



THE  
**KIMBERLEY  
ZONE**

Meeting Minutes

19 June 2026



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## 1. Kimberley Country Zone Meeting Open: 9:05am

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

## 2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
<b>Members</b>		
Cr David Menzel	Zone Chair, and President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Zoom
Cr Chris Mitchell	President, Shire of Broome – arrived 9:18am	Zoom
Cr Peter McCumstie	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
<b>Observers</b>		
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome – arrived 9:18am	Zoom
Susan Leonard	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Zoom
<b>Executive Support Team</b>		
Paul Rosair	Principal NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal Redit Research	Zoom
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal Mira Consulting	Zoom
Rebecca Billing	Administrative Assistant, NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
<b>Apologies</b>		
Steven Pereira	President, Shire of Christmas Island	
David Price	CEO, Shire of Christmas Island	
Isa Minkom	President, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Matthew Scott	CEO, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Tony Lacy	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Cr Azah Badlu	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Mark Irwin	President, WALGA	
Nick Sloan	CEO, WALGA	

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	
Cr Brenda Garstone	President, Shire of Halls Creek	
Tamara Clarkson	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	
<b>Guests</b>		
Nicole Matthews	Executive Manager Policy, 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 President's Report

2 Reports from Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety Report

3 WALGA State Council Agenda and Report on State Council Actions (Separately Attached)

#### 1.1 Presidents Report – Attachment 1



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# President's Report

## July 2026

### **Political Engagement**

Since assuming the role of WALGA President, I have prioritised engagement with political representatives across key portfolios relevant to the sector. These discussions have been an important opportunity to reinforce WALGA's commitment to working constructively with the State and Australian Governments to achieve better outcomes for local communities and have been well received.

I have recently met with the Premier, Deputy Premier, Minister and Shadow Minister for Local Government, as well as Ministers and Shadow Ministers across critical portfolios, including planning and housing, regional development, emergency management and community services. At the Commonwealth level, I have had the opportunity to meet with both the Minister and Shadow Assistant Minister for Local Government. These discussions have been important in understanding policy priorities for the Local Government portfolio post the Federal budget being handed down.

### **State and Federal Budgets**

WA Treasurer Rita Saffioti handed down the State Budget on 8 May 2026. The Budget focusses on addressing key pressures facing the community, with key announcements related to major investments to boost housing supply and affordability, enhance health infrastructure, respond to fuel supply challenges, and ease cost-of-living pressures.

WALGA attended the State Budget Industry Briefing to gain early access to the Budget and distributed a member update that evening highlighting the key initiatives relevant to Local Governments.

WALGA also provided members with a timely briefing outlining key initiatives in the Federal Budget.

### **Media Engagement**

As the authoritative voice for Western Australian Local Government, WALGA continues to engage proactively with the media to advocate on behalf of our Members to drive better outcomes for Local Governments and their communities.

Since the last report, I have continued to highlight the important work that Local Governments deliver to their communities across media interviews with The West Australian, 6PR, ABC Radio, TV and WA Today.

We have 139 Local Governments across the State, largely delivering outstanding services for their local communities. I have been focussed on ensuring this message is being carried in my public comments.

Given recent interest, I have also made comments to [WA Today](#), regarding investment into the management of the polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB).

We will continue to work with the State Government to ensure that Local Government and key stakeholders are equipped to appropriately manage the impact of the PSHB.

### **Local Government Planning Performance**

The 2024–25 Local Government Planning Performance Monitoring Project data released by WALGA in June shows that Local Governments continue to deliver strong planning and building outcomes, despite increased demand.

Across 52 participating Local Governments, representing 92 per cent of Western Australia's population, almost 74,000 applications were determined in 2024–25, a 17 per cent increase on the previous year, with 85 per cent processed within statutory timeframes. This included more than 21,500 development applications, with 98 per cent of these approved under delegated authority. All Local Governments are encouraged to participate in the Project.

### **Emergency Management Survey**

WALGA has released the [2025 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Snapshot](#). Completed by 100 Local Governments across Western Australia, the survey results highlight the sector's continued commitment to strengthening emergency management capability. The findings show that around 90 per cent of Local Governments have maintained or increased investment in this area, while continuing to respond to growing and more complex demands.

Bushfire remains a key focus, with 91 per cent of respondents identifying it as a top hazard. The Survey also confirms the value of established programs such as the Community Emergency Services Manager initiative in supporting capability at the local level. The results reinforce the diverse operating environments across the State and will inform WALGA's ongoing advocacy to ensure Local Governments are supported to build safer and more resilient communities.

### **Emergency Management Forum**

On 26 May, WALGA delivered its Emergency Management Forum, which brought together more than 150 Local Government leaders, emergency management experts and practitioners from across Western Australia. Held under the theme 'One State, Many Realities', the Forum provided an opportunity for the sector to come together to share insights, discuss challenges and consider future directions. Discussions highlighted the growing complexity of disasters, the need to strengthen system capacity, and the importance of community-led resilience. Emerging tools and approaches were also explored to support better outcomes for Local Governments and their communities.

The strong attendance and engagement reflects the sector's ongoing commitment to improving emergency management capability across the State. I would like to thank all speakers, attendees and exhibitors for their valuable contribution to the success of the event. WALGA will continue to support Local Governments in building safer and more resilient communities across Western Australia.

