

# State Council Summary Minutes 1 May 2024

Ordinary meeting no. 2 of 2024 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at the City of Wanneroo, 23 Dundobar Road, Wanneroo at 12.30pm.

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## 1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

### 1.1 OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 12.32pm.

### 1.2 ATTENDANCE

<b>Members</b>	WALGA President - <b>Chair</b> WALGA Deputy President Central Metropolitan Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Northern Country Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone South West Country Zone	President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP  Cr Paul Kelly President Chris Antonio President Cr Phil Blight Cr Kerry Smyth (Deputy) Cr John Daw (Deputy) President Eddie Smith President Cr Laurene Bonza Cr Stephen Strange Cr Scott Crosby President Cr Les Price Cr Lewis Hutton Cr Jacqui Huntley (Deputy) President Cr Kirrilee Warr Mayor Rhys Williams Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks Mayor Patrick Hall Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Karen Wheatland Cr Cliff Collinson (Deputy) President Cr Tony Dean
<b>Ex Officio</b>	The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor – City of Perth Local Government Professionals WA President	Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas Mr Anthony Vuleta
<b>Guests</b>	Chair, 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review	Hon Alannah MacTiernan
<b>Observers</b>	Pilbara Country Zone	President Audra Smith (Deputy)
<b>Secretariat</b>	Chief Executive Officer Executive Director Member Services Executive Manager Infrastructure Executive Manager Policy Executive Manger Advocacy Manager Association and Corporate Governance Executive Officer Governance	Mr Nick Sloan Mr Tony Brown Mr Ian Duncan Ms Nicole Matthews Ms Rachel Horton Ms Kathy Robertson  Ms Meghan Dwyer

### 1.3 APOLOGIES

Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Helen Sadler
East Metropolitan Zone	President Paige McNeil
East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Emily Wilding
Kimberley Country Zone	President Chris Mitchell
North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Michael Dudek
North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Bronwyn Smith
South East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Adam Hort
South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Barry Winmar

## 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 the land of the Whadjuk Noongar People, where we meet today, 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

### 3.1 HON ALANNAH MACTIERNAN – CHAIR, 2024 REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REVIEW

The 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review has now commenced.

The Regional Telecommunications Review occurs every 3 years and is an opportunity to examine the existing and future telecommunication needs in regional, rural and remote communities across Australia.

The Review Committee is led by the Hon Alannah MacTiernan, as Chair. Mr Ian Kelly, Hon Fiona Nash, Dr Jessa Rogers and Ms Kristy Sparrow have also been appointed to the Committee.

The Committee has been asked to examine the adequacy of regional Australia's telecommunications, including hearing from people in regional, rural and remote parts of Australia. You can find out more about how the Committee will do this in the [Terms of Reference](#). The Committee will present its findings to the government by 31 December 2024.

For more information, [click here](#).

The Hon Alannah MacTiernan presented to State Council.

## 4 MINUTES

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

#### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:** Cr Karen Wheatland

**Seconded:** Cr Scott Crosby

**That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [6 March 2024](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

**RESOLUTION 024.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

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

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.

- Cr John Daw declared an interest in Item 7.8 Selection Committee Minutes – 16 April 2024 and 17 April 2024

## 6 EMERGING ISSUES

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

## 10. ORGANISATION REPORTS

The following reports were brought forward in the Agenda.

### 10.4 EX OFFICIO REPORTS

#### 10.4.1 CITY OF PERTH REPORT

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas provided the City of Perth report to the meeting.

