WALGA

# State Council Summary Minutes 5 March 2025

Ordinary meeting no. 1 of 2025 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at ONE70, LV3, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville at 3:15pm.

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#### 1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

#### 1.1 OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 3:18pm.

#### 1.2 ATTENDANCE

Members	WALGA President - <b>Chair</b>	President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP
	WALGA Deputy President	
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Paul Kelly President Chris Antonio
	Avon-Midland Country Zone	President Cr Phillip Blight
	Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Helen Sadler
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr John Daw (Deputy)
	Gascoyne Country Zone	President Eddie Smith
	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	President Cr Laurene Bonza
	Great Eastern Country Zone	Cr Stephen Strange
	Great Southern Country Zone	Cr Scott Crosby
	Kimberley Country Zone	President Chris Mitchell JP
	Murchison Country Zone	President Cr Les Price
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr John Raftis (Deputy)
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Bronwyn Smith
	Northern Country Zone	President Cr Liz Sudlow (Deputy)
	Peel Country Zone	Mayor Caroline Knight
	Pilbara Country Zone	Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Patrick Hall
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Terresa Lynes
	South Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Logan Howlett JP
	South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Karen Wheatland
	South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Barry Winmar
	South West Country Zone	President Cr Tony Dean
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Ex Officio	Deputy Lord Mayor - City of Perth	Cr Bruce Reynolds
	Local Government Professionals WA	Mr Anthony Vuleta
	President	
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer	Mr Nick Sloan
	Executive Director Member Services	Mr Tony Brown
	Executive Manager Infrastructure	Mr Ian Duncan
	Executive Manager Policy	Ms Nicole Matthews
	Executive Manger Advocacy	Ms Rachel Horton
	Chief Financial Officer	Mr Rick Murray
	Policy Manager Environment and Waste	Ms Rebecca Brown
	Manager Commercial Services	Mr Sam McLeod
	Manager Governance and Procurement	Ms Felicity Morris
	Manager Association and Corporate	Ms Kathy Robertson
	Governance	
	Principal Policy Advisor Economic	Ms Lisa Harwood
	Development Executive Officer Governance	Ms Meghan Dwyer
		Ms Meghan Dwyer

#### 1.3 APOLOGIES

Members	East Metropolitan Zone	President Paige McNeil
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Haeden Miles
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Michael Dudek
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Lewis Hutton
	Northern Country Zone	President Cr Kirrilee Warr

#### **Ex Officio** The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor – City of Perth Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas

#### 2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

WALGA acknowledges the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community. We embrace the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia, including Boorloo (Perth), on the land of the Whadjuk Noongar People, where WALGA is located and we acknowledge and pay respect to Elders past and present.

WALGA is committed to supporting the efforts of WA Local Governments to foster respectful partnerships and strengthen relationships with local Aboriginal communities.

#### 3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Mayor Caroline Knight, newly elected State Councillor for the Peel Country Zone.

#### 4 MINUTES

#### 4.1 MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 2024

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:President Chris AntonioSeconded:Cr Scott Crosby

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on <u>6 December 2024</u> be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

#### **RESOLUTION 001.1/2025**

#### CARRIED

#### 4.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 2024

Nil

#### 4.2 FLYING MINUTE - SUBMISSION ON THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION INQUIRY - OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:Cr Paul KellySeconded:President Cr Phillip Blight

That the <u>Flying Minute - Submission on the Productivity Commission Inquiry -</u> <u>Opportunities in the Circular Economy</u> be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

#### **RESOLUTION 002.1/2025**

CARRIED

#### 4.2.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE FLYING MINUTE- SUBMISSION ON THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION INQUIRY - OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Nil.

#### 5 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

• President Chris Antonio and Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 8.9 LGIS Board Remuneration.

#### 6 EX OFFICIO REPORTS

#### 6.1 CITY OF PERTH REPORT

The Deputy Lord Mayor, Cr Bruce Reynolds, provided the City of Perth report to the meeting.

