferred model that can be adopted by local governments.
- The preferred model involves a local government establishing a dedicated council member behavioural complaint committee that will determine complaints and refer to Council in relation to penalty and/or action plans.
- The council member behavioural complaint committee may have jurisdiction to deal with council member non-compliance with policy and code of conduct requirements.

Stop Puppy Farming

- *The Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021* (SPF Act) requires the design and development of a centralised registration system (CRS) for dogs. The CRS will also assist with the registration of cats under the *Cat Act 2011*, and the development of regulations in consultation with stakeholders.
- A Request for Tender (RFT) for the implementation of the CRS was released to the market on 24 January 2023 and closed on 8 March 2023.
- DLGSC is currently evaluating the tenders received.
- Pending the result of the tender, DLGSC are working towards the indicative operational date for the CRS in late 2023.
- A consultation paper is being drafted, to seek feedback from stakeholders and interested members of the community, to assist in developing workable regulations.

DLGSC Contacts

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4.2 Reports from Kimberley Country Zone

The WALGA State Council Agenda has been attached as a separate document (Attachment 1). The following table provides a summary of Matters for Decision that will be considered at the WALGA State Meeting on 1st March, 2023, and provides an update on Matters for Noting.

4.2.1 Item/Matters for Decision

Item / Matters for Decision	WALGA Recommendations
<p>4.1. Minutes of the State council meeting held 1 March 2023</p>	<p><i>That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on <u>Wednesday, 1 March 2023</u> be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings</i></p>
<p>4.2 Flying Minute – Submission to the Independent Review of WA’s COVID-19 Management and Response</p>	<p><i>That the <u>Flying Minute – Submission to the Independent Review of WA’s COVID-19 Management and Response</u> be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.</i></p> <p>4.2.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – Submission to the Independent Review of WA’s COVID-19 Management and Response</p>
<p>4.3 Flying Minute – Submission on the Consultation Paper – E-waste to landfill ban in Western Australia</p>	<p><i>That the <u>Flying Minute – Submission on the Consultation Paper – E-waste to landfill ban in Western Australia</u> be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.</i></p> <p>4.3.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – Submission on the Consultation Paper – E-waste to landfill ban in Western Australia</p>

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<p>7.1 Best Practice Governance Review – Feedback on Governance Model</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>This report summarising feedback from Members on the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report be received; and</i> 2. <i>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:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Give effect to the revised Model 1, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and</i> b. <i>Refine the constitution to address inconsistencies and other issues while maintaining the current governance model.</i> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Council commissioned the Best Practice Governance Review with the appointment of a Steering Committee in March 2022. • The Steering Committee, which met nine times over the course of the project to date and reported back to State Council several times, finalised its Final Report in February 2023. • On the basis of member feedback, the Steering Committee recommended Model 1 as the alternate governance model, which would result in the retention of State Council and Zones and the creation of a Board, with the majority of members elected from and by State Council. • At their March 2023 meeting, State Council resolved to seek feedback from Members on the proposed model. • To facilitate feedback from Members, the Final Report was distributed and a webinar was held, which was attended by 48 Local Government leaders; • Feedback was received from 17 Member Local Governments, with nine Member Local Governments expressing support for the proposed Model 1, and eight Member Local Government outlining concerns with the proposed Model 1 or expressing support for the Current Governance Model. • Concerns with the proposed Model 1 mostly related to concerns around representation at Board level, including the potential for representational imbalances, and the appointment of independent members, including a suggestion that independent members would be more likely to be metropolitan based. • Next steps for the project are for two sets of constitutional amendments to be presented to State Council at the July 2023 meeting with the view that these amendments would be presented to Members at the 2023 Annual General Meeting.