*The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas left the meeting at 1:32pm.*

#### 10.4.2 LG PROFESSIONALS REPORT

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

*Mr Anthony Vuleta left the meeting at 1:40pm.*

## 7 MATTERS FOR DECISION

### 7.1 WASTE LEVY ADVOCACY POSITION

*By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Environment*

#### COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved:** President Chris Antonio

**Seconded:** Mayor Logan Howlett JP

1. **The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy (the Levy) was established in WA to fund programs relating to the management, reduction, reuse, recycling, monitoring or measurement of waste and administering the fund. The current Levy is applied to waste generated, or landfilled, in the Perth metropolitan area.**

**Currently, only 25% of the collected funds are retained for strategic waste management activities, 75% are allocated to the ongoing operations of the Department responsible for administration of the Levy.**

2. **Local Government considers that:**

1. **The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy (the Levy) funds must be fully hypothecated to strategic waste management activities in line with the State Waste Strategy including focus on priority materials such as organic waste.**
2. **The Levy funds must not be used for non-waste management related activities, such as funding State Government core activities.**
3. **Strategic waste management activities funded by the State Government should:**
  - a. **Provide adequate funding and support for Regional Councils, non-metropolitan and metropolitan Local Governments;**
  - b. **Reflect the targets and priorities within the Waste Strategy;**
  - c. **Fully fund and acknowledge the life cycle costs of infrastructure and services; and**
  - d. **Facilitate the development, implementation and ongoing operation of Product Stewardship Schemes.**
4. **The Levy should not be applied to waste generated in the non-metropolitan area as it is not feasible, or appropriate, to implement the Levy in areas with a limited rate base, access to markets for recycled materials, economic growth and resources to manage such a change.**
5. **The Levy should not be applied to waste received at premises undertaking licensed activities whose primary purpose is resource recovery.**
6. **The Levy must be supported by a clear, evidence-based rationale to demonstrate the suitability of how charges are set, how and where funds are allocated, and the extent to which it is delivering on its objectives.**
7. **The Levy must be supported by a comprehensive regulatory regime for activities that are, or should be, licenced.**

**RESOLUTION 025.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

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

### 7.2 ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

*By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** President Cr Phil Blight  
**Seconded:** Cr Karen Wheatland

**That State Council note the update on proposed amendments to the Association Constitution to:**

- 1. primarily, allow WALGA to be in a position to apply to be registered as an organisation of employers under the *Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA)*; and**
- 2. make some changes to address inconsistencies and modernise terminology.**

**RESOLUTION 026.2/20214**

**CARRIED**

### 7.3 SUBMISSION ON THE INQUIRY INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUSTAINABILITY

*By Daniel Thomson, Manager Economics*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** President Cr Kirrilee Warr  
**Seconded:** President Chris Antonio

**That the submission on the inquiry into Local Government Sustainability to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport be endorsed.**

#### **AMENDMENT**

**Moved:** Cr Paul Kelly  
**Seconded:** President Cr Phil Blight

- 1. Insert a new Part 2 as follows:  
"A working party of State Councillors to be established by the President to work with the WALGA Economist to refine the submission and submit to State Council as a Flying Minute, for approval by the submission deadline."**
- 2. Include the word "in principle" at the end of Part 1.**

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION 027.2/2024**

**CARRIED**



**THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT**

**That:**

- 1. the submission on the inquiry into Local Government Sustainability to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport be endorsed in principle.**
- 2. a working party of State Councillors to be established by the President to work with the WALGA Economist to refine the submission and submit to State Council as a Flying Minute, for approval by the submission deadline.**

**RESOLUTION 028.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

**7.4 SUBMISSIONS TO REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS REVIEWS AND INQUIRIES**

*By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure*

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Cr Stephen Strange**  
**Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland**

**That State Council:**

- 1. Endorse the attached submission to the 2024 Regional Telecommunications Review.**
- 2. Endorse the attached submission to the Public Administration Committee Inquiry into Regional Telecommunications in Western Australia.**

**RESOLUTION 029.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

**7.5 WALGA SUBMISSION – DRAFT LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME REGULATIONS 2015 (SHORT-TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATION)**

*By Christopher Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building*

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: President Cr Les Price**  
**Seconded: President Chris Antonio**

**That State Council endorse the submission on the proposed amendments to the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Scheme) Regulations 2015* related to Short-Term Rental Accommodation.**

**RESOLUTION 030.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

**7.6 FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – 17 APRIL 2024**

*By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services*

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: President Chris Antonio**

**Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams**

**That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 17 April 2024 be endorsed.**

**RESOLUTION 031.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

**7.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE TRUST BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES –27 MARCH 2024 AND 17 APRIL 2024**