### **Fuel Security**

WALGA continues to be actively engaged in the State's coordinated response to fuel supply issues. WALGA has been meeting regularly with Mr Rob Cossart, the Fuel Security State Controller, as well holding CEO roundtables to provide the opportunity for information sharing and practical feedback regarding fuel availability and impacts. Through ALGA I have also participated in roundtable discussions with the Hon Kirsty McBain MP Minister for Emergency Management, Regional Development, Local Government and Territories regarding impacts on the sector. These discussions and WALGA advocacy has been informed by data provided by the sector on its fuel usage and criticality of fuel dependent activities.

On 1 May, WALGA hosted a webinar on the Road Transport Contractual Chain Order (RTCCO) to over 200 viewers. The presentation provided information to Local Governments on the impact of the RTCCO and guidance on how they can respond.

The Fair Work Commission held a one-month review of the Order at the end of May. WALGA provided Western Australian insights which were included in ALGA's submission highlighting the significant uncertainty and implementation challenges facing Local Government.

WALGA will continue to provide updates to the sector as the situation evolves.



**Mark Irwin**  
**WALGA President**

## President's Contacts

The President's contacts since 7 May 2026 and scheduled before 1 July 2026 are as follows:

### State and Commonwealth Government Relations

- Hon Kristy McBain MP, Minister for Emergency Management; Minister for Regional Development; Local Government and Territories of Australia
- Hon Melissa Price MP, Member for Durack
- Mr Jamie Chaffey MP, Shadow Assistant Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories
- Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier; Minister for State Development; Trade and Investment; Economic Diversification
- Hon Rita Saffioti MLA, Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sport and Recreation
- Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
- Hon Paul Papalia MLA, Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Defence Industries; Veterans; Racing and Gaming
- Hon John Carey MLA, Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure X2
- Hon Simone McGurk MLA, Minister for Creative Industries; Heritage; Industrial Relations; Aged Care and Seniors; Women
- Hon Don Punch MLA, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Water; Climate Resilience; South West
- Hon Stephen Dawson MLC, Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
- Hon Jessica Stojkovski MLA, Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport; Peel
- Mr Shane Love MLA, Leader of the Nationals WA; Shadow Minister for Regional Development; Mines and Petroleum; Electoral Affairs
- Mr Tom French MP, Member for Moore
- Department of Housing and Works
  - Director General, Leon Mclvor

### Local Government Relations

- **State Council Meetings**
  - Zone Chair Induction
  - Finance and Services Committee Budget Workshop
  - Information Forum
  - CEO Performance Review
  - Local Government House Trust Board of Management
  - Finance and Services Committee Meeting
- **ALGA**
  - Roundtable with Minister McBain
  - Board Meeting, 21 May
  - Board NGA Briefing
  - Australian Council of Local Governments
  - National General Assembly 23-25 June
  - National General Assembly Gala Dinner

- **LGIS**
  - Board Meeting, 29 May
- City of Bayswater, Mayor Filomena Piffareti & CEO Jeremy Edwards
- Shire of West Arthur
- Shire of Woodanilling
- Reconciliation WA
- Municipal Waste Advisory Committee June Meeting
- City of Fremantle, Mayor Ben Lawver and CEO Glen Dougall

#### Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations

- Labor Leaders Forum Lunch with Minister Swinbourn
- WALGA Emergency Management Forum
- Reconciliation WA, National Reconciliation Week Breakfast
- Trails WA App Launch
- Leadership Matters Breakfast with Basil Zempilas
- Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund Board Meeting
- WALGA Local Government Awards
- UDIA WA Industry Breakfast with the Deputy Premier
- WALGA National General Assembly Delegate Sundowner

#### Zone Meetings

- North Metropolitan Zone
- Pilbara Country Zone
- Goldfields Esperance Country Zone
- Great Southern Country Zone

## 1.2 Reports from Representatives

WALGA –

- Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

### 5.2.1 Reports from Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety Report

Refer Attachment 2



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## Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety

### Local Government Division Report

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#### Local Government Reforms

##### Local Government Inspector

- The Local Government Inspector (the Inspector) formally commenced operations from 1 January 2026.
- The Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) also commenced regulations to support the functions and role of the Inspector at this time.
- The Inspector regulations deal with:
  - new requirements for complaints handling;
  - the appointment of monitors;
  - powers of authorised officers of the Inspector; and
  - offences under the *Local Government Act 1995* that may be infringeable.
- A number of consequential amendments were also made to other regulations as a result of these changes.
- For further information visit the Department's website – [Inspector Regulations](#).

##### Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees (ARIC)

- New requirements for Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees (ARICs) took effect on 1 January 2026.
- The ARIC must have an independent chair and a deputy to the chair, to ensure a level of independence and provide impartial oversight.
- The functions of an ARIC include:
  - the review of reports related to compliance audits and systems reviews;
  - making recommendations to council on improvements, where applicable; and
  - conducting a review of actions a local government has taken to improve the effectiveness of its operations in accordance with its compliance obligations.

For further information, visit the Department's website – [Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees](#).



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### Other Reforms

- LGIRS continue to work on developing regulations to implement other reform projects including regulations dealing with:
  - A Rates and Revenue Policy;
  - Communications Agreements;
  - Standardised Meeting Procedures;
  - Online Registers; and
  - Council Plans (IPR).

### Reform updates

- Updates on the status of local government reforms will be made well ahead of implementation to provide local governments with an appropriate lead-in time.
- Regarding local government local laws and the proposed Standardised Meeting Procedures Regulations, local governments are encouraged to continue to make local law changes where required for practical or operational purposes.
- Once the Regulations are finalised, they will apply uniformly across the sector and will override any inconsistent provisions in existing local laws.
- Local Governments whose local law was due for review in 2024 prior to the passage of the *Local Government Amendment Act 2024*, are reminded that they have until 7 December 2026 to review their local law by this date or it will lapse.
- The LG Act Reform team can be emailed directly at [actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au).

