

State Council Summary Minutes 6 March 2024

Ordinary meeting no. 1 of 2024 of the Western
Australian Local Government Association
State Council held at ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway
Parade, West Leederville at 4.15pm.



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1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The Chair declared the meeting open at 4.15pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

Members	WALGA President - Chair WALGA Deputy President Central Metropolitan Zone Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone North Metropolitan Zone Northern Country Zone Peel Country Zone Pilbara Country Zone South East Metropolitan 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 Helen Sadler President Paige McNeil Cr Emily Wilding President Eddie Smith President Cr Laurene Bonza Cr Stephen Strange Cr Scott Crosby President Chris Mitchell President Cr Les Price Cr Michael Dudek Cr Lewis Hutton Cr Bronwyn Smith President Cr Kirrilee Warr Mayor Rhys Williams Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks Mayor Patrick Hall Cr Adam Hort Mayor Logan Howlett JP Cr Karen Wheatland Cr Barry Winmar President Cr Tony Dean
Ex Officio	The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor – City of Perth Local Government Professionals WA President	Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas Mr Anthony Vuleta
Observers	Central Country Zone East Metropolitan Zone	President Leigh Ballard (Deputy State Councillor) Cr Giorgia Johnson (Zone Chair, MWAC Chair)



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 Manager Advocacy	Ms Rachel Horton
	Chief Financial Officer	Mr Rick Murray
	Manager Commercial Development	Mr Andrew Blitz
	Manager Commercial Contract Services	Mr Craig Hansom
	Manager Governance and Procurement	Mr James McGovern
	Manager Association and Corporate Governance	Ms Kathy Robertson
	Policy Manager Waste and Recycling	Ms Rebecca Brown
	Acting Policy Manager Community	Ms Hannah Godsave
	Policy Manager Planning and Building	Mr Chris Hossen
	Executive Officer Governance	Ms Meghan Dwyer

1.3 APOLOGIES

Nil

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

Cr Barry Winmar delivered a Welcome to Country at the commencement of the State Council proceedings for the day.



3 ELECTION OF WALGA PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT

In accordance with clauses 16, 16A, 17, 17A and 18 of the Association's Constitution, an election for the position of President and Deputy President of WALGA was conducted.

The term of office of both the President and Deputy President is for a two (2) year term commencing 6 March 2024 and concluding on the day of the first ordinary State Council meeting in 2026.

The election process was conducted by the Returning Officer, Mr Nick Sloan, WALGA Chief Executive Officer.

The Call for Nominations occurred on Thursday, 1 February 2024 and nominations closed at 5:00pm on Tuesday, 27 February 2024.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

The following nominations were received for President (in order of receipt):

- President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP
- Mayor Patrick Hall

An election was conducted by secret ballot, after each candidate was afforded a maximum of two (2) minutes to support their nomination.

DECLARATION

That President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP has been elected as WALGA President for a two (2) year term commencing immediately and concluding on the day of the first ordinary State Council meeting in 2026.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY PRESIDENT

The following nomination had been received for Deputy President:

Metropolitan Constituency

- Cr Paul Kelly

DECLARATION

That Cr Paul Kelly has been elected unopposed as WALGA Deputy President for a two (2) year term commencing immediately and concluding on the day of the first ordinary State Council meeting in 2026.



4 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

5 MINUTES

5.1 MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 2023

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: President Chris Mitchell

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [6 December 2023](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 001.1/2024

CARRIED

5.1.1 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 2023

Nil

6 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 Paul Kelly declared an interest in Item 8.9 - LGIS Board Remuneration.



7 EMERGING ISSUES

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

7.1 POLYPHAGOUS SHOT-HOLE BORER (PSHB) BIOSECURITY RESPONSE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Referred by Mayor Patrick Hall, South East Metropolitan Zone

Presentation from Mia Carbon, Deputy Director General, Sustainability and Biosecurity, Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas left the meeting (during the presentation) and did not return.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Antonio
Seconded: President Chris Mitchell

That the Emerging Issue relating to the Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer (PSHB) be considered.