*By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services*

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: President Cr Phil Blight**

**Seconded: President Cr Les Price**

**That State Council note the Minutes of the Local Government House Trust Board of Management meetings held on 27 March and 17 April 2024.**

**RESOLUTION 032.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

## 7.8 SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 16 APRIL 2024 AND 17 APRIL 2024

*By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer*

*Cr John Daw declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 1.49pm.*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Cr Paul Kelly  
**Seconded:** President Cr Les Price

**That:**

- 1. the resolution contained in the 16 April 2024 Selection Committee Minutes be noted; and**
- 2. the recommendations contained in the 16 April 2024 Selection Committee Minutes and 17 April 2024 Selection Committee Special Meeting Minutes be endorsed.**

**RESOLUTION 033.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

*Cr John Daw returned to the meeting at 1.51pm.*

## 8 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 8.1 ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM REPORT

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** President Cr Les Price  
**Seconded:** Cr Kerry Smyth

**That State Council note the matters considered by the Environment Policy Team at its meeting on 6 March 2024.**

**RESOLUTION 034.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

## 8.2 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, Mayor Patrick Hall*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Mayor Patrick Hall**  
**Seconded: President Chris Antonio**

**That State Council note the report on the Governance Policy Team.**

**RESOLUTION 035.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

## 8.3 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY TEAM REPORT

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Stephen Strange*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Cr Stephen Strange**  
**Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland**

**That State Council note the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team at its meeting on 6 March 2024.**

**RESOLUTION 036.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

## 8.4 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

*Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Phillip Blight*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: President Cr Phil Blight**  
**Seconded: Cr Scott Crosby**

**That State Council note the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team at its meeting on 6 March 2024.**

**RESOLUTION 037.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

## 8.5 MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC) REPORT

*Presented by Deputy Chair, Cr Karen Wheatland*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Cr Karen Wheatland  
**Seconded:** Cr Jacqui Huntley

**That State Council note the resolutions of the 21 February 2024 Municipal Waste Advisory Council Meeting.**

**RESOLUTION 038.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

## 9 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

### 9.1 WALGA 2023 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SURVEY

*By Rachel Armstrong, A/Policy Manager, Emergency Management*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** President Chris Antonio  
**Seconded:** Mayor Rhys Williams

**That State Council note the results of the 2023 Local Government Emergency Management Survey.**

**RESOLUTION 039.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

### 9.2 TREE RETENTION MODEL LOCAL PLANNING POLICY

*By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor, Planning*

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** President Chris Antonio  
**Seconded:** Mayor Rhys Williams

**That State Council note the Tree Retention Model Local Planning Policy.**

**RESOLUTION 039.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

### 9.3 LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS (LEMA) IMPROVEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

*By Simone Ruane, Project Lead, Emergency Management*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: President Chris Antonio**  
**Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams**

**That State Council note the Local Emergency Management Arrangement Improvement Project update.**

**RESOLUTION 039.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

### 9.4 PLANNING AND BUILDING PERFORMANCE MONITORING PROJECT

*By Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building*

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: President Chris Antonio**  
**Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams**

**That State Council note the results of the 2022-23 Local Government Performance Monitoring Project.**

**RESOLUTION 039.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

### 9.5 2024 WALGA ABORIGINAL ENGAGEMENT FORUM

#### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: President Chris Antonio**  
**Seconded: Mayor Rhys Williams**

**That State Council note the report on the 2024 Aboriginal Engagement Forum.**

**RESOLUTION 039.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

## 10 ORGANISATION REPORTS

### 10.1 KEY ACTIVITY REPORTS

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

*By Rachel Horton, Executive Manager Advocacy*

##### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Mayor Logan Howlett JP  
**Seconded:** President Chris Antonio

**That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the 1 May 2024 State Council meeting.**

**RESOLUTION 040.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

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

*By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure*

##### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Mayor Logan Howlett JP  
**Seconded:** President Chris Antonio