### **Model Financial Statements (MFS)**

- The updated model financial statements and guidelines were published on LGIRS website on 14 May 2026. There was an issue with access to one of the templates, which has now been resolved.



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### Non-Financial Asset Valuation Guidelines

- The [Non-Financial Asset Valuation Guidelines](#) were published on 5 March 2026.
- An LG Alert was published on 1 April 2026, alerting the sector to the publication with an invitation to attend an online presentation providing a summary on the guidelines.
- 99 internal and external stakeholders attended the webinar held on 14 April 2026.

### Differential Rates

- Local governments are reminded to ensure applications seeking Ministerial approval are complete and include all required supporting information and any other evidence necessary. Early engagement and complete supporting documentation will assist in timely assessment.
- An LG Alert will be issued to provide guidance to the local government sector, supporting the submission of complete applications and facilitating more streamlined assessment and timely decision making.

### Local Government Financial Indicators

- Following the recent publication of the 2023-24 financial year Local Government Financial Indicators, LGIRS are seeking to upload the 2024-25 financial year data to the MyCouncil website.
- LGIRS would like to thank those local governments that validated their workbooks by 30 May 2026. A total of 96 workbooks were received, with 44 workbooks outstanding. LGIRS will finalise the outstanding workbooks by advising, as data validation was not confirmed by the local government, their audited financial statements will be used by LGIRS to validate the data. Grants for Renewal of Assets data was not included as LGIRS does not have access to these records.

### Local Government Grants Commission

Financial Assistance Grants funding:

- The total funding allocation to WA local governments for 2025-26 is \$423,375,700 (consisting of \$261,451,711 in general purpose funding and \$161,923,989 in local road funding and special projects) compared to \$400,140,692 in 2024-25. This total includes the advance payment provided in June 2025 to local governments.
- Local governments received their first three quarterly payments of remaining 2025-26 funds in August and November 2025 and February 2026. The final payment will be made in mid-May. The grant schedule is available on the Grants Commission website.
- The Federal Budget was released in May 2026 and has indicated a bring forward payment of 80% of the 2026-27 FA Grants will be paid in the 2025-26 financial year.
- Local governments should note that the bring forward payments are based on 2025-26 data and do not reflect the latest updates in the Grants Commission's calculations. As such the payment does not represent 80% of an individual local government's FA Grant.



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- If local governments have any other questions regarding their grant allocation, the methodology or wish to make a submission regarding the process of fund allocation, they can be directed to [grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au).

### Local Government Advisory Board

- All local governments have been sent a reminder that ward and representation changes and district boundary adjustments, must be received by 31 January 2027 if a local government wants to ensure changes are in place for 2027 local government elections.
- It is important for local governments to factor in whether there is a need for public consultation (which needs to occur prior to submission) when considering a proposal to the Board.
- The Board requests that local governments provide proposals as early as possible to allow sufficient time for implementation.
- Documents outlining the requirements and processes are available on the Advisory Board's website, or alternatively you can email [advisoryboard@lgirs.wa.gov.au](mailto:advisoryboard@lgirs.wa.gov.au) for guidance.

### Child Safeguarding Project

- LGIRS has continued delivery of an initial series of in person workshops focused on capability uplift in child safeguarding practice within a local government context.
- A further two workshops were hosted on 13 May and 15 May 2026 targeted to metropolitan local governments. A further 2 workshops are scheduled for delivery prior to 30 June, with several workshops planned for delivery prior to June 30 requiring deferral due to a range of factors impacting regional travel.
- The Local Government Child Safety Network Project Reference Group are working to produce a series of animated scenarios tailored to reflect real-life child safeguarding situations within local government contexts. Scenarios will be utilised in ongoing engagement activity.
- LGIRS continue work with the Ombudsman Western Australia as they develop their Scheme of independent oversight for organisations engaged in child related work who will be mandated to implement the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations.

### Stop Puppy Farming

- On 26 May 2025, only pet shops that hold pet shop approval can sell dogs and puppies that are sourced from holders of a dog supply approval.
- Further regulation changes are being developed in relation to implementing the Stop Puppy Farming reforms.



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### PetsWA

- The PetsWA project is in a reset phase, with Government considering the options for the future of the project.
- Local governments will need to continue existing pet registration programs and engagement with pet owners for annual registration and renewal processes.

### Cat Containment

- The Cat Amendment (Local Laws) Bill 2026 was introduced into the Legislative Assembly in February 2026.
- The Bill provides for the power for local governments to make local laws in relation to cat containment. It is awaiting debate and passage through Parliament.
- The [Cat Act Review](#) has also now commenced, with submissions closing on 5 pm, Monday 31 August 2026.

### Off-Road Vehicles

- The State Government is progressing key reforms arising from the *Control of Vehicles (Off-road Areas) Amendment Act 2025*, which was assented to on 22 August 2025.
- The reform program will deliver the following milestones:
  - proclamation of the remaining sections of the ORV Amendment Act;
  - commencement of the ORV Amendment Regulations to give effect to the relevant provisions of the ORV Amendment Act;
  - deployment of DoTDirect system upgrades to enable all ORV transactions, including registration, renewal, and transfers.
- The State Government is targeting the availability of all online transactions in DoTDirect prior to the 2026 annual renewal period.
- Local governments with projects approved under the \$4.8 million Off-road Vehicle Areas Grants Program continue to receive scheduled payments in line with project milestones and funding agreements.
- This includes development of new ORVAs and upgrades to existing areas.
- A second round of the ORVA Grants Program, with a total funding allocation of \$2 million, opened on 28 May 2026.
- Applications will close on 31 August 2026.
- In this second round of funding, eligibility has been expanded to encourage partnerships between local governments, other WA State Government agencies, and incorporated associations.
- Successful projects are expected to be delivered between 1 January 2027 and 31 December 2028.


