

South Metropolitan Zone Minutes

26 August 2024

**Hosted by the Town of East Fremantle
135 Canning Highway, East Fremantle**

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PRIORITISATION FRAMEWORK

How to use the Framework:

- If the majority of the factors are towards the left column, the issue is a high priority.
- If the majority of the factors are towards the middle, the issue requires action, but is not a high priority.
- If the majority of the factors are towards the right column, the issue is a low priority.

Impact on Local Government Sector Impact on Local Government sector without intervention	High	Medium	Low
Reach Number of member Local Governments affected	Sector-wide	Significant (multiple regions, Zones, or bands)	Few
Influence Capacity to influence decision makers	High	Medium	Low
Principles Alignment to core principles such as autonomy, funding, general competence	Strong	Partial	Peripheral
Clarity Policy change needed is clear and well-defined	Clear	Partial	Unclear
Decision-maker support Level of support among decision-makers (political and administrative)	High	Medium	Low
Public support Level of support among the public or other stakeholders	High	Medium	Low
Positive consequences for WALGA Prospect of positive consequences for WALGA. E.g. enhanced standing among members or leverage for other issues.	High	Medium	Low
Negative consequences for WALGA Prospect of negative consequences for WALGA for not undertaking the advocacy effort. E.g. diminished standing among members or other stakeholders.	High	Medium	Low
Partnerships Potential for partnerships with other stakeholders	Yes (3+)	Possibly (1-2)	No (0)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates were requested to provide sufficient written notice, wherever possible, on amendments to recommendations within the State Council or Zone agenda to the Zone Chair and Secretariat prior to the Zone meeting.

Agenda Papers were emailed 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Confirmation of Attendance An attendance sheet was circulated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Minutes of previous meeting
2. August 2024 Update – Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries
3. Zone Status Report
4. President's Report
5. Standing Orders

1 OPENING, ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

1.1 OPENING

The Chair, Cr Karen Wheatland opened the meeting at 5:33pm.

1.2 ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS

3 Voting Delegates from each Member Council

City of Cockburn

Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Cr Tom Widenbar
Cr Tarun Dewan (Deputy)
Mr Daniel Arndt, A/Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate

Town of East Fremantle

Cr Cliff Collinson
Cr Tony Natale
Cr Kerry Donovan
Mr Jonathan Throssell, Chief Executive Officer – non-voting delegate

City of Fremantle

Cr Doug Thompson
Cr Geoff Graham

City of Kwinana

Cr Barry Winmar
Cr David Acker
Mr Wayne Jack, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Melville

Mayor Katy Mair
Cr Karen Wheatland - **Chair**
Cr Glynis Barber
Ms Gail Bowman, Chief Executive Officer non-voting delegate

City of Rockingham	Cr Dawn Jecks Cr Robert Schmidt Mr Michael Parker, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Mr James McGovern, Manager Governance and Procurement Ms Millie Redden, Administration Officer, Policy
Guests Department of Communities	Ms Carol Adams OAM Ms Tanyana Bailey, Manager Strategic Policy

1.3 APOLOGIES

City of Cockburn	Cr Chontelle Stone Mr Daniel Simms, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
WALGA Secretariat	Cr Paul Kelly, Deputy President
Department of Communities	Ms Gayle Mitchell, Manager Strategic Policy
City of Kwinana	Mayor Peter Feasey
City of Fremantle	Cr Ingrid van Dorssen Mr Glen Dougall, Chief Executive Officer - non-voting delegate
City of Rockingham	Cr Craig Buchanan JP

2 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

4 DEPUTATIONS

4.1 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES – OFFICE OF THE HOMELESSNESS

Ms Gayle Mitchell, Manager and Ms Tanyana Bailey, Strategic Project Manager from the Department of Communities, provided a presentation on an overview of the Office of Homelessness and the All Paths Lead to a Home strategy; priority work; and some data on homelessness.

Noted

5 AGENCY REPORTS

5.1 DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT, SPORT AND CULTURAL INDUSTRIES REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE REPORT

The August 2024 report from the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) was provided as an attachment within the Agenda.

Noted

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Cr Dawn Jecks

That the Minutes of the meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone held on 24 June 2024 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

CARRIED

7 BUSINESS ARISING

7.1 STATUS REPORT

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions was enclosed as an attachment within the Agenda.

Noted

8 ZONE BUSINESS

8.1 GUEST SPEAKER REQUEST

By Chantelle O'Brien, Zone Executive Officer

BACKGROUND

At the June Zone meeting, members of the South Metropolitan Zone had briefly discussed the opportunity to invite a representative from AUKUS to attend the next Zone meeting and provide a briefing.

To ensure that the appropriate representatives are invited to attend the Zone meeting, members discussed the topics which they would like to have addressed at a future deputation.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Tarun Dewan

That the South Metropolitan Zone requests that WALGA coordinate an overview report on aspects of the AUKUS agreement that will affect the South Metropolitan Zone.

CARRIED

8.2 WALGA HONOURS RECIPIENTS

By Cr Karen Wheatland, Zone Chair

BACKGROUND

WALGA hosted their annual Honours Awards night on Friday, 2 August and for the first time, an event held solely to acknowledge and appreciate the commitment from fellow Elected Members and Officer's to the Local Government sector and their communities.

There were 46 recipients of Honours awards. On this occasion, there are three recipients from the South Metropolitan Zone. Two current members, Mayor Logan Howlett and Cr Dough Thompson. Both receiving the Life Membership award out of the four that were awarded on the evening.

One of the Zone's previous but long-term delegate of over 15 years, Carol Adams received the Local Government Medal this year (one of two that were awarded).

Some highlights from the nomination submitted for Carol Adams are:

- Strategic and Inclusive Community Leadership
- Involvement in 31 Boards and Committees
- Honorary Freedom of the City by the Kwinana Council
- Awarded the Order of Australia Medal in 2019
- Exceptional foresight and leadership in her advocacy for the Westport project
- Carol's strategic vision, community engagement, and relentless pursuit of excellence in local governance
- Carol also launched the Looking Forward Project in 2007

- Carol has been at the forefront of regional advocacy, playing a crucial role in shaping policies and initiatives that benefit not only Kwinana but the entire South Metropolitan region.

Some highlights from the nomination submitted for Cr Doug Thompson are:

- Cr Doug Thompson was first elected in 1988 and is the City of Fremantle's longest serving councillor
- Commitment to waste management in Local Government
- Member of the Resource Recovery Group (previously the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC)) from 1994 until 2023
- Cr Thompson played a pivotal role in the Food Organic Garden Organic waste service implementation across Western Australia
- Cr Thompson accepting the WA Waste Award on behalf of the SMRC as chair
- Western Australian Local Government Association's State Council from April 2008 until December 2023
- A member of WALGA South Metropolitan Zone