#### 6.2 LG PROFESSIONALS REPORT

Mr Anthony Vuleta, President, LG Professionals WA, provided a report to the meeting.

Mr Anthony Vuleta left the meeting and did not return.

#### 7 EMERGING ISSUES

Notification of emerging issues must be provided to the Chair no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Nil.

#### 8 MATTERS FOR DECISION

#### 8.1 CLIMATE CHANGE ADVOCACY POSITION

By Jade Mains, Senior Policy Advisor Environment

#### **COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION**

That State Council replace the 2018 Climate Change Policy Statement Advocacy Position 4.1 Climate Change with the following advocacy position:

*Climate Change significantly impacts Local Governments' operations and responsibilities, as well as their communities.* 

Local Government is committed to taking climate action, including by:

- reducing operational emissions in line with Australian and Western Australian Government 2050 net zero targets
- providing leadership and support to their communities to reduce carbon emissions
- embedding climate risk management into their operations to enhance adaptation and build community resilience to the impacts of climate change
- working with other levels of Government and key stakeholders to ensure policy and on-ground programs are effective, equitable and targeted.

WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination, and action to:

- 1. Ensure Australia and Western Australia meet net zero emissions targets through:
  - *a. enacting legislation which sets clear, measurable targets for emission reduction*
  - b. developing and funding coordinated emissions reduction policies, guidance, programs <u>and standards</u>
  - *c. acknowledging the role of Local Government as an implementation partner in emissions reduction policy and planning.*
- 2. Empower Local Government to accelerate adaptation and build resilience in their communities through:
  - *a. <u>leading and resourcing on national and statewide adaptation issues to</u> <u>ensure a cohesive strategic approach</u>*
  - *b. providing up to date, consistent and accessible data to enable evidence-based decision making and investment*
  - *c. developing national guidance on adaptation responses to facilitate coordinated and equitable planning and implementation.*
- *3. Provide funding and resources and support to Local Government to enable on-ground implementation, including for:* 
  - a. the implementation of the Regional Climate Alliance Program across Western Australia
  - *b. the establishment and maintenance of corporate emission inventories and action plans*
  - *c. providing transformational investment to facilitate emission reduction activities*

d.	undertaking	climate	risk	assessments	and	the	development	of
	adaptation action plans							

e. *a dedicated adaptation fund to address localised climate risks and build climate resilience.* 

ALTERNATE MOTION

Moved:	President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded:	President Eddie Smith

That State Council refer this advocacy item back to the Environment Policy Team for further development.

**RESOLUTION 003.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 8.2 WASTE MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION ADVOCACY POSITION

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste

WALGA RE	ECON	IMENDATION
		uncil replace the Waste Management Legislation Policy Statement and tion 7.1 Waste Management Legislation with the following advocacy
1.		al Government supports Australian and State Government waste nagement legislation which:
	а.	includes requirements for national and state waste strategies which support Local Governments to implement the strategies and achieve targets
	Ь. С.	focuses on coordinated action and clear roles and responsibilities establishes a lead agency for waste management
	d.	establishes a lead agency for waste management establishes and maintains a regulated product stewardship framework for all products entering the Australian market
	е.	<i>includes provisions to optimise market development and participation in waste processing.</i>
2.		al Government calls for the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery 2007 to be amended to include:
	a.	Waste education in the definition of Waste Services
	b.	Circular Economy principles.
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Moved:		Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded	:	President Eddie Smith
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- 1. Local Government <u>generally</u> supports Australian and State Government waste management legislation which:
  - a. includes requirements for national and state waste strategies which support Local Governments to implement the strategies and achieve targets
  - b. focuses on coordinated action and clear roles and responsibilities
  - c. establishes a lead agency for waste management
  - *d.* establishes and maintains a regulated product stewardship framework for all products entering the Australian market
  - *e. includes provisions to optimise market development and participation in waste processing.*
  - 2. Local Government calls for the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 to be amended to include:
    - a. Waste education in the definition of Waste Services
    - b. Circular Economy principles.

