



THE
**KIMBERLEY
ZONE**

Meeting Minutes

17 February 2023

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Kimberley Country Zone Meeting Open: 10:03

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

2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Members		
Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome	Zoom
Cr Geoff Haerewa	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	Zoom
Observers		
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	Zoom
James Watt	Director Corporate Services, Shire of Broome	Zoom
Peter McCumstie	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Phillip Cassell	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Nick Kearns	Director of Planning / Community SWEK	Zoom
Executive Support Team		
Paul Rosair	Principal NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal Mira Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal Redit Research	Zoom
Apologies		
Cr Harold Tracey	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	
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	
Cr David Menzel	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	
Karen Chapple	President, WALGA	
Guests		
Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC	Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering	Zoom: 10:45 – 11:15 am
Nick Sloan	CEO, WALGA	Zoom
Tim Lane	Manager, Association and Corporate Governance, WALGA	Zoom
Kim Brown	Acting Director, RDA Kimberley	Zoom
Natasha Mahar	CEO, Australia's North West	Zoom
Tim Bray	Director Regional Development, Kimberley Development Commission	Zoom
Chuck Berger	CEO Kimberley Development Commission	Zoom
Tom Chapman	Regional Manager, DLGCI	Zoom
Greg Hayes	Regional Road Safety Advisor, WALGA	Zoom

3. Disclosures, Conflicts and Declarations of Interest:

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

4. Kimberley Country Zone State Council Agenda:

Attachments:

- 1 WALGA State Council Agenda and Complete Zone Status Report February 2023 (Separately Attached)
- 2 Presidents' Report (Separately Attached)

4.1 Reports from Representatives

WALGA – Nick Sloan, CEO and Tim Lane, Manager Association and Corporate Governance (Karen Chappel, President WALGA – apology)
 RDA Kimberley - Kim Brown, A/Director
 Australia's North West Tourism – Natasha Mahar, CEO Australia's Northwest
 WALGA Roadwise – Greg Hayes, Road Safety Advisor
 Kimberley Development Commission – Chuck Berger CEO Kimberley Development Commission, and Tim Bray, Director Regional Development
 Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – Tom Chapman, Regional Manager Kimberley

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
4.1. Minutes of the State council meeting held 7 December 2022	<i>That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on Wednesday, 7 December 2022 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.</i>
4.2 Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Three	<i>That the Flying Minute – WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Three be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings</i>

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<p>7.1 Proposed Advocacy Position on Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People</p>	<p>That the following Advocacy Position be endorsed:</p> <p><i>WALGA supports constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People through the enshrining of a Voice to Parliament.</i></p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Australian Government will hold a referendum in the second half of 2023 on amending the Constitution to enshrine an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament (the Voice) as part of its commitment to implement the Uluru Statement from the Heart. At its December 2022 meeting State Council resolved that WALGA prepare an advocacy position in support of constitutional recognition to be circulated to WALGA Zones for their next meeting for consideration and feedback. WALGA has prepared the attached Information Paper for WALGA Zones and State Council to facilitate discussion on the proposed WALGA Advocacy Position. <p>Attachment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Information Paper: Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People</u>
<p>7.2 Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Submission</p>	<p>That the submission on the draft <i>Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy</i> be endorsed.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) has released the draft Western Australian Community Disaster Resilience Strategy (CDRS) for public consultation, until 3 March 2023. The Strategy intends to provide the guidance to support all Western Australians to increase their disaster resilience. The Strategy builds on a CDRS Discussion Paper. WALGA previously provided input on the discussion paper, and Local Government Consultation was also undertaken by SEMC WALGA has prepared a draft Submission that is supportive of the CDRS <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>WALGA Submission March 2023 - Community Disaster Resilience Strategy</i> <u>Draft Community Disaster Resilience Strategy</u>