RESOLUTION 002.1/2024

CARRIED

Mayor Hall has requested that the response to the incursion of the Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) is of such importance, that it should be dealt with by State Council as an 'emerging issue' on the agenda of the upcoming State Council Meeting of 6 March 2024.

Report prepared by Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Adam Hort

That State Council note:

- 1. The significant threat PSHB represents to growth and retention of urban forests.**
- 2. WALGA and Local Government's engagement in the PSHB biosecurity response.**
- 3. The importance of shared surveillance by government, industry and community to assist with eradication efforts.**
- 4. The need for funding for trees lost due to PSHB and ameliorate the long term urban canopy impact.**

RESOLUTION 003.1/2024

CARRIED



8 MATTERS FOR DECISION

8.1 SEPARATION (CENTRE) AND EDGE LINE MARKINGS BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON LOW VOLUME RURAL ROADS

By Max Bushell, Senior Policy Advisor Road Safety and Infrastructure

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Mitchell

Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That WALGA endorse the below Advocacy Position:

1. **Main Roads Western Australia allow Local Governments to install edge line and separation (centre) line markings on roads that meet all relevant criteria, but do not meet the criterion on traffic volume.**
2. **Main Roads Western Australia to consider reducing the traffic volume threshold in the Main Roads warrant for installing separation (centre) lines to recognise the proven safety benefits.**
3. **For this exemption, Local Governments must adhere to the following conditions:**
 - a) **The Local Government contact Main Roads via the Regional Network Manager with their intent to undertake line marking on specific roads that do not meet the traffic volume criterion, but meet all the other criteria.**
 - b) **The Local Government obtain a Council resolution, committing to fund all installation and maintenance costs.**
 - c) **Local Government undertake spotting/surveying.**
 - d) **Main Roads to undertake an inspection following the survey/spotting work, confirm the start and finish points for the longitudinal line markings, and record the sections of road with line markings to be maintained by Local Government in the relevant database.**
 - e) **Main Roads approve the final layout prior to line marking occurring.**
 - f) **Local Government undertake the works.**
 - g) **Local Government maintain the works in accordance with Main Roads WA standards.**
 - h) **Local Government remove the lines if maintenance works are not performed to the standard.**

RESOLUTION 004.1/2024

CARRIED



8.2 RECOVERED MATERIALS FRAMEWORK ADVOCACY POSITION

By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Environment

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Chris Antonio

That WALGA:

1. **Rescind the existing *WALGA Standards for Recycled Organics Applied to Land Policy Statement 2007* and Advocacy Position 7.9:**

Local Government:

1. **Acknowledges the benefits of applying recycled organics to land, especially as a means of diverting organic material from landfill; and,**
2. **Supports the development of standards for applying recycled organics to land, to ensure a fit for purpose product is developed.**

2. **Endorse a new *Recovered Materials Framework* Advocacy Position as follows:**

The use of recovered materials, across a range of applications, is essential in reducing the use of basic raw materials, meeting State Waste Strategy Targets and increasing diversion of waste from landfill. To ensure end users have high confidence in the quality and safety of products derived from recovered materials, consistent, outcomes-based standards and investment certainty are required.

The State Government, in consultation with Local Government and the waste management industry, should take a leadership role in facilitating the use of recovered material by:

1. **Developing a regulatory framework which:**
 - a. **Outlines clear, outcomes-based specifications for individual products which take into consideration the receiving environment and allow for site-specific assessment.**
 - b. **Minimises risk to human health and the environment from the use of recovered material.**
 - c. **Establishes robust systems to provide quality assurance and ongoing surveillance throughout the supply chain.**
2. **Providing guidance and support mechanisms for the successful implementation of the framework.**
3. **Supporting the development of, and access to, sustainable end markets and long-term offtake agreements through initiatives such as active engagement with potential end users and the inclusion of recovered material content targets in Government procurement and large infrastructure projects.**

RESOLUTION 005.1/2024

CARRIED



8.3 REVIEW OF CEMETERIES ACT 1986 AND CREMATION ACT 1929 DISCUSSION PAPER

By James McGovern, Manager Governance and Procurement

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Mitchell

Seconded: Cr Wendy McWhirter-Brooks

That WALGA:

1. Supports the intent of the Review of Cemeteries Act 1986 and Cremation Act 1929 Discussion Paper to reduce red tape, modernise legislation and standardise administrative practices;
2. Supports the intent of providing accessibility for alternative types of burials and disposal of human remains; and
3. Advocates that Local Government cemetery managers retain the capacity to impose cemetery fees and charges under Part 6 of the Local Government Act.