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<p>7.2 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' Child Safe Awareness Policy Template</p>	<p><i>That State Council:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>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</i> <i>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 and other relevant actions relating to child safeguarding, through the Child Safeguarding Implementation Unit.</i> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2020, the State Government has consulted with the Local Government sector in relation to Recommendation 6.12 from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (Royal Commission), which recommended that Local Governments should designate Child Safety Officers, with support from governments at the National and State level. • In 2022, the Department of Communities (DoC) facilitated a series of co-design sessions which involved 35 representatives from Local Government, the Commissioner for Children and Young People (CCYP), WALGA, and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) to develop the Child Safe Awareness Policy Template for Local Government (the Policy) to support implementation of Recommendation 6.12. • The Policy supports initial action by Local Governments in addressing Recommendation 6.12, and forms part of the broader environment of child safe reforms developed out of the findings of the Royal Commission that will impact Local Government. • DLGSC is seeking WALGA support for the Policy. • WALGA considers support for the Policy is appropriate but notes that Local Governments will require ongoing support and resourcing assistance consistent with WALGA's Advocacy Position 3.10.2 Child Safeguarding. • WALGA will continue to advocate to the State Government for the Policy to be considered in the context of a broader implementation plan for all the Royal Commission's recommendations relevant to Local Government. <p><u>Attachment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Safe Awareness Policy Template for Local Government

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<p>7.3 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys Advocacy Position</p>	<p><i>That State Council endorse the following position on Abandoned Shopping Trolleys:</i></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>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abandoned trolleys in the public domain, create safety hazards for pedestrian and vehicular traffic and negatively impact public amenity and the natural environment. • Some retailers prioritise their civic and social responsibilities, however the cost of physically retrieving illegally dumped trolleys is now substantially more than the cost of replacing trolleys. • The absence of economic or legally enforceable imperative means retailers are increasingly not responding to this issue within reasonable timeframes, if at all. • In response to community expectations, Local Governments bear the increasing cost burden to remove, impound and eventually dispose of abandoned trolleys. • The <i>Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021 (NSW)</i>, presents an example of how legislation can be used to address issues arising from shopping trolleys.

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<p>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. 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. 2. That Main Roads WA (MRWA) retain the overarching authority for speed limit setting/zoning. 3. 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. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. This will include applications that are deemed to be approved when the application: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. is based on assessments by competent Local Government practitioners, ii. contains evidence-based identification of the benefits, iii. contains preliminary designs for infrastructure safety upgrades associated with applications to increase speed limits, and iv. includes an engagement strategy for managing community and stakeholder expectations. b. Allows for Main Roads WA to decline an application, within a mutually agreed timeframe, on the basis that it: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. does not meet the above criteria, and ii. provides specific evidence for declining the application. 4. The WALGA seeks to work with Main Roads WA and other stakeholders, to develop a speed management guide for Local Governments. <p>Executive Summary</p> <p>WALGA's existing policy on speed management is narrow in scope and is inadequate for advocating the varying needs of the Local Government sector. Speed management is an important tool for Local Governments, for managing the safety performance of local roads and to help create healthy, vibrant, and connected communities.</p> <p>Changing speed limits is an important element of speed management but the application process can be difficult and Local Governments currently have limited influence in the determination of speed limit changes on local roads.</p> <p>A contemporary advocacy position on speed management will enable WALGA to advocate for reforms that are needed to better reflect the diverse needs of Local Governments and enable effective and responsible management of travel speeds on local roads.</p> <p><u>Attachment</u> Local Government Principles for Speed Management Reform Discussion Paper</p>

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<p>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><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (Agreement) provides funding for Local Governments to improve and maintain the local road network. • The new Agreement continues to provide 20% of vehicle license fee revenue collected by the State Government to be applied to Local Government roads and paths. • The proposed Agreement is for a five-year term from 2023/24 to 2027/28. • The overall structure and intent of the Agreement remains largely unchanged from the previous Agreement. • Commitments to road safety, aboriginal employment and recycled materials have been expanded. • The Agreement was developed through consultation with Local Government members of the State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC), Main Roads WA and Regional Road Group representatives. <p><u>Attachment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 to 2027/28