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### LGIRS Contacts

LG Support and Engagement Includes MyCouncil queries	<a href="mailto:lghotline@lgirs.wa.gov.au">lghotline@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
Statutory Approvals (Differential rates, budget and audit extensions)	<a href="mailto:legislation@lgirs.wa.gov.au">legislation@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
LG Policy and Legislation	<a href="mailto:lgpolicy@lgirs.wa.gov.au">lgpolicy@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
Stop Puppy Farming	<a href="mailto:lgpolicy@lgirs.wa.gov.au">lgpolicy@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
Local Government Child Safeguarding Project	<a href="mailto:csproject@lgirs.wa.gov.au">csproject@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
Grants Commission – Financial Assistance Grants	<a href="mailto:Grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au">Grants.commission@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
LG accounting or financial enquiries	<a href="mailto:LG.accounting@lgirs.wa.gov.au">LG.accounting@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
LG Act Reform	<a href="mailto:actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au">actreview@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
LG Advisory Board	<a href="mailto:advisoryboard@lgirs.wa.gov.au">advisoryboard@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
Off-Road Vehicles	<a href="mailto:orv@lgirs.wa.gov.au">orv@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>
Local Government Child Safeguarding Project	<a href="mailto:csproject@lgirs.wa.gov.au">csproject@lgirs.wa.gov.au</a>

### 5.3 Reports from Kimberley Country Zone

Zone Delegates are invited to read and consider the WALGA State Council Agenda, which has been provided as an attachment with this Agenda and can be found via the link [here](#).

The Zone can provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation on any of the items, including the items for noting.

The Zone comment will then be presented to the State Council for consideration at the meeting on 1 July 2026. The State Council Agenda items requiring a decision of State Council are extracted for Zone consideration below.

#### 5.3.1 Item/Matters for Decision

Item / Matters for Decision As per State Council Agenda	Recommendations
<p><b>8.1 Climate Change Advocacy Position</b></p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>That the Zone support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.1 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided below.</b></p> <p><b>WALGA RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That State Council replace the Climate Change Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 4.1 with a new Climate Change Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to addressing, climate change to meet the needs of their communities.</li> <li>2. WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.</li> <li>b. Ensure that Local Government has the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements to plan for, mitigate and adapt to climate impacts.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new climate change Advocacy Position is proposed to replace the position endorsed by State Council in 2018.</li> <li>• WALGA released a Consultation Paper and draft Climate Change Advocacy Position in January 2026 for Council endorsed feedback by 1 May 2026.</li> <li>• 39 Council endorsed submissions and two officer level comments were received:                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 18 (44%) supported the draft Position.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 18 (44%) supported the draft Position with comments and/or proposed changes.</li> <li>○ four (10%) did not support the draft Position and proposed an alternative.</li> <li>○ one (2%) did not support the Advocacy Position.</li> <li>● The draft Advocacy Position has been refined in response to the feedback received, noting that the majority of submissions either supported the draft position in its entirety or supported with comment and/or amendment:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “to meet the needs of their communities” has been added to Point 1 to better reflect Local Government context.</li> <li>○ Point 2b has been revised to:                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include explicit reference to increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements and align with language in the <i>Local Government Act</i> (mitigation, rather than emissions reduction).</li> <li>▪ Be clear that Local Government must be provided with the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and legislative requirements.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● At its meeting on 25 May 2026, the Environment Policy Team considered this item and recommended that State Council replace the current Climate Change Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 4.1 with the new Advocacy Position.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <a href="#">Climate Change Advocacy Position Consultation Report</a></li> </ul> <p><b>STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This item aligns with WALGA’s Strategic Pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Influence:</b> Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government and lead policy development for the Local Government sector.</li> <li>● <b>Support:</b> Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>It is proposed that the <a href="#">Climate Change Policy Statement</a> and <b>current</b> Advocacy Position 4.1 Climate Change as follows:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Local Government acknowledges:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The science is clear: Climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the dominant cause.</li> <li>2. Climate change threatens human societies and the Earth’s ecosystems.</li> <li>3. Urgent action is required to reduce emissions, and to adapt to the impacts from climate change that are now unavoidable.</li> <li>4. A failure to adequately address this climate change emergency places an unacceptable burden on future generations.</li> </ol>