RESOLUTION 006.1/2024

CARRIED



MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS UNDER SEPARATE COVER

8.4 SELECTION COMMITTEE GUIDELINES REVIEW

By Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That State Council endorse the Selection Committee Guidelines – *Selection Process for Appointments to State Government, Federal Government, WALGA and other Boards and Committees* as amended.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Patrick Hall
Seconded: Cr Adam Hort

Add the words “subject to the removal of the last dot point in Part D(i) i.e. whether the nominee has been sanctioned by the Local Government Standards Panel.”

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

RESOLUTION 007.1/2024

CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT

That State Council endorse the Selection Committee Guidelines – *Selection Process for Appointments to State Government, Federal Government, WALGA and other Boards and Committees*, subject to the removal of the last dot point in Part D(i) i.e. whether the nominee has been sanctioned by the Local Government Standards Panel.

RESOLUTION 008.1/2024

CARRIED



8.5 SELECTION COMMITTEE MINUTES – 19 DECEMBER 2023 AND 20 FEBRUARY 2024 CONFIDENTIAL

By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Cr Les Price

That:

1. the resolutions contained in the 19 December 2023 Special Selection Committee Meeting Minutes be noted; and
2. the recommendations contained in the 20 February 2024 Selection Committee Meeting Minutes be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 009.1/2024

CARRIED

8.6 FINANCE AND SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES – 21 FEBRUARY 2024 CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Antonio
Seconded: President Chris Mitchell

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 21 February 2024 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 010.1/2024

CARRIED



8.7 LOCAL GOVERNMENT HOUSE TRUST BOARD OF MANAGEMENT MINUTES –21 FEBRUARY 2024 CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Rhys Williams
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That State Council note the Minutes of the Local Government House Trust board of management meeting held on 21 February 2024.

RESOLUTION 011.1/2024

CARRIED

8.8 HONOURS PANEL MINUTES – 1 FEBRUARY 2024 CONFIDENTIAL

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: President Cr Kirrilee Warr

That State Council note the Minutes of the Honours Panel meeting held on 1 February 2024.

RESOLUTION 012.1/2024

CARRIED



8.9 LGIS BOARD REMUNERATION - CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, Manager Commercial Contract Services, Member Services

Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in the item and left the meeting at 6.04pm.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland
Seconded: President Chris Antonio

That State Council approve the remuneration for LGIS Board Members be increased by 6% for the 2024-25 financial year as per the LGIS Corporate Governance Charter guidance.

RESOLUTION 013.1/2024

CARRIED

Cr Paul Kelly returned to the meeting at 6.06pm.

8.10 LGIS BOARD MINUTES – 7 DECEMBER 2023 AND 2 FEBRUARY 2024 CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, Manager Commercial Contract Services, Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Mitchell
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That State Council note the minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board meeting held on 7 December 2023 and 2 February 2024.

RESOLUTION 014.1/2024

CARRIED



8.11 USE OF THE ASSOCIATION'S COMMON SEAL

By Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Antonio
Seconded: Cr Karen Wheatland

That State Council:

- 1. Approve the use of the Common Seal for the \$65.9M LGIS Bank Guarantee for 2024.**
- 2. Note the use of the Association's common seal for the following purposes:**
 - a. Funding Agreement between Department of Water and Energy and WA Local Government Association, and**
 - b. Fifth Deed of Amendment to Facility Agreement.**

RESOLUTION 015.1/2024

CARRIED



9 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Adam Hort

That State Council:

1. Note the election of President Cr Les Price to the position of Chair of the Environment Policy Team, and
2. Note the Environment Policy Team Report for the 16 February 2024 meeting.