**That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio for May 2024.**

**RESOLUTION 040.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

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

*By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services*

##### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** Mayor Logan Howlett JP  
**Seconded:** President Chris Antonio

**That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the 1 May 2024 State Council meeting.**

**RESOLUTION 040.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

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

*By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager, Policy*

##### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP**  
**Seconded: President Chris Antonio**

**That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the May 2024 State Council meeting.**

**RESOLUTION 040.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

#### 10.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

##### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP**  
**Seconded: President Chris Antonio**

**That the President's Report for May 2024 be received.**

**RESOLUTION 040.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

#### 10.3 CEO'S REPORT

##### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP**  
**Seconded: President Chris Antonio**

**That the CEO's Report for May 2024 be received.**

**RESOLUTION 040.2/2024**

**CARRIED**



## 11 ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

### **WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved:** President Chris Antonio  
**Seconded:** Cr John Daw

**That the additional Zone Resolutions from the April 2024 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate portfolio for consideration and appropriate action.**

**RESOLUTION 041.2/2024**

**CARRIED**

### **AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

#### **SMS Service - Request for Local Government Grants Scheme to Cover Costs**

That Avon-Midland Country Zone requests that WALGA advocates for the total cost of Short Messaging Services operated by local governments for community messaging relating to harvest vehicle movement and hot works Bans and total fire bans be included as an eligible item of expenditure under the Local Government Grants Scheme and the Emergency Services Levy Scheme.

### **AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

#### **Aboriginal Heritage Approvals Process**

That the Avon-Midland Country Zone request the WA Local Government Association to facilitate for local governments within the Zone a workshop with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage on the approvals process and associated requirements under the Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972.

### **CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio – Economics)**

#### **Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability**

That Central Country Zone requests WALGA to prepare and submit a comprehensive submission on behalf of local governments in Western Australia to the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport inquiry on local government sustainability as follows;

1. WALGA is requested to address the following areas in its submission:
  - a. Financial sustainability and funding mechanisms for local governments.
  - b. Changing infrastructure and service delivery requirements faced by local governments.
  - c. Structural impediments to job security and infrastructure delivery in local government.
  - d. Trends in attracting and retaining skilled workforce in the local government sector, including the impact of labour hire practices.
  - e. The role of the Australian Government in addressing the above issues.
  - f. Any other relevant matters related to local government sustainability.
2. The submission should be aligned with the Terms of Reference outlined by the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport.
3. WALGA is encouraged to collaborate with local governments across Western Australia to gather diverse perspectives and insights for the submission.

4. Local governments within the WALGA Zone are urged to support and contribute to the development of the submission through active participation and sharing of relevant information and expertise.

#### **CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

##### **Wind Energy Facilities**

That the Central Country Zone requests WALGA to make a submission on behalf of local governments in Western Australia to the Western Australian Planning Commission (WAPC), urging the State Government, through its agency Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH), to develop a more comprehensive and effective approach to guide the management and placement of renewable energy facilities; including but not limited to wind, solar, battery renewable diesel and any associated infrastructure.

#### **EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

##### **Waste Funding Advocacy**

That the East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA advocates to the WA Government that appropriate funding mechanisms be established as grants and/or interest free long term investment partnerships with the Local Government sector and their regional associations, to fast-track the establishment of infrastructure that improves circular waste processing within the state.

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

##### **Agricultural Land Use**

That the Great Eastern Country Zone recommend that WALGA:

1. In considering Agricultural Land Use, establishes and promotes policy templates to guide Local Governments for their individual adoption to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land.
2. Within the Policy includes such uses but not limited to tree planting for offsets or carbon, renewable energy generation and transmission.
3. Investigates potential impacts to local government rates on rural land, that has approved long term tree planting for different purposes, for example but not limited to planting for carbon offsets, planting for clearing offsets, or planting for renewable fuels; and renewable energy investments.
4. Provides advice to local government on what Policies or Special Area Rates should be considered for the land affected.