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<p>7.3 Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That the Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position as follows be endorsed:</p> <p>Child Safeguarding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Local Government supports: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. 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> <i>b. the ten National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (Australian Humans Rights Commission).</i> 2. 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: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>a. supporting materials such as template policies, procedures and guidelines;</i> <i>b. consistent key messaging and resources to promote and share in venues and facilities and online;</i> <i>c. examples of best practice, including case studies;</i> <i>d. self-assessment tools to assist Local Government;</i> <i>e. ongoing training and skills development for Local Government staff, including online training options;</i> <i>f. funding for the delivery of the child safeguarding function within smaller, less well resourced (Band 3 and Band 4) Local Governments; and</i> <i>g. expert officers within each region to provide support and guidance to Local Government on child safeguarding.</i> 3. The Local Government sector supports Local Government participation in the State's National Redress Scheme, with full financial coverage by the State. <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2018 WALGA has consulted extensively with Local Government in relation to the response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse (the Royal Commission) including the National Redress Scheme, Reportable Conduct and Child Safety Officers. • WALGA has developed a Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position which will be used to guide policy development, advocacy, and capacity building activities for Local Government within the State framework. • The new Advocacy Position has been developed based on submissions previously endorsed by State Council and extensive consultation with Local Government, and is supported by the Local Government Child Safety Communities of Practice network and the Community Industry Reference Group (CIRG). <p><u>Attachment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position Background Paper

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<p>7.4 Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities</p>	<p>That the submission on the <i>Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities</i> be endorsed.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation released the <i>Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities</i> on 23 December 2022 for a 10 week consultation period. The Draft Guideline includes options for how noise, from new community basketball facilities can be mitigated. This includes separation distances between the facility and residents in different circumstances, engineering and facility management controls. A draft Submission was circulated to Local Government for feedback and the final Submission has been updated based on the information provided. The WALGA Submission provides feedback on the costs and practicality of the various interventions suggested. <p><u>Attachment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submission on Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities
<p>7.5 Main Roads Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines</p>	<p>That the submission to Main Roads on its Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines be endorsed.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Main Roads is seeking feedback on their Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines. This policy could be used to significantly curtail the deployment of roadside advertising devices, which are currently used by Local Governments as a source of public realm amenity, support funding bus shelter improvements and are a source of revenue for Local Government in some cases. As drafted, these guidelines would apply to most of the public road network, including Local Government roads, and signs on private property that are visible from the road. The draft guidelines would cover advertiser-funded bus shelters and information or decorative banners. There is no demonstrated road safety problem resulting from roadside advertising devices, as currently deployed in Western Australia. Road safety is the stated rationale for developing this policy. WALGA has prepared a submission to Main Roads on the guidelines, requesting:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greater delegation of authority in assessing small format static signs and small format digital signs. ○ Guaranteed processing times for classes of signs for which Main Roads retains the assessment function. This includes requesting a schedule of approval time frames, and a “deemed approved” clause in the event of these timeframes not being met. <p><u>Attachment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA submission to Main Roads on the Draft Roadside Advertising Policy and Application Guidelines.

4.2.2 Item/Matters for Noting

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<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>The Submission on the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation draft Guideline Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball facilities was considered and endorsed for State Council decision at the March 2023 meeting (see Agenda item 7.4).</p> <p>2. Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>The following updates were noted by the Policy Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Urban Forest promotional videos – available on the WALGA website here. • Varroa mite and backyard beekeepers – WALGA continues to engage with DPIRD on this issue. • In relation to Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) and Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD): • Release of a National LSD Action Plan; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A Northern Australian Coordination Network has been established and funded to assist in managing the threat of LSD and FMD; ○ The Western Australian taskforce continues to meet, this group includes DPIRD, industry groups, livestock agents and processors; and ○ The National FMD Biosecurity Response Zone extended to 30 June 2023 to ensure Australia’s strong protections against FMD remain in place.

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<p>8.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report be noted.</p> <p>The Governance and Organisational Services (GOS) Policy Team have not had a meeting since the last State Council meeting in December 2022.</p> <p>A meeting of the GOS Policy Team is scheduled for Friday, 3 February.</p> <p>A Report providing an update on matters considered at that meeting will be included in the next State Council Agenda.</p>
<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>Nil.</p> <p>2. Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>2.1 Policy Team meeting on 7 December 2022</p> <p>At the meeting on 7 December, the Infrastructure Policy Team considered matters related to:</p> <p><u>Road Traffic Issues</u> This matter was deferred for consideration after the development and endorsement of a clear Local Government advocacy position on speed management.</p> <p><u>Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools</u> The Policy Team requested WALGA use its role at the Safe Active Travel to School Working Group to advocate for desired outcomes and to provide advice back to the Local Government sector.</p> <p><u>Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads</u> The Policy Team requested WALGA explore, in discussion with Main Roads WA, opportunities and interest in contracting Local Governments to undertake maintenance and minor works on the State road network.</p> <p><u>Northern Australian Beef Roads Program</u> The Policy Team requested that WALGA engage with the Goldfields-Esperance Regional Road Group regarding the matter of Northern Australian Beef Roads Program.</p> <p>2.2 Policy Team meeting on 11 January 2023</p> <p><u>Western Power Access Arrangement 5</u> At the meeting on 11 January, the Infrastructure Policy Team endorsed the draft submission, consistent with the policy positions endorsed by State Council in April 2022, concerning Western Power Access Arrangement 5 (2022 – 2027) for lodgement with the Economic Regulation Authority.</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>The Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act Stage 3 Co-Design Submission was considered and endorsed for State Council decision by Flying Minute (see Agenda item 9.5).</p> <p>The following items were considered and endorsed for State Council decision at the March 2023 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A submission on the draft Western Australian Disaster Resilience Strategy (see Agenda item 7.2); and • An updated Child Safeguarding Advocacy Position (see Agenda item 7.3). <p>2. Matters for State Council Noting</p> <p>The following noting items were considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The consultation response to the Draft Position Statement: Child Care Premises prior to submission to the DPLH (see Agenda item 9.6); and • The Local Development Plan Background Paper (see Agenda item 9.3).
<p>9.1 Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program Overview</p>	<p>That the update on the Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program be noted.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Animal Welfare in Emergencies Grant Program was established in 2020 between the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and WALGA to improve the capacity of Local Governments, and their communities, to manage the impacts of emergency situations on animal welfare. • At the conclusion of the Program in June 2022, 40 Local Governments shared in a total of \$414,066.06 funding through project grants and reimbursement of costs to attend a tailored three-day training course at the Muresk Institute.
<p>9.2 Emergency Management Update</p>	<p>That State Council note this Emergency Management update.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) has revised the timing of the Consultation Exposure Draft Bill for the proposed Emergency Services Act, which is now expected to be released for a three-month consultation period in mid-2023. • The Auditor General has released Report 13: 2022-23 Funding of Volunteer Emergency and Fire Services, which includes recommendations for DFES and for Local Government.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Minister for Emergency Services has written to the WALGA President in response to the WALGA 2023-24 State Budget Submission, including advice that DFES is considering a review of the Local Government Grants Scheme (LGGs). • WALGA was recently contacted by DFES regarding the legality of Bush Fire Brigades established by Local Governments in the absence of an associated Bush Fire Brigades Local Law, and has sought its own legal advice and contacted impacted LGs. • WALGA is maintaining a watching brief on the Kimberly Floods emergency, is in communication with the Shire of Broome and Shire of Derby – West Kimberley and will provide support as required to the response and recovery effort. <p><u>Attachments</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFES Presentation - Consultation Bill: Emergency Services Bill 2022 • Minister Emergency Services to WALGA President - WALGA 2023-24 State Budget Submission • Bush Fire Brigades Local Laws Information Sheet
<p>9.3 Local Development Plan Background Paper</p>	<p>That State Council note the Local Development Plan Background Paper.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Development Plans (LDPs) are planning instruments used to facilitate and coordinate development and assist in achieving built form outcomes. • WALGA established a Local Government LDP Working Group, including members of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) Planning Reform team, following multiple Local Governments raising concerns with LDPs. • The LDP Background paper identifies four key challenges associated with LDPs and provides recommended solutions that will inform DPLH's formal review of LDPs. <p><u>Attachment:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Development Plan Background Paper

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<p>9.4 2023-24 WALGA Federal Budget Submission</p>	<p>That WALGA's letter in support of the Australian Local Government Association's 2023-24 Federal Budget Submission be noted.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA recently wrote to the Federal Treasurer in support of the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) 2023-24 Federal Budget Submission. • WALGA's letter supports the priority areas identified in ALGA's submission. • It also highlights several initiatives of particular importance to Western Australia, given the State's unique geographic and economic circumstances including addressing climate change (notably funding support to reduce emissions and for coastal hazard planning); continuation of key infrastructure programs including the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program, Roads of Strategic Importance and Roads to Recovery; and addressing the shortage of building surveyors. • In coming weeks WALGA will be writing to Western Australian members of Federal Parliament to draw their attention to the spending priorities for Western Australian Local Governments in the 2023-24 Budget. <p><u>Attachments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023-24 ALGA Federal Budget Submission • WALGA Letter to the Treasurer: 2023-24 Federal Budget Submission
<p>9.5 WALGA Submission on Phase Three of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-Design Process</p>	<p>That the submission on Phase Three of the Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, endorsed via Flying Minute on 23 December 2022, be noted.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</i> (ACH Act) is expected to commence in July 2023. • During 2022, the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) facilitated a three-phase co-design process to develop the regulations, statutory guidelines and operational policies that will support the ACH Act. • WALGA provided a submission at each stage including in response to Phase Three. • WALGA's Phase Three submission was endorsed by State Council by way of Flying Minute on 23 December 2022. • This completes the consultation process for the ACH Act, with DPLH now moving into a document finalisation and implementation phase.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since 2018, WALGA has undertaken the following advocacy and capacity building activities to in relation to the development of the new ACH Act: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ filed five State Council endorsed submissions; ○ provided formal feedback twice via letter and survey; ○ co-delivered 10 place-based online workshops to contribute to the preliminary work in developing the activity categories in 2021; ○ convened the Local Government Aboriginal Heritage Reference Group which has included representation from 26 Local Governments; and ○ co-delivered 5 Infosessions and webinars with DPLH to facilitate consultation with, and provide information to, Local Governments; and ○ included a request for funding for the establishment and ongoing functioning of the new Aboriginal heritage system, with respect to the ACH Council, Local ACH Services (LACHS) and Local Governments in the 2023-24 WALGA Budget Submission. • WALGA will continue to support the Local Government sector with ongoing implementation and capacity building support. <p><u>Attachments:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flying Minute: WALGA Submission Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021 Co-design Process, Phase Three
<p>9.6 Child Care Premises Position Statement: Consultation Response</p>	<p>That State Council note the consultation response to the Child Care Premises Position Statement.</p> <p><u>Executive Summary</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) released a draft Position Statement: Child Care Premises in November 2022 which outlines the DPLH position and key considerations for proponents, decision-makers and the community in the development and assessment of child care premises. • The WALGA consultation response provides comment on minor matters of a technical nature and supports the continued status of the Position Statement as providing guidance to Local Governments while retaining flexibility needed to develop local planning scheme and policy provisions that respond to local context. <p><u>Attachment</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation Response on Child Care Premises Position Statement
<p>9.7 Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC)</p>	<p>That the resolutions of the 14 December 2022 Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting be noted.</p> <p>This item summaries the outcomes of the MWAC meeting held on Wednesday 14 December 2022, see full State Council Agenda.</p>

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<p>10.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio</p>	<p>That the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the March 2023 State Council meeting be noted.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Urban Forest Conference – Valuing Canopy • Media • Transport and Roads Forum • New WALGA Website • Best Practice Governance Review Independent Research • Salary and Workforce Survey • Economic Briefing • Local Government Directory <p>That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the March 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 • Transport and Roads Forum 2023 • State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement • Local Government Cycling Reference Group • Streetlighting • Underground Power • Road Safety Ratings for Local Government Roads Project • Road Safety Council Update
<p>10.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio</p>	<p>That the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the March 2023 State Council meeting be noted.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commercial team has scheduled seven ad-hoc tenders across the Preferred Supplier Program • State Industrial Relations transition – commenced 1 January 2023 • WALGA Salary and Workforce Survey 2022 • Local Government Legislative Reform • LGA30120 Certificate III in Local Government • Short Courses and General Overview
<p>10.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio</p>	

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10.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio	<p>That the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the March 2023 State Council meeting be noted.</p> <p><u>Activities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarterly Economic Briefing • Federal Budget Submission • Strategic Policy Register • Natural Resource Management Grant • Gascoyne Waste and Environment Summit • Biosecurity • 7 Star Homes Cost Investigation – South Coast Addendum • Coastal Hazard Risk Management Grants • Urban Forest Conference • Short-Term Rental Accommodation • Planning Fees and Charges • Temporary Buildings and Uses • Performance Monitoring • Upcoming Public Consultations • Child Safety • Public Health Act 2016 • Emergency Management

4.2.3 Kimberley Zone Status Report

Zone	Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
Kimberley C	19 April 2022 Zone Agenda Item 9.7 Underground Power	That the Kimberley Regional Group requests that WALGA enter into discussions with Horizon Power in relation to programs and funding to transition overhead wires to underground power.	<p>The State Budget submission seeks \$34m per year from the State Government as a contribution toward underground power projects.</p> <p>The principle of the electricity distributor contributing funds on the basis of avoided future maintenance and upgrade costs has been accepted by Western Power.</p> <p>However, further work is required with Horizon Power that operates under a different regulatory framework and is heavily dependent on revenue from the tariff equalization arrangements.</p>	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031

<p>Kimberley C</p>	<p>202120 April Zone Agenda Item 11.1 Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding Arrangements</p>	<p>That the Kimberley Zone: Express dissatisfaction with current disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements and call for urgent action from the State Government to investigate and address these shortcomings. Seek WALGA advocacy to support the motion.</p>	<p>The Association has endorsed advocacy positions seeking improvements to disaster relief and recovery funding including assessment periods, eligibility of certain costs and improving resilience of reconstructed infrastructure. Regular meetings with DFES and Main Roads officers are on-going. Detailed evidence of examples where the process is not effective have been collected and continue to be. Timelines for decision-making and an escalation process would seem to be an important addition to the process.</p> <p>Following consideration at the Infrastructure Policy Team a working group is being established to develop recommendations to improve DRFA WA processes. Initial engagement with the DFES Assistant Commissioner, Resilience and Recovery has occurred.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walg a.asn.au 9213 2031</p>
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Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<p>People Place Prosperity Performance</p>	<p>Advocate Facilitate Partner Fund Promote Monitor</p>	<p>Nil</p>	
Resolution(s)		Action(s)	
<p>That the Kimberley Regional Group: 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 as circulated.</p>		<p>Nil</p>	
<p>Moved:</p>	<p>Shire of Broome</p>	<p>Responsible:</p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p>Seconded:</p>	<p>Shire of Halls Creek</p>	<p>Due date:</p>	<p>N/Z</p>
<p>Carried:</p>	<p>4 / 0</p>		

5. Formal Presentation

Attachments:

3. Minister Dawson Briefing Note (Separately Attached)

Purpose

To receive presentations from key stakeholders.

Background:

In accordance with the priorities of the KRG, stakeholders have been secured to present and discuss relevant topics with the members.

Details:

Due to the recent flooding event in the Kimberley, Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Emergency Services; Innovation and ICT; Medical Research; Volunteering was invited to address the Kimberley Regional Group on the following items:

1. Update on the status of the government's response and recovery effort and future plans.
2. Role for the Kimberley Regional Group in the state recovery plan.
3. WA Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements
4. Kimberley wide impact on the floods

Due to diary commitments, the Minister's attendance fell within the Zone meeting time. The Zone meeting was suspended between 10:45 and 11:30 during which time all representatives apart from Nic Sloan and Tim Lane went off-line and reconvened at 11:30 for the rest of the meeting.

Conclusion of Zone Matters 11.47