RESOLUTION 016.1/2024

CARRIED

9.2 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Mayor Patrick Hall

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Patrick Hall
Seconded: President Paige McNeil

That State Council:

1. Note the election of Mayor Patrick Hall as the Chair of the Governance Policy Team.
2. Note the matters considered by the Governance Policy Team at its meeting held on 6 February 2024.
3. Determine to:
 - a. retain the following Advocacy Positions unchanged:
 - i. 2.1.8 Differential Rates
 - ii. 2.1.16 Recovery of Mining Tenement Rates
 - b. retire the following WALGA Advocacy Position:
 - i. 2.5.1 Public Notices
 - ii. 2.5.21 Recordings and Live Streaming of Council Meetings

RESOLUTION 017.1/2024

CARRIED



9.3 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:

- 1. Note the election of Cr Stephen Strange to the position of Chair of the Infrastructure Policy Team.**
- 2. Note the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team meeting held on 20 December 2023.**

RESOLUTION 018.1/2024

CARRIED

9.4 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Phil Blight

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: President Eddie Smith

That State Council:

- 1. Note the election of President Cr Phillip Blight to the position of Chair of the People and Place Policy Team.**
- 2. Note the People and Place Policy Team Report for the 7 February 2024 meeting.**

RESOLUTION 019.1/2024

CARRIED



9.5 MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC) REPORT

Presented by Deputy Chair, Cr Karen Wheatland

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Karen Wheatland

Seconded: President Chris Mitchell

That State Council note the resolutions of the 13 December 2023 Municipal Waste Advisory Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION 020.1/2024

CARRIED



10 MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

10.1 2024-25 FEDERAL BUDGET SUBMISSION

By Dana Mason, External Affairs Manager

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: President Paige McNeil

That State Council note WALGA's 2024-25 Federal Budget Submission.

RESOLUTION 021.1/2024

CARRIED

10.2 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SECTOR ADAPTATION PLAN (EM-SAP) LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION PROJECT

By Simone Ruane, Project Lead, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: President Paige McNeil

That State Council note the update on the Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan Local Government Consultation project.

RESOLUTION 021.1/2024

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 Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Barry Winmar

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio for March 2024.

RESOLUTION 022.1/2024

CARRIED

11.1.2 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, INFRASTRUCTURE PORTFOLIO

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Barry Winmar

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

RESOLUTION 022.1/2024

CARRIED

11.1.3 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, MEMBER SERVICES PORTFOLIO

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Barry Winmar

That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio for March 2024.

RESOLUTION 022.1/2024

CARRIED



11.1.4 REPORT ON KEY ACTIVITIES, POLICY PORTFOLIO

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Barry Winmar

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

RESOLUTION 022.1/2024

CARRIED

11.2 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Barry Winmar

That the President's Report for March 2024 be received.

RESOLUTION 022.1/2024

CARRIED

11.3 CEO'S REPORT

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Barry Winmar

That the CEO's Report for March 2024 be received.

RESOLUTION 022.1/2024

CARRIED



11.4 EX OFFICIO REPORTS

11.4.1 CITY OF PERTH REPORT

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas was required to leave the meeting early and apologised for not being present to provide the City of Perth report.

11.4.2 LG PROFESSIONALS WA REPORT

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



12 ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Chris Antonio
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

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

RESOLUTION 023.1/2024

CARRIED

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

Wheatbelt Conference (Advocacy Portfolio)

That the WA Local Government Association State Conference Planning Committee be requested to include a major session on land use planning, incorporating a focus on non-metropolitan land, in this year's Local Government Conference.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

Metropolitan Zones Briefing – CSIRO Urban Monitor (Policy Portfolio)

That the WALGA East Metropolitan Zone requests a briefing to all Metropolitan WALGA Zones at the earliest opportunity on the CSIRO Urban Monitor, given the delay in the 2022 flyover that was required to be undertaken on a biennial basis to provide updated data outlining the status of Metropolitan tree canopy and vegetation in our urban environment.