4.2.2 Item/Matters for Noting

Item / Matters for Noting	WALGA Recommendations
<p>8.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That the matters considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team be noted.</p> <p>1. Matters for State Council Decision</p> <p>1.1 Draft Guideline Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities The Policy Team noted the Minister’s withdrawal of the Draft Guideline Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities. The Policy Team identified that the issues relating to basketball court noise are symptomatic of far broader considerations. These include provision of public open space in the planning system, the complexity of balancing infill and the need for recreation facilities, and noise issues. The Policy Team agreed that a whole of government approach was needed to address these issues and that there are a range of possible policy and program interventions which could assist Local Governments in balancing these considerations.</p> <p>1.2 South East Metropolitan Zone – Advocacy on Environmental Issues The Policy Team discussed the complexities of the issue that the South East Metropolitan Zone had raised in relation to the impact on macropods from urban development. The Policy Team noted a clear role for the State Government in communicating and regulating this issue.</p> <p>WALGA had strongly advocated for the Perth and Peel Strategic Assessment to be completed as this would have assisted in providing an overall, landscape scale conservation outcome on the Swan Coastal Plain but that the State Government announced that it would instead pursue regional planning as part of the State Native Vegetation policy.</p> <p>WALGA will continue to engage with the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions, on the issue of kangaroo management, and Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, on the implementation of WA’s Native Vegetation Policy, and ensure the concerns of the South East Metropolitan Zone are brought to the Departments’ attention. This item was also considered by the People and Place Policy Team</p>

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	<p>2. Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>The following updates were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Urban Forest Conference was held on 17 February at Curtin University. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There were more than 340 attendees from Local Government, State Government, industry, community organisations and academia. • Speakers included: the Minister for Environment and Climate Action Hon Reece Whitby MLA; Hon Dr Brad Pettitt MLC, Member for South Metropolitan; Karen Sweeney, City of Sydney Manager of Urban Forest; representatives from Local Government; and high-profile horticultural experts Professor Josh Byrne and Sabrina Hahn. • The event was a key tool in WALGA's advocacy to State Government for \$20 million to plant 60,000 trees, a key initiative in WALGA's State Budget Submission. • Pre and post event marketing and media activity raised awareness of the issue and WALGA's budget request, including stories on the conference on ABC TV news, ABC radio and ABC on-line. • WALGA will continue its advocacy on urban forests and the other initiatives contained within our State Budget Submission, through meetings with Ministers and Members of Parliament, and continued media activity in the months leading up to the Budget being handed down in May. • The Gascoyne Waste and Environment Summit will be held on 11 and 12 May, in the Shire of Shark Bay. • Climate Risk Assessment Training: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of a Natural Disaster Resistance Program Grant, WALGA hosted a pilot Climate Risk Assessment Training session on Monday 20 February. • This session provided Local Governments with the tools to run a climate risk assessment for their own organization and improve understanding of climate risk in their localities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Following this pilot session, the training will be refined and offered to the sector in future. • ARENA funding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA has commissioned a consultant to develop a template Fleet Transition Plan and nearly 20 Local Governments have agreed to be part of the ARENA funding bid. • There are positive funding opportunities from the State Government if WALGA ARENA bid is successful. • Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Act Review: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stage 3 of the Act review is expected in mid-April. • WALGA has continued to engage with Stakeholders on this issue, including an upcoming meeting with Hon. Jackie Jarvis, Minister for Agriculture and Food; Forestry; Small Business; Citizenship and Multicultural Interests.

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<p>8.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report</p>	<p>1. Matters for State Council Decision</p> <p>1.1 Advocacy Position 2.1.14 Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>Policy Team Comment: Financial Assistance Grants remain a key issue for Local Governments. The issue is primarily being pursued via ALGA, whose position is for FA Grants to be restored to at least 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue via a phased approach. WALGA's current position is not inconsistent with ALGA's, and may be more politically palatable to the extent that it seeks an increase as opposed to identifying a quantum for increase.</p> <p>Recommendation: State Council retain Advocacy Position 2.1.14 Financial Assistance Grants</p> <p>1.2 Advocacy Position 2.4.4 Remote Area Tax</p> <p>Policy Team Comment: This position was developed in response to an Inquiry by the Productivity Commission. While the final report was handed down, the Government at the time decided not to act on it's recommendations and it is not clear that this is a priority for the current government. The issue remains relevant to WALGA members and has not been addressed by State Government.</p> <p>Recommendation: State Council retain Advocacy Position 2.4.4 Remote Area Tax</p> <p>1.3 Advocacy Position 2.5.14 Tender Threshold</p> <p>Policy Team Comment: This Advocacy Position has been superseded by WALGA's more recently adopted advocacy Position 2.5.46 'Financial Management and Procurement', that includes the following:</p> <p>"Supports the alignment of Local Government procurement thresholds, rules and policies with the State Government."</p> <p>Alignment of procurement practices with State Government includes the tender threshold provisions. State Government Procurement Rules (dated 1 June 2021) establish a public tender threshold for State Government of \$250,000 which is consistent with the threshold now applied to Local Government.</p> <p>Recommendation: State Council delete Advocacy Position 2.5.14 Tender Threshold</p> <p>1.4 Advocacy Position 2.5.26 Simple and Absolute Majority</p> <p>Policy Team Comment: This advocacy position was in response to the Department of Local Government's survey of Local Government views as to when an absolute majority decision should be required. Survey outcomes were addressed through the 2019 Local Government Act amendment that removed "special majority" provisions.</p>