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	<p><i>Local Government is committed to addressing climate change.</i></p> <p><i>Local Government is calling for:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strong climate change action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government.</li> <li>2. Effective and adequately funded Commonwealth and State Government climate change policies and programs.</li> </ol> <p>be <b>replaced</b> with (changes following consultation underlined):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Government acknowledges the risks associated with, and is committed to addressing, climate change <u>to meet the needs of their communities</u>.</li> <li>2. WALGA calls on the Australian and Western Australian Governments to:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. provide the necessary climate leadership, coordination and action to ensure an orderly transition to achieve emission reduction targets and address the impacts of climate change.</li> <li>b. ensure that Local Government has the funding, guidance and practical support required to meet increasing risk and expanded legislative requirements to plan for, mitigate and adapt to climate impacts.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>8.2 Train Station Precincts Advocacy Position</b></p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>That the Zone support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.2 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided below.</b></p> <p><b>WALGA RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position:</p> <p><i>Train Station Precincts</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Government supports a coordinated approach to the planning and development of train station precincts that is transport-orientated, place responsive and provides for increased housing density and diversity.</li> <li>2. <i>In developing Train Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes the State Government should:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Respect, acknowledge and build on existing and progressing local planning frameworks.</i></li> <li>b. <i>Ensure effective collaboration, partnerships and coordination across Government agencies and with Local Government.</i></li> <li>c. <i>Prioritise redevelopment of State-owned land to deliver optimal housing and mixed-use outcomes.</i></li> <li>d. <i>Undertake meaningful and ongoing community engagement.</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<p>e. <i>Directly fund and/or implement funding mechanisms to deliver public realm and infrastructure requirements.</i></p> <p>3. <i>Decisions on any future State-led train station precincts must be evidence-based, transparent and made in consultation with Local Government.</i></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In November 2025, the State Government <a href="#">announced</a> it would commence the preparation of Improvement Plans and Improvement Schemes for ten train station precincts across the Perth metropolitan region.</li> <li>A new Train Station Precinct Advocacy Position is proposed, which identifies the need for collaborative, place-based, and infrastructure-led precinct planning that enables housing delivery while respecting local planning frameworks and maintaining community confidence, supported by strong State Government coordination and funding.</li> <li>The position is intended to support timely and direct engagement with the State Government on sector priorities for current and future State-led train station precincts.</li> <li>The draft position has been informed by a review of Council resolutions and feedback from Local Governments, including those associated with the initial ten identified train station precincts.</li> <li>The Environment Policy Team endorsed the position at its meeting on 18 May 2026.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Rationale New Advocacy Position: Train Station Precincts</a></li> </ul> <p><b>STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Influence</b> – Lead advocacy on issues that are important to Local Government, including coordinated precinct planning and housing delivery.</li> <li><b>Support</b> – Anticipate, understand, and respond to Member needs, ensuring Local Governments are effectively engaged in State-led precinct planning processes.</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>It is proposed that the <b>new</b> Train Station Precincts Advocacy Position be <b>endorsed</b>.</p> <p>This draft position is consistent with, and builds upon, Advocacy Position 6.1 Planning Principles and Reform:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>The Local Government sector supports an efficient and effective planning system guided by legislation, policy, and processes that:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>facilitates the creation of sustainable and liveable communities and places;</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. <i>has a focus on strategic planning that delivers on long-term objectives and outcomes that balance social, environmental, cultural, and economic interests;</i></li> <li>c. <i>is easy to understand, accessible and transparent;</i></li> <li>d. <i>recognises the diversity of Western Australia and ensures that local environment, context, communities and character are appropriately reflected in planning frameworks and decision making;</i></li> <li>e. <i>ensures decisions are made by the level of government closest to and most impacted by a planning proposal; and</i></li> <li>f. <i>establishes consistent planning frameworks and streamlines planning processes where there is a demonstrated benefit in doing so.</i></li> </ul> <p>2. <i>Reforms to the planning system should:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>be guided by the above principles;</i></li> <li>b. <i>deliver community benefit;</i></li> <li>c. <i>promote system efficiency, including through the use of technology;</i></li> <li>d. <i>be evidence-based and informed by robust, transparent data;</i></li> <li>e. <i>proceed at an appropriate pace to enable effective implementation;</i></li> <li>f. <i>be informed by engagement with the community; and be amended only with WALGA involvement and consultation with Local Government.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>8.3 Submission on the Cat Act Review</b></p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p><b>That the Zone support the WALGA recommendation for State Council Agenda item 8.3 as contained in the State Council Agenda and as provided below.</b></p> <p><b>WALGA RECOMMENDATION</b></p> <p>That State Council endorse the submission on the Review of <i>Cat Act 2011</i>.</p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• On 13 February 2026 the Department of Local Government, Industry Regulation and Safety (LGIRS) opened consultation on the second statutory review of the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> (the Cat Act).</li> <li>• All elements of the Cat Act are under review, including registration, enforcement/compliance, sterilisation, microchipping, breeding and limits on the number of cats.</li> <li>• WALGA used current Advocacy Positions, previous submissions, a webinar with the sector and opportunity to comment on a draft submission to gather feedback.</li> <li>• The submission identifies that reform to the legislation is required, in relation to:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Consolidation of the Cat Act and <i>Dog Act 1976</i>;</li> <li>○ Stronger provisions for consistent non-compliance;</li> <li>○ Clear definitions for owned and unowned cats;</li> <li>○ Development of a Model Cat Local Law;</li> <li>○ A limit on the number of cats; and</li> <li>○ Lowering the age of sterilisation.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consultation by LGIRS closes at 5:00pm on Monday, 31 August 2026.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A joint meeting of the Governance and Environment Policy Teams on 25 May 2026 recommended that State Council endorse the submission.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Submission on the Review of the Cat Act 2011</a></li> </ul> <p><b>STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS</b> This item aligns with WALGA's Strategic Pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Influence:</b> Lead advocacy on issues important to Local Government and lead policy development for the Local Government sector.</li> <li><b>Support:</b> Anticipate, understand and respond to Member needs.</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b> This submission has been developed based on current WALGA <a href="#">Advocacy Positions</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.12.1 Review of the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> and <i>Dog Act 1976</i>; and</li> <li>2.12.2 Dog and Cat Management.</li> </ul> <p>And previous submissions and positions on the legislation.</p>

## 1.6 Other State Council Agenda Items

Zone Delegates are invited to raise for discussion, questions or decision any of the items in the State Council Agenda, including the items for noting, Policy Team and Committee Reports or the Key Activity Reports.