#### **GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

##### **Government Regional Officer Housing Program**

The Great Southern Country Zone requests:

1. WALGA advocacy to State Government for the Government Regional Officer Housing Program to:
  - a. Increase State Government capital investment in the GROH program and review and address the impact of current policy settings on the wider regional housing shortage, including:
    - i. GROH Leasing and purchasing from the established residential private market (Spot Purchase program).
    - ii. Prioritise the State's development of land to service GROH demand and reduce pressure on already constrained availability of regional residential land supplies.

- b. Review the GROH program policy settings, so that proposals for GROH development in partnership with Local Government align to regional commercial viability and financial capacity of the Local Government, including:
    - i. Enabling State Agency leasing agreement periods of 20 years or greater.
    - ii. State Agency contribution to capital costs, with commensurate lower rental returns.
  - c. Release the GROH Program Review, undertaken by the Department of Communities in 2023, to facilitate further discussion of the viability and future of GROH program policy settings as it relates to the Local Government sector and regional housing availability.
2. The Zone Secretariat write to the responsible Minister/s advocating for the matters outlined in Part 1 above.

### **NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)**

#### **North Metropolitan Zone Election Protocols**

That the North Metropolitan Zone request the WALGA secretariat to draft a document for the Zone to consider how it would include in its standing orders a methodology of election of Zone Chair, Zone Deputy Chair, State Councillors and Deputy State Councillors, that ensures fair and equal representation of all Member Councils.

### **PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services Portfolio)**

#### **State Government Owned Infrastructure**

That the Pilbara Country Zone request WALGA to raise the matter of investigating infrastructure owned by State Government with the Office of the Auditor General.

### **GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

#### **Modifications to the Caravan Ground and Camping Regulations to Facilitate Living in a Tiny House on Wheels**

That the Great Southern County Zone:

1. Supports changes to Part 2(b) of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 that allow Local Governments to consider camping on private property for a period of greater than three-months.
2. Allows Local Governments to establish policy to guide approvals beyond 3 months to ensure that camping is locally appropriate and provide for circumstances where tiny houses can be occupied on a more permanent basis.
3. Calls on WALGA to adopt a sector wide advocacy position in relation to 1 and 2, above.

### **SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

#### **Caravan and Camping Regulations Advocacy**

1. Supports changes to Part 2(b) of the Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997 that allow Local Governments to consider camping on private property for a period of greater of three months.
2. Allows Local Governments to establish policy to guide approvals beyond 3 months to ensure that camping is locally appropriate and provide for circumstances where tiny homes can be occupied on a more permanent basis; and
3. Calls on WALGA to adopt a sector wide advocacy position in relation to 1 and 2, above.

### **SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**

#### **South West DAMA Annual Report**

The South West Country Zone:

Requests WALGA to give an update to the Zone on their position on a Statewide DAMA and the merits of this approach.

**CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**  
**Enhanced and Alternative Education Opportunities for Regional WA**  
**That the Central Country Zone:**

1. Supports the call to action to reduce regional disadvantage in educational opportunities, with a focus on:
  - a. Disruption to schools arising from policies relating to permanency for teachers;
  - b. Requesting clarity about how schools are classified as “hard to staff; and
  - c. Improving housing for teachers in regional WA;
2. Agrees to write to the Minister for Education requesting action; and
3. Requests the WALGA Secretariat to advocate to State Government on this matter.

**AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE, GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE, GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE, GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE, KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE, MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE and PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE (Policy Portfolio)**  
**Enhanced and Alternative Education Opportunities for Regional WA**

The above Zones passed the following resolution, as requested by the Great Southern Country Zone:

1. Supports the call to action to reduce regional disadvantage in educational opportunities,
2. Agrees to write to the Minister for Education requesting action; and
3. Requests the WALGA Secretariat to advocate to State Government on this matter.

## **12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday, 10 July 2024 commencing at 4.15pm.

## **13 CLOSURE**

The Chair expressed thanks to the City of Wanneroo for hosting State Council for the Metropolitan Regional meeting.

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 2.22pm.