Local Government Honours Program (Member Services Portfolio)

That the East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA State Council review the Eminent Service Award criteria, to remove the limitation on nominations where a Council Member has had a minor breach (Standards Panel) finding and the Member has provided long service in the Council Member role.

Public Health Planning for Climate Change (Heat) Risks (Policy Portfolio)

That:

1. The East Metropolitan Zone notes the legislated requirement under Part 5 of the WA Public Health Act 2016 for each local authority to produce a Public Health Plan (PHP) within two years of the implementation of Part 5; and
2. The East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to develop draft model actions to guide Public Health Plans to address increasing risks to community public health generated by escalating heat wave conditions and Urban Heat Island effects coupled with accelerated loss of tree canopy; and
3. WALGA, as a matter of urgency, advocates to the state government to establish additional funding to enable local governments to implement intensive, widespread measures to mitigate the major public health implications of increasing temperatures, frequent heatwaves coupled with accelerated depletion of tree canopy, particularly in urban areas.



GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE

Local Management of Volunteer Bushfire Brigades under the Emergency Management Agreements and Personal liability under the WHS (Policy Portfolio)

That the GVROC:

1. Note the item as presented.
2. Support the GVROC Chair and the GVROC State Councilor to advocate back to WALGA, DFES and the Minister for Emergency Services that as per previously requested through the initial review of Emergency Management Agreements and the new legislation enacted last year, that the responsibilities of LGAs and personal liability issue for CEOs be reduced or removed to take into account the issues when third party people and appliances outside of their control are involved.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

New Vehicle Efficiency Standard (Infrastructure Portfolio)

1. That a report be presented to the North Metropolitan Zone investigating the impact on all member Local Governments of a light vehicle emissions standard tax as outlined in Federal Government release: *Cleaner, Cheaper to Run Cars: An Australian New Vehicle Efficiency Standard Consultation Impact Analysis* (February 2024) and flow on impact to Local Government fleet purchasing and vehicle mix; and
2. That the report focus on actual proposed emissions improvements and targets and the dollar impact on member Local Government annual budgets.

PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE

Remote Area Residential Fuel – Fringe Benefits Tax Exemption Request (Policy Portfolio)

That the Pilbara Country Zone request WALGA advocate to the Federal Government to provide a 100% Fringe Benefits tax exemption to remote area residential fuel when provided in conjunction with an accommodation-related Fringe Benefit in a remote area.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

Tree Canopy Mapping Status Briefing Request (Policy Portfolio)

That the WALGA South East Metropolitan Zone requests a briefing to all metropolitan WALGA Zones at the earliest opportunity on the CSIRO Urban Monitor, given the delay in the 2022 flyover that was required to be undertaken on a biennial basis to provide updated data outlining the status of Metropolitan tree canopy and vegetation in our urban environment.

Local Government Public Health Plans Covering Risks of Heatwaves Exacerbated by Loss of Tree Canopy (Policy Portfolio)

That:

1. The WALGA South East Metropolitan Zone notes the legislated requirement under Part 5 of the *WA Public Health Act 2016* for each local authority to produce a Public Health Plan (PHP) within two years of the implementation of Part 5; and
2. The South East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to develop draft Model Actions to guide local government Health Plans to address increasing risks to community public health generated by escalating heat wave conditions and Urban Heat Island effects coupled with accelerated loss of tree canopy; and
3. WALGA, as a matter of urgency, advocates to the state government to establish additional funding to enable local governments to implement intensive, widespread measures to mitigate the major public health implications of increasing temperatures, frequent heatwaves coupled with accelerated depletion of tree canopy, particularly in urban areas.



13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A special meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held on 11 April 2024, in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 17 Railway Parade, West Leederville, commencing at 4.00pm.

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be a Metropolitan Regional meeting, hosted by the City of Wanneroo on Wednesday, 1 May 2024.

14 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 6.32pm.