#### **RESOLUTION 004.1/2025**

CARRIED

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

#### 8.3 APPOINTMENT TO FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

By Meghan Dwyer, Executive Officer Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:President Chris AntonioSeconded:President Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council appoint Mayor Caroline Knight, the State Council representative from the Peel Country Zone to the Finance and Services Committee.

**RESOLUTION 005.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 8.4 FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – 19 FEBRUARY 2025 -CONFIDENTIAL

*By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services* 

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	President Chris Antonio
Seconded:	President Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council endorse the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 19 February 2025.

#### **RESOLUTION 006.1/2025**

#### 8.5 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE TRUST BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES – 19 FEBRUARY 2025 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:Cr Karen WheatlandSeconded:Mayor Patrick Hall

That State Council note the Minutes of the Local Government House Trust Board of Management meeting held on 19 February 2025.

**RESOLUTION 007.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 8.6 HONOURS PANEL MINUTES – 18 DECEMBER 2024 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded:	President Cr Tony Dean

That State Council note the Minutes of the Honours Panel meeting held on 18 December 2024.

**RESOLUTION 008.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 8.7 SELECTION COMMITTEE FLYING MINUTE – 18 FEBRUARY 2025 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:Cr Paul KellySeconded:President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the resolution contained in the 18 February 2025 Selection Committee Flying Minute.

**RESOLUTION 009.1/2025** 

#### 8.8 LGISWA BOARD MINUTES - CONFIDENTIAL

By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services

WALGA RECOMMEN	IDATION
Moved: Seconded:	President Chris Antonio President Chris Mitchell JP
That State Council 13 December 2024.	I note the Minutes of the LGISWA Board meeting held on

**RESOLUTION 010.1/2025** 

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CARRIED

#### 8.9 LGIS BOARD REMUNERATION - CONFIDENTIAL

*By Sam McLeod, Manager Commercial Services, Member Services* 

President Chris Antonio and Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 8.9 LGIS Board Remuneration and left the meeting at 4:13pm.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION			
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That 1. 2.	use of the exis to the Wage F bonuses for W 12 months), inc Approve the re	sting Average Weekly Earnings fi Price Index (reflecting ordinary estern Australia; private and pub corporating minor drafting impro	Governance Charter to replace the igure (Perth, ABS schedule 6302.0) time hourly rates of pay excluding lic sector; all industries for the prior ovements. bers to be adjusted upward by 3.3%
RES	<b>OLUTION 011.1/2</b>	2025	CARRIED

President Chris Antonio and Cr Paul Kelly entered the room at 4:14pm.

#### 8.10 USE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S COMMON SEAL - CONFIDENTIAL

By Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

# WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded:	President Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council:

- 1. Notes the delegated use of the common seal by the President and CEO being affixed to the Compliance Certificate for Building Loan Facility with Commonwealth Bank.
- 2. Notes the delegated use of the common seal by the President and CEO being affixed to the Letter of Offer (Reinstatement) with Australia and New Zealand Banking Group Limited for the LGIS WorkCare Bank Guarantee for 2025 on 5 February 2025.
- 3. Approves and ratifies WALGA entering into that Letter of Offer (Reinstatement), which increases the applicable Facility Limit to \$*<redacted>* to satisfy the requirements of WorkCoverWA and enable the continuation of the LGIS Workers Compensation arrangements.

**RESOLUTION 012.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 9 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### 9.1 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Stephen Strange

#### COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded:	Cr Helen Sadler

That State Council:

- 1. Note the report from the Infrastructure Policy Team for the 5 March 2025 meeting.
- 2. Determine to:
  - a. Delete Advocacy Position 5.2.8 (Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy 2008 2020).
  - b. Amend the title of Advocacy Position 5.2.7 from Road Safety Strategy (Imagine Zero) to Driving Change Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030.
- 3. <u>Undertake further policy development and consultation with Members regarding</u> the default open road speed limit in Western Australia.