## 1.4 Status Report on State Council Resolutions

Meeting	Resolution	Comment	Completion Date	Officer Responsible
<b>7 May 2026</b> Item 8.1 Protecting Council Member and Employee Privacy Advocacy Position	That State Council endorse the following new Advocacy Position: <i>Protecting Council Member and Employee Privacy</i> That WALGA advocates to the State Government to: 1. Undertake a review of disclosure requirements for Local Government Council Members and employees under the Local Government Act 1995, 2. Undertake the necessary legislative amendments to strike an appropriate balance between transparency, personal safety, and contemporary community expectations of privacy, including: a. Amend section 5.95(1) to prescribe that the right to inspect primary and annual returns contained in the register of financial interests under s.5.94(b) does not extend to the full residential address of the relevant person, and is instead limited to the suburb or locality. b. Amend Form 7 of the Local Government (Constitutional) Regulations 1998 to remove the requirement to disclose a full residential address when making the declaration of office. RESOLUTION 018.2/2026	The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.	COMPLETE	Kirsty Martin Executive Manger Member Services
<b>7 May 2026</b> Item 8.2 Water Management Advocacy Position	That State Council: 1. Endorse the following new Advocacy Position: <i>Water Management</i> 1. Access to consistent, reliable and adequate water supplies is critical for Local Government operations, emergency	The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.	COMPLETE	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

	<p><i>response, community health, amenity, environmental sustainability and economic activity.</i></p> <p>2. <i>WALGA is calling on the State Government to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Modernise water management legislation and regulation, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>undertaking a review of the water licensing and allocation system to ensure equitable access and prioritise high value community use including for public open space</i></li> <li>ii. <i>developing a state-wide framework for integrated regional and catchment-scale water planning.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>b. <i>Protect and adequately, sustainably and equitably fund critical water infrastructure for Local Government, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>drainage and irrigation upgrades</i></li> <li>ii. <i>alternative water sources (recycled and reused water, stormwater harvesting, desalination and groundwater replenishment) and disused water asset transfer</i></li> <li>iii. <i>small-scale sewerage infrastructure headworks and infill sewerage.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>c. <i>Expand the Waterwise Council Program statewide and provide:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>increased support and resources to assist Local Government in delivering water efficiency measures</i></li> <li>ii. <i>incentives for Local Governments to undertake water efficiency initiatives.</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>d. <i>Improve water data access and capability for Local Governments to ensure evidence-based decision making.</i></li> </ul>			
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	<p>e. <i>Provide effective leadership, guidance, education and enforcement to address the impacts of stormwater runoff.</i></p> <p>2. Retires Advocacy Position 6.14 <i>Planning for Water.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 019.2/2026</p>			
<p><b>7 May 2026</b> Item 8.3 Off Roads Vehicles Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council retire Advocacy Position 3.12 <i>Off Road Vehicles.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 020.2/2026</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>7 May 2026</b> Item 8.4 Homelessness Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council replace Advocacy Position 3.11 Homelessness with the following:</p> <p><i>WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to provide leadership, support and sustainable, long-term funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular by:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Ensuring specialist homelessness services are responsive to local need, place-based and people-centred.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Investing in crisis accommodation, social and affordable housing and wraparound services.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Strengthening homelessness data collection and sharing arrangements to provide current, granular and locally relevant information to inform funding and improve service provision.</i></li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 021.2/2026</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

<p><b>7 May 2026</b> Item 8.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) Wind-Up</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Wind-up the Partnership Agreement which establishes the Municipal Waste Advisory Council, effective 30 June 2026.</li> <li>2. Note the replacement of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council with a Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 022.2/2026</p>	<p>WALGA will progress the establishment of the Waste Management Strategic Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>7 May 2026</b> Item 8.6 Electoral Reforms Advocacy Position Consultation</p>	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Affirm point 1 of Advocacy Position 2.5.16 <i>Elections</i>, confirming that the Local Government sector supports four year terms with elections every two years and half of the Council positions spilled at each election.</li> <li>2. Affirm Advocacy Position 2.5.15 <i>Participation in Local Government Elections</i>, confirming that the Local Government sector supports voluntary participation in Local Government elections.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 023.2/2026</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Kirsty Martin Executive Manager Member Services</p>
<p><b>7 May 2026</b> Item 8.7 Submission for 2026 State Wage Case</p>	<p>That State Council endorses the WALGA 2026 State Wage Case submission (Submission) to the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) and authorises WALGA to exercise discretion to amend the Submission in response to changing economic circumstances and/or lodge further submissions in response to any direction of the WAIRC.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 024.2/2026</p>	<p>WALGA filed its written submission to the WAIRC on 13 May. Verbal submissions were made at the initial hearing on 20 May. A further hearing will be listed to consider the impact of the Federal minimum wage once that has been determined.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Kirsty Martin Executive Manager Member Services</p>
<p><b>4 March 2026</b> Item 9.3 Request for Delegated</p>	<p>That State Council approves by Flying Minute confirmation of the three appointments to the vacant positions on the State Road</p>	<p>The three vacant positions on SAC were advertised to Members. A special meeting</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Rachel Horton Executive</p>