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	<p>Recommendation: State Council delete Advocacy Position 2.5.26 Simple and Absolute Majority</p> <p>1.5 Advocacy Position 2.5.21 Conduct of Postal Elections</p> <p>Policy Team Comment: This advocacy is based on the principle that the WAEC should not retain a monopoly on the conduct of elections, and that choice will create a market with potential to drive down cost.</p> <p>Recommendation: State Council retain Advocacy Position 2.5.21 Conduct of Postal Elections</p> <p>1.6 Advocacy Position 2.5.39 Exemption from AASB124</p> <p>Policy Team Comment: The advocacy position seeks an exemption from AASB124 on the basis that Council Member declare financial interests in Primary and Annual Returns.</p> <p>Recommendation: State Council retain Advocacy Position 2.5.39 Exemption from AASB124</p> <p>2. Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>2.1 WALGA AGM 2022 – Abandoned Shopping Trolleys</p> <p>The WALGA 2022 AGM (Item 3.12.1) resolution, was referred by State Council on 7 December 2022 and considered by the GOS Policy Team, where it was resolved:</p> <p>The Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team recommends a new WALGA Advocacy Position for State Council's endorsement, subject to the proposed Advocacy Position including animal controls similar to the NSW Public Spaces (Unattended Property) Act 2021.</p> <p>A report will be presented to a future State Council meeting, recommending the requested Advocacy Position.</p>

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<p>8.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team be noted.</p> <p>1. Matters for State Council Decision</p> <p>Speed Management Reform Advocacy Position – see Agenda item 7.4.</p> <p>2. Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>The Policy Team had further discussions concerning the Western Power Access Arrangement and considered a follow up submission to the Economic Regulation Authority that was consistent with the Advocacy Position endorsed in May 2022. The ERA delivered its final decision on 31 March 2023.</p> <p>3. Items Referred from Zones</p> <p>The Policy Team considered and agreed recommendations in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heavy haulage cost recovery • Advocacy for upgrading Goldfields Highway between Meekatharra and Wiluna • Disaster recovery funding arrangements • Total Fire Ban impacts on road management • Road Traffic Issues and the relationship between Local Government and Main Roads WA • Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools • Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA • Beef Roads Program • Western Power Access Arrangement 5 (2023 – 2027) <p>These recommendations are reflected in the Zone Status Reports.</p> <p>4. New Policy Issues</p> <p>The Policy Team undertook a workshop to identify strategic policy gaps and opportunities for consideration in 2023/24.</p>

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<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>1. Matters for State Council Decision</p> <p>1.1 South East Metropolitan Zone – Advocacy on Environmental Issues The Policy Team noted the recommendations from the South East Metropolitan Zone. The Policy Team discussed the complex issues and risks associated with macropod translocation and the clear role for the State Government in communicating and regulating the issue was noted.</p> <p>The Policy Team agreed that WALGA should not take a lead role in the development of a consultation piece as proposed in the Zone recommendation.</p> <p>The Policy Team requests the WALGA Secretariat continue to engage with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions on the issue of kangaroo management and the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on the implementation of WA’s Native Vegetation Policy and ensure the concerns of the South East Metropolitan Zone are brought to the Departments’ attention. This item was also considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team.</p> <p>2. Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>At the meeting on 1 March, the People and Place Policy Team received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a presentation on Child Safeguarding from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries representatives Tom Fleming and Kait McNamara; and • an update from the Planning and Building Team on the recently announced next phase of the State Government’s planning reforms agenda and other high-profile planning initiatives.
<p>9.1 2023 Policy Priorities</p>	<p>That the update on WALGA’s 2023 Policy Priorities be noted.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is important that WALGA focuses on issues of most importance to Local Governments to maximise sector outcomes and avoid diluting our effectiveness in influencing key • decision-makers. • At the March Strategic Forum, the State Council discussed WALGA’s policy priorities for 2023. The agreed priorities are now available on the WALGA website. • Any new issues emerging through Zones or other channels will be considered in the context of these identified priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment • WALGA 2023 Policy Priorities