**RESOLUTION 013.1/2025** 

#### 9.2 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Phillip Blight

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:Mayor Patrick HallSeconded:President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the People and Place Policy Team meeting report for the 5 March 2025 meeting.

**RESOLUTION 014.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 9.3 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Mayor Patrick Hall

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Mayor Patrick Hall
Seconded:	Cr Barry Winmar

That State Council note the Governance Policy Team meeting report for the 5 March 2025 meeting.

**RESOLUTION 015.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 9.4 ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:President Cr Les PriceSeconded:President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the Environment Policy Team meeting report to the 5 March 2025 meeting.

**RESOLUTION 016.1/2025** 

CARRIED

*Cr Barry Winmar left the meeting at 4:26pm and did not return. Mayor Patrick Hall left the meeting at 4:26pm.* 

#### 9.5 MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC) REPORT

Presented by Chair, Cr Karen Wheatland

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded:	Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That State Council note the Municipal Waste Advisory Council report to the 5 March 2025 meeting.

**RESOLUTION 017.1/2025** 

CARRIED

*Cr John Daw left the meeting at 4:28pm. Mayor Patrick Hall entered the meeting at 4:33pm.* 

#### 10 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

#### 10.1 2025 FEDERAL ELECTION

By Dana Mason, External Affairs Manager

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:Mayor Logan Howlett JPSeconded:President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the update on the 2025 Federal Election.

**RESOLUTION 018.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 10.2 2025 STATE ELECTION

By Dana Mason, External Affairs Manager

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded:	President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the update on the 2025 State Election campaign.

**RESOLUTION 018.1/2025** 

#### 10.3 LARGE SCALE RENEWABLE ENERGY UPDATE

*By Lisa Harwood, Principal Policy Advisor Economic Development and Taysha Sullivan, Acting Manager Media and Communications* 

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:Mayor Logan Howlett JPSeconded:President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the update on WALGA's renewable energy policy and advocacy activities.

**RESOLUTION 018.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 10.4 2024 COASTWA LOCAL GOVERNMENT SURVEY

By Lucy Sheehy, CoastWA Local Government Facilitator

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded:	President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the update on the 2024 CoastWA Local Government Survey.

#### **RESOLUTION 018.1/2025**

CARRIED

#### 10.5 POLYPHAGOUS SHOT-HOLE BORER UPDATE

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager Environment and Waste

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:Mayor Logan Howlett JPSeconded:President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the update on Polyphagous shot-hole borer response and WALGA advocacy.

#### **RESOLUTION 018.1/2025**

#### 10.6 DECEMBER 2024 ECONOMIC BRIEFING

By Daniel Thomson, Manager Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION		
Moved:	Mayor Logan Howlett JP	
Seconded:	President Chris Antonio	
That State Coun	ncil note the December 2024 Economic Briefing.	
RESOLUTION 0 <sup>-</sup>	18.1/2025	CARRIED

#### 10.7 FLYING MINUTE SUBMISSION ON THE PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION INQUIRY – OPPORTUNITIES IN THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded:	President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the Submission on the Productivity Commission Inquiry – Opportunities in the Circular Economy, as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.

**RESOLUTION 018.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 11 ORGANISATION REPORTS

#### 11.1 KEY ACTIVITY REPORTS

#### 11.1.1 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, ADVOCACY PORTFOLIO

By Rachel Horton, Executive Manager Advocacy

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:President Chris AntonioSeconded:President Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the March 2025 State Council meeting.

**RESOLUTION 019.1/2025** 

CARRIED

*Cr John Daw entered the meeting at 4:37pm.* 

#### 11.1.2 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	President Chris Antonio
Seconded:	President Cr Phillip Blight

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio for March 2025.

**RESOLUTION 020.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 11.1.3 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	Cr Scott Crosby
Seconded:	Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the March 2025 State Council meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION 021.1/2025**

CARRIED

#### 11.1.4 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, POLICY PORTFOLIO

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager, Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:President Cr Phillip BlightSeconded:President Chris Antonio

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the March 2025 State Council meeting.