<p>Authority – State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC)</p>	<p>Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee (SAC) as recommended by the Selection Committee.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 005.1/2026</p>	<p>of the Selection Committee was held to consider applications received.</p> <p>A Flying Agenda including the recommendations of the Committee was distributed to State Council.</p> <p>The recommendations of the Selection Committee were endorsed by State Council. The new SAC Members have all been contacted and have attended their first meetings.</p>		<p>Manager Advocacy</p>
<p><b>3 December 2025</b> Item 7.1 Transport Oriented Development Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State Council request WALGA to prepare an Advocacy Position in consultation with members, regarding the transport and planning principals required to ensure quality outcomes in the newly announced "Station Precinct Improvement Plans and Schemes" in Metropolitan Perth and regional stations if included.</li> <li>2. The Advocacy Position includes transport and place-making outcomes on both government controlled and private land that maximise liveability and use of the public transport network.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 069.5/2025</p>	<p>See State Council Agenda <a href="#">item 8.2</a> – Train Station Precincts Advocacy Position.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>3 December 2025</b> Item 8.1 2025 Annual General</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the following resolutions from the 2025 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the People and Place Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</li> </ol>	<p><b>In relation to AGM item 7.1 –</b> Improving access to primary healthcare services in rural and remote areas remains an advocacy priority for WALGA,</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

<p>Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>7.1 Provision of Medical Services in Remote and Very Remote Local Governments</p> <p>7.2 Homelessness – Short-term Accommodation Solutions</p> <p>RESOLUTION 070.5/2025</p> <p><i>The AGM resolutions are as follows:</i></p> <p><b>7.1 Provision of Medical Services in Remote and Very Remote Local Governments</b>  <i>That WALGA calls on the Western Australian Government and WA Grants Commission to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>increase the total funding and then the Medical Facilities Cost Adjuster component of the Financial Assistance Grants to Local Governments; and</i></li> <li><i>recalculate distributions to those Local Governments that are providing block cash payments to attract and retain general practitioners to allow affected Council to redirect ratepayer funds to Local Government responsibilities.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>7.2 Homelessness – Short-term Accommodation Solutions</b>  <i>That WALGA advocate to the State Government to provide culturally appropriate short term accommodation options and wrap-around support services that provide sustainable homelessness solutions in all Local Governments across Western Australia.</i></p>	<p>supported by the <a href="#">WALGA 2025 General Practice Support Survey Report</a> published in January 2026.</p> <p>This advocacy priority is also reflected in the current <a href="#">Federal</a> and <a href="#">State</a> Budget Submissions and aligned to the <a href="#">revised Advocacy Position</a> endorsed by State Council in September 2025.</p> <p>WALGA is exploring opportunities for partnership advocacy on this matter with health sector stakeholders. This work includes developing solution options. Progress will be shared with State Council in due course.</p> <p><b>In relation to AGM item 7.2 –</b>                  State Council has endorsed a new Homelessness Advocacy Position:</p> <p><i>WALGA calls on the Western Australian and Australian Governments to provide leadership, support and sustainable, long-term funding to prevent and respond to homelessness, in particular by:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>Ensuring specialist homelessness services are responsive to local need, place-based and people-centred.</i></li> </ol>		
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<p><b>3 December 2025</b> Item 8.1 2025 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>That: ... 2. the following resolution from the 2025 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the Governance Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: 7.4 Rating Exemption Advocacy Position</p> <p>RESOLUTION 070.5/2025</p> <p><i>The AGM resolution is as follows:</i></p> <p><b>7.4 Rating Exemption Advocacy Position</b> <i>That WALGA, in addition to its current advocacy positions 2.1.1 and 2.1.2 relating to rating exemptions, advocate to the WA Government for the introduction of a reimbursement model, whereby the WA Government repays Local Government the greater of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>75% of the value of rates lost in applying the charitable purposes exemption; or</i></li> <li>2. <i>1% of the total rate revenue of the Local Government.</i></li> </ol>	<p>This item has been referred to the Governance Policy Team for further consideration.</p> <p>WALGA's <a href="#">current advocacy positions</a> call for a broad review into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories, with a particular focus on the charitable purpose's exemption. WALGA included funding for a review of rates in its most recent State Budget submission.</p> <p>Additional concerns regarding rating and rating exemptions have arisen. Further scoping work is being undertaken to consider the most effective way to address these concerns.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Kirsty Martin Executive Manager Member Services</p>

<p><b>3 December 2025</b> Item 8.2 2026 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the submission to the 2026 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members, with the following additions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A new recommendation that the Regional/Isolation Allowance be reviewed in full, noting that the application of the Allowance is inequal and inconsistent.</li> <li>2. A new recommendation that an appropriate fee be set for the deputy to the presiding member of Audit, Risk and Improvement Committees to attend meetings.</li> <li>3. A new recommendation that the travel costs incurred while driving a privately owned or leased vehicle be calculated at the same rate contained in the <i>Public Service Award 1992</i> to bring it in parity with the public sector.</li> <li>4. The percentage values in recommendations 1 and 2 of the submission be amended from 3% to 4%.</li> <li>5. Include a work-value argument regarding Elected Member remuneration to strengthen the case for an increase to Elected Member fees and allowances, and to refer the request to reclassify Elected Members as not volunteers to the relevant Policy Team.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 073.5/2025</p>	<p>The submission to SAT was updated to include those additional points and provided to the Tribunal on 6 January 2026.</p> <p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has also been updated to reflect the recommendations contained in the submission.</p> <p>The request to reclassify Elected Members as not volunteers (as per point 5 of the resolution) has been referred to the Governance Policy Team for further consideration.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Rachel Horton Executive Manager Advocacy</p> <p>Kirsty Martin Executive Manager Member Services</p>
<p><b>3 December 2025</b> Item 8.5 Electoral Material – Authorisation Statement Address Requirements</p>	<p>That:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WALGA advocate to the State Government to amend section 4.87 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Replace the requirement to include the name and address of the person authorising the electoral material, with a requirement to include the name and locality of the person authorising the material.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p> <p>A new advocacy position relating to Resolution 2 was endorsed by State Council at the May 2026 meeting (see item 8.1 Protecting Council Member and</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Kirsty Martin Executive Manager Member Services</p>