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<p>9.2 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project</p>	<p>That the update on the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project be noted.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The LEMA Review is a partnership between the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and WALGA, initiated in response to reports that the current LEMA model is not fit-for-purpose for Local Government. • The LEMA Review is an opportunity to develop new LEMA approaches, reshape emergency management (EM) procedures and enhance disaster preparedness at the local level. • WALGA received AWARE funding to lead a consultation with Local Government for the LEMA Review to ensure that the outcomes were sector-led and representative of a diverse range of Local Governments. • From April to December 2022, WALGA engaged with the sector to identify LEMA strengths, weaknesses, and improvement opportunities in a consultation process. 100 Western Australian Local Governments participated in the consultation process. • WALGA's LEMA Review Consultation with Western Australian Local Governments: Project Summary and Recommendations Report summarises the key findings of this consultation process that will inform a LEMA Improvement Plan developed by DFES. • A final LEMA Improvement Plan, which will include implementation actions, will be submitted to the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) for endorsement in August 2023. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEMA Review Issues Paper • LEMA Review Local Government Survey Findings Report • LEMA Review Workshop Consultation Report • LEMA Review Consultation with Western Australian Local Governments: Project Summary and Recommendations Report

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<p>9.3 Submission to the Independent Review of WA's COVID-19 Management and Response</p>	<p>That the Submission to the Independent Review of Western Australia's COVID-19 Management and Response, endorsed via Flying Minute on 15 March 2023, be noted..</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The State Government has commissioned an independent review of WA's response and management of COVID-19, with submissions due by 16 March 2023. • The scope of the review is limited to the Western Australian Government's response and management of COVID-19 and specifically excludes Local Government, Commonwealth Government and non-government organisations. • WALGA's submission is based on the Association's, and Local Governments', experience and interaction with the State Government in responding to COVID-19. • The submission acknowledges the effectiveness of the State Government's response and focuses on WALGA and Local Governments experience of the State Government's COVID-19 response relating to public sector capacity and capability, intragovernmental communication and cooperation, community support, engagement and communication and the economic and social outcomes. • Feedback from State Councilors, provided via the Flying Agenda process, was incorporated into the final submission. <p><u>Attachment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Minute Submission to the Independent Review of WA's COVID-19 Management and Response

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<p>9.4 Submission to the DWER E-waste to Landfill Ban Consultation Paper</p>	<p>That the Submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation’s E-Waste to Landfill Ban Consultation paper, endorsed via Flying Minute on 30 March 2023, be noted.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has released a Consultation Paper on the proposed e-waste to landfill ban. • The State Government made an election commitment to deliver a state-wide ban by 2024, with the aim of improving management and recycling of e-waste produced by households and businesses across the State. • WALGA acknowledges the objectives of the ban and its alignment to global, national and local environmental and recovery targets, in particular the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030. However, the implementation of an e-waste to landfill ban by 2024, in its proposed form, could have significant financial implications for Local Governments, and the communities they service. • Currently, there are no fully effective product stewardship schemes in place for the materials covered by the bans, which means if the ban is implemented the costs will be borne by Local Government and the community. • WALGA’s submission has been developed with input from Local Governments, and highlights issues raised by the sector regarding e-waste recycling. • The submission was endorsed by State Council via the Flying Agenda process. <p><u>Attachments:</u></p> <p>Flying Minute: Submission on the Consultation Paper – E-waste to landfill ban in Western Australia</p>
<p>9.5 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)</p>	<p>That the resolutions of the 22 February 2023 Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting be noted.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <p>This item summaries the outcomes of the MWAC meeting held on Wednesday, 22 February.</p>

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<p>9.6 March 2023 Economic Briefing</p>	<p>That the update on the March 2023 Economic Briefing be noted.</p> <p>Executive Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA recently released the March 2023 Economic Briefing. • This quarter's edition is the most important issue of the year, as it contains information and forecasts to assist Local Governments to prepare their Budgets for the next financial year. • A new campaign was undertaken this quarter to raise awareness of the publication, which has seen subscription rates increase by almost 200%. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2023 Economic Briefing • Economic Briefing Video
<p>10.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio</p> <p>10.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio</p>	<p>That the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the May 2023 State Council meeting be noted.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media: 46 mentions of WALGA in February and March • Federal Election Campaign • State Budget Advocacy and Communications • 2023 Urban Forest Conference • Transport and Roads Forum • Digital Transformation Projects – Technology Roadmap, Website, CRM Updates • Economic Briefing March 2023 Edition <p>That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the May 2023 State Council meeting be noted.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance • Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program • State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement • Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions • Business Case for Safety Improvement of the High-Speed Sealed Network • Streetlighting • Underground Power • Road Safety Ratings for Local Government Roads Project • Road Safety Council Update

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<p>10.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio</p>	<p>That the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the May 2023 State Council meeting be noted.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commercial team has scheduled 46 new suppliers across the Preferred Supplier Program • Sustainable Energy Project • Construction and Built Environments – new PSP to support building and works • Union applications to amend the State Local Government Awards • Webinars • Sector engagement – new LinkedIn group • ICT/ Cyber Security Project • Local Government Legislative Reform – Tranche On passed the Le Legislative Assembly on 23 March and will now be debated in the Legislative Council. The second tranche of reforms is expected towards the end of the 2023 calendar year and will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Office of the Local Government Inspector including Monitors and a Conduct Panel replacing the current Standards Panel. • Elected Member Superannuation • Audit Committees – Requirement for an Independent Chair • Streamlining Regional Subsidiaries • WALGA’s role in the Local Government Act • Training <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 the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the May 2023 State Council meeting be noted.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Briefing • WA Visitor Economy Strategy Engagement with Tourism WA • Environment and Waste <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gascoyne Waste and Environment Summit • Local Biodiversity and Native Vegetation Management Project • Planning and Building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medium Density Code • Planning Reform

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Efficiency Compliance Guidance • Mandatory Inspections of Residential Dwellings During Construction • Resilient Communities • State Emergency Management Committee -approved \$40,000 to WALGA to undertake consultation with LG on the WA Climate Change Adaption Plan for Emergency Management • Section 33 Firebreak Notice Guidance • Local Emergency Management Arrangements Improvement Plan • National Disaster Resilience Grants 2023 • Incident Review Reports • Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Legislation - The new Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 will commence on 1 July 2023. WALGA is working with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to deliver an education session webinar for the sector to discuss the operation of the legislation and supporting materials and guidelines. DPLH will also be delivering regional information session during May 2023. • Disability Services Act Reform – DoC has developed a Consultation Paper to seek feedback on proposed reform to this legislation

4.2.3 Status Report on State Council Resolutions

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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
1 March 2023 Item 7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission	That the Submission on the draft Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy be endorsed, incorporating the following points: 1. Guidance on donation management during a disaster, recovery from a disaster and ongoing; 2. Additional detail on the State's role, the funding that is required and how support can be accessed;	The Submission was submitted to the State Emergency Management Committee on Thursday 2 March.	2 March 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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	<p>3. Acknowledgment that the role of volunteer bush fire brigade members is focused on response, and that resilience training is better targeted to support agencies and community groups assisting with disaster recovery. Any training requirements for brigade members should be voluntary.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 419.1/2023</p>			
<p>1 March 2023 Item 7.3 Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That the Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position as follows be endorsed:</p> <p><i>Child Safeguarding</i></p> <p>1. <i>Local Government supports:</i></p> <p>a. <i>the recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse 2017, in particular Recommendation 6.12 which can be achieved by Local Government implementing and embedding child safeguarding across its functions with support from Governments at the national, state and territory levels; and</i></p> <p>b. <i>the ten National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (Australian Humans Rights Commission).</i></p> <p>2. <i>The State Government through an Independent Oversight Body should provide financial, resourcing and capacity building support to Local Governments to implement and embed child safeguarding across its functions, through the provision of:</i></p> <p>a. <i>supporting materials such as template policies, procedures and guidelines;</i></p> <p>b. <i>consistent key messaging and resources to promote and share in venues and facilities and online;</i></p> <p>c. <i>examples of best practice, including case studies;</i></p> <p>d. <i>self-assessment tools to assist Local Government;</i></p> <p>e. <i>ongoing training and skills development for Local Government staff, including online training options;</i></p> <p>f. <i>funding for the delivery of the child safeguarding function within smaller, less well resourced (Band 3 and Band 4) Local Governments; and</i></p> <p>g. <i>expert officers within each region to provide support and guidance to Local Government on child safeguarding.</i></p> <p>3. <i>The Local Government sector supports Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme, with full financial coverage by the State.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 420.1/2023</p>	<p>The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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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	In progress.	Ongoing	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy
1 March 2023 Item 7.5 Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines	1. That WALGA endorse the Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Applications Guidelines in full; and 2. That the WALGA administration draft a submission to reflect its support. RESOLUTION 423.1/2023	A letter has been sent to Main Roads WA reflecting the decision of WALGA State Council.	April 2023	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure
1 March 2023 Item 7.6 Best Practice Governance Review Final Report	That: 1. The Best Practice Governance Review Stage 3 Final Report be received; 2. The proposed changes to WALGA's governance structure as per the revised Model 1, detailed in the Stage 3 Final Report, be noted; 3. Members be engaged on the detail of the model and a Final Report be presented to the May 2023 State Council meeting for consideration; 4. Any recommendation to the 2023 AGM include Option 5 as the Current Model and Option 1 as an alternative to the Current Model; and 5. Subject to points 1, 2, 3 and 4 above, constitutional changes be developed for consideration by State Council. RESOLUTION 424.1/2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations 1 and 2 are noted • Recommendation 3 has been actioned and Members have been engaged on the detail of model 1. An agenda item has been prepared for the May 2023 State Council meeting. • Recommendations 4 and 5 are noted and will be actioned dependent on item 3. 	Ongoing	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
1 March 2023 Item 7.7 Finance and Services Committee Minutes – 15 February 2023	That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 15 February 2023 be endorsed. RESOLUTION 425.1/2023	Items have been actioned.	March 2023	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services

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<p>1 March 2023 Item 7.8 Selection Committee Minutes – 23 February 2023</p>	<p>That the recommendations contained in the 23 February 2023 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed. RESOLUTION 426.1/2023</p>	<p>Items have been actioned.</p>	<p>March 2023</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>1 March 2023 Item 7.10 LGIS Board Tenure</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the reappointment of Cr Paul Kelly as a Director of the LGIS Board for a three-year term upon the expiry of his current term. RESOLUTION 428.1/2023</p>	<p>This item has been actioned.</p>	<p>March 2023</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>1 March 2023 Item 7.12 Appointments to State Council Policy Teams and Committees</p>	<p>That: 1. Cr David Lagan be appointed to the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team; 2. Mayor Patrick Hall be appointed to the Finance and Services Committee; 3. Mayor Mark Irwin be appointed to the Metropolitan Representative position on the Local Government House Trust; and 4. Mayor Patrick Hall be appointed to the Metropolitan State Councillor position on the Local Government House Trust. RESOLUTION 430.1/2023</p>	<p>Appointments have been actioned.</p>	<p>March 2023</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>7 December 2022 Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>That: 1. 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> 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></p>	<p>In relation to item 3.8 Review of the Rating Methodology used by the Valuer-General, a letter has been sent to the Minister for Lands (with a copy also sent to the Minister for Local Government). In relation to item 3.10 Reform of the <i>Cat Act 2011</i>, a letter has been sent to the Minister for Local Government on this issue. In relation to item 3.1 Road Traffic Issues, the Infrastructure Policy Team resolved: <i>That efforts to increase the importance given to Local Government knowledge regarding traffic issues be deferred for consideration</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>

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	<p>2. 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>3.1 Road Traffic Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures. <p>3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reviewing car parking standards for schools; 2. Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites; 3. Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated; 4. Restricting school access from major roads; 5. Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic; 6. Develop programs to educate drivers; and 7. Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school. <p>3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><i>in mid-2023 after a clear Local Government advocacy position on speed management is developed and endorsed.</i></p> <p>In relation to item 3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools, the Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>In relation to item 3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA, the Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>In relation to item 3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program, the Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p>In relation to item 3.6 South West Native Title Settlement, WALGA is preparing a formal letter to Anthony Kannis, Director General of Department of Planning,</p>		

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	<p>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></p> <p>3.5 3D House Printing Building Compliance <i>That WALGA requests:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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> 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>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>3.7 Land Offset Compensation to Local Governments <i>That WALGA advocate to the State Government that the Developer</i></p>	<p>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) 		

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	<p><i>requiring land offsets should be required to provide the offsets within the Local Government where the clearing occurs and where this is not possible, the Developer requiring land offsets within another Local Government be required to pay a fee to the Local Government for the loss of rates and ongoing maintenance of infrastructure to the Land.</i></p> <p>3.12.1 Abandoned Shopping Trolleys <i>That this meeting supports the recent petition to be tabled in the Legislative Council, Parliament of Western Australia, "Removal and Abandonment of Shopping Trolleys 22-0017" calling on the State Government to implement stringent and uniform shopping trolley containment laws for the whole state of Western Australia.</i></p> <p>3. the following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be noted:</p> <p>3.11 WALGA Best Practice Governance Review – Principles</p> <p><i>That:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>The update on the Best Practice Governance Review project be noted, and</i> 2. <i>The principles to inform WALGA's future governance model, as follows and as per the attached Principles document, be endorsed:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Representative – WALGA unites and represents the entire Local Government sector in WA and understands the diverse nature and needs of members, regional communities and economies.</i> b. <i>Responsive – WALGA is an agile association which acts quickly to respond to the needs of members and stakeholders.</i> c. <i>Results Oriented – WALGA dedicates resources and efforts to secure the best</i> 			

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	<p><i>outcomes for Local Government and supports the delivery of high-quality projects, programs and services.</i></p> <p>3.12.2 Mandatory Superannuation for Elected Members in Band 1 and 2 Councils</p> <p><i>That this meeting supports requesting WALGA to advocate for the Local Government reforms to include mandatory superannuation for elected members of Band 1 and Band 2 Councils and supports the optional payment of superannuation for Band 3 and 4 Councils.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>			
<p>7 December 2022 Item 8 Additional Zone Resolutions – Zone items relating to the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Supports a robust and respectful national debate on constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and requests the Commonwealth Government provide further details on the proposed Voice to Parliament. Requests that the Commonwealth Government ensure that Local Governments and local communities across WA are meaningfully engaged with on this issue. Requests WALGA prepare an advocacy position in support of constitutional recognition to be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback. <p>RESOLUTION 415.8/2022</p>	<p>An item for decision on the Voice to Parliament and Referendum on constitutional recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders was considered at the March 2023 State Council meeting.</p>	<p>March 2023</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p>1 December 2021 Item 5.3 2021 Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The following resolutions from the 2021 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action: <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>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>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

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3 September 2021 Item 6.1 Stop Puppy Farming Legislation	1. That the update on the Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2021 be noted. 2. That: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. any additional costs incurred by a Local Government in administering the Dog Act be paid by the State Government; and b. the Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed bi-annually and at minimum, be adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index. RESOLUTION 275.5/2021	Correspondence has been sent to the Minister for Local Government advising of resolution 2.	Ongoing	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor	Nil
Resolution(s)		Action(s)	
<p>That the Kimberley Regional Group:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the State Council Agenda Items as circulated. 2. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision contained within the State Council Agenda, 3. Acknowledges the Items for noting, 4. Notes the Kimberley Zone Status Report 5. Notes the report from the WALGA President 		KRG to write to WALGA President regarding the Local roads and Community Infrastructure Program. KRG to issue a briefing note regarding the Wyndham Port as first point of entry, to WALGA. National General Assembly (NGA) conference 16th June.KRG to consider attendance and any items for consideration	
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