#### **RESOLUTION 022.1/2025**

#### 11.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:	President Chris Antonio
Seconded:	Cr Stephen Strange

That the President's Report for March 2025 be received.

**RESOLUTION 023.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 11.3 CEO'S REPORT

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:President Chris AntonioSeconded:Cr Stephen Strange

That the CEO's Report for March 2025 be received.

**RESOLUTION 023.1/2025** 

CARRIED

#### 12 ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved:President Chris AntonioSeconded:Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the February round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.

**RESOLUTION 024.1/2025** 

#### CARRIED

### CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

Public Ownership of WA Freight Rail Network

That the Central Country Zone request WALGA to:

- 1. Supports State Government efforts to ensure the on-going sustainability and growth of freight rail in Western Australia;
- 2. Seeks a commitment from the in-coming State Government to:
  - a. focus on ensuring a competitive freight rail network and services reduce freight on roads; providing road safety, environmental benefits; and
  - b. work with Local Governments and other stakeholders to maximise the local economic growth opportunities provided through effective management of the rail network and corridors.

#### **CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)**

#### Reducing Default Speed Limit on Residential Local Roads from 50km/hour to 40km/hour

That the Central Metropolitan Zone request WALGA adopt an advocacy position to reduce the default speed limit in WA from 50km/h to 40km/h on local residential roads.

#### EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Advocacy Portfolio)

That WALGA investigate convening a biennial conference on climate change, resilience and adaption.

#### GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio) Mine Waste Rock Usage for Road Construction Program Update

Request WALGA to advocate to State Government to amend the legislation regarding royalty payments to exclude Local Governments from having to pay royalties when sourcing mine waste material for local road construction, as the best alternative going forward.

## GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

#### **Reportable Conduct Scheme**

That the GVROC Chair and Executive Officer advocate to review the existing WALGA Policy Position on this matter and for WALGA to establish a more detailed regional policy position on this matter for regional Local Governments.

#### GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)

State Planning Policy 3.7 Bushfire (SPP 3.7) and Planning for Bushfire Guidelines (the Guidelines)

- 1. Note the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage 2024 Update of the Bushfire Planning SPP 3.7, Guidelines and Explanatory Note.
- 2. Support the Shire of Dundas CEO's concerns with the impacts and challenges with compliance with SPP 3.7 for regional and remote communities.
- 3. If supported above in Recommendation 2:
  - a. Request that the GVROC Chair write to the Minister for Planning and Director General of DPLH advising of its concerns.
  - b. Request WALGA raise these concerns at the next State Council meeting for consideration and support, with a request that WALGA advocate to the State Government to make changes to address these concerns and assist affected communities.

#### **GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)**

#### WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program

That the Great Eastern Country Zone requests WALGA organise a roundtable with WALGA, Telstra, Department of Fire and Emergency Services and Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development to discuss the drafting of Community Support Agents Agreement for the implementation of the WA Telstra Automatic Transfer Unit Pilot Deployment Program.

#### GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio) WALGA Annual Awards Ceremony

That the Great Southern Country Zone of WALGA formally request that WALGA include the presentation ceremony for the annual awards program as part of the annual convention each year, not a separate stand-alone event. Rationale for this requested change being:

- a) A reduction in the perceived importance of the Awards;
- b) Additional costs incurred through attending two events in the metropolitan area; and
- c) A reduction in the number of attendees.

#### PEEL COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure Portfolio)

#### Sewer Infill Program Demand Assessment & Advocacy Position

That the Peel Country Zone requests WALGA to undertake an assessment of the extent of the sewer infill gaps in Western Australian towns and cities and develop an advocacy position supporting a new State Government sewer infill program to assist with subdivision, housing, health and environmental values.

#### 13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be a Regional meeting held within the City of Swan on Wednesday, 7 May.

#### 14 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 4:55pm.