	<p>b. Remove the requirement for the name and business address of the electoral material printer to appear at the end of the electoral material.</p> <p>2. The suggestion from the South East Metropolitan Zone to advocate to amend section 5.95 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> to specify that the right to inspect Primary and Annual Returns contained in the Register of Financial Interests under s.5.94(b) does not extend to the residential address of the relevant person be referred to the Governance Policy Team so that a full report can be presented to State Council for consideration.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 077.5/2025</p>	Employee Privacy Advocacy Position from the May 2026 meeting, above).		
<p><b>5 September 2025</b> Item 8.2 Rating of Miscellaneous Licenses</p>	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Advocate for Local Governments to continue to have the ability to rate miscellaneous licences under the <i>Mining Act 1978</i>; and</li> <li>2. Oppose legislative amendments that seek to exempt occupied miscellaneous licence land from rating.</li> <li>3. Continue to advocate for a broad review to be conducted into the justification and fairness of all rating exemption categories currently prescribed under section 6.26 of the Local Government Act 1995.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 050.4/2025</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p> <p>Correspondence has been sent to the Premier and Minister for Local Government. Opposition parties have been briefed.</p> <p>The Bill has been deferred by the Legislative Council.</p> <p>In addition, funding for the broad review of rating exemptions was included in the <a href="#">State Budget submission</a>.</p>	COMPLETE	Kirsty Martin Executive Manager Member Services
<p><b>2 July 2025</b> Item 8.1 Suspension and</p>	<p>That WALGA defers consideration of this matter for further work, including:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. defining appropriately serious offences for intervention; and</li> </ol>	Work has commenced on defining appropriately serious offences for intervention.	Ongoing	Kirsty Martin

<p>Disqualification for Offences Advocacy Position</p>	<p>b. addressing the role of the Local Government Inspector. c. evaluating whether advocacy for disqualification based on convictions under the Planning and Development Act 2005 and Building Act 2011 should be retained.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 037.3/2025</p>	<p>Further work will be undertaken pending clarification of the role of the Office of the Inspector.</p>		<p>Executive Manager Member Services</p>
<p><b>5 March 2025</b> Item 9.1 Infrastructure Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the report from the Infrastructure Policy Team for the 5 March 2025 meeting.</li> <li>2. Determine to:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Delete Advocacy Position 5.2.8 (Towards Zero Road Safety Strategy 2008 – 2020).</li> <li>b. Amend the title of Advocacy Position 5.2.7 from Road Safety Strategy (Imagine Zero) to Driving Change Road Safety Strategy 2020-2030.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Undertake further policy development and consultation with Members regarding the default open road speed limit in Western Australia.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 013.1/2025</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved to recommend WALGA engage an independent specialist to develop a framework to support the Local Government sector in decision making and advocacy relating to speed limits.</p> <p>This was delayed pending anticipated changes to Main Roads WA policy.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
<p><b>6 December 2024</b> Item 8.2 Local Government Elections Advocacy Positions</p>	<p>That item 1 be deferred, and the Secretariat further investigate implications of compulsory and voluntary participation in Local Government elections and report back to State Council.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 090.5/2024</p> <p>That WALGA adopt the following Elections Advocacy Positions: <i>The Local Government sector supports:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Councillors serve four-year terms with elections every two years and half of the Council positions spilled at each election.</i></li> </ol>	<p>Following further sector consultation, item 1 was affirmed at the May 2026 State Council meeting (see item 8.6 Electoral Reforms Advocacy Position Consultation, from the May 2026 meeting above).</p> <p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>COMPLETE</p>	<p>Kirsty Martin Executive Manager Member Services</p>



	<p>2. <i>First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting system for Local Government elections. If Optional Preferential Voting (OPV) remains as the primary method of voting, the sector supports the removal of the 'proportional' part of the voting method for general elections.</i></p> <p>3. <i>First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting system for internal Council elections.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Councils holding elections by means of in-person, postal and/or electronic voting.</i></p> <p>5. <i>Current legislative provisions of Mayor/President of Class 1 and Class 2 Local Governments being directly elected by the community and Class 3 and Class 4 Local Governments determining whether its Mayor or President is elected by the Council or by the community.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 091.5/2024</p>			
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**1.5 COMPLETE ZONE STATUS REPORT**

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Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor	Nil
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<b>The Kimberley Country Zone:</b>  <b>1. Noted the report from the WALGA President</b> <b>2. Noted the State Council Agenda Items as circulated</b> <b>3. Supported the recommendations in the Matters for Decision contained within the State Council Agenda</b> <b>4. Acknowledged the Items for noting</b> <b>5. Acknowledged the Status Report on State Council Resolutions</b> <b>6. Noted the Kimberley Zone Status Report</b>		CEO, Shire of Broome to circulate the Broome Media Release on the impact of charitable purpose rate exemptions for community housing providers.  Executive Team to develop an agenda item for the next KRG Meeting on the funding of health services in the Kimberley.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team / CEO Shire of Broome
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

## 5. Conclusion of Zone Matters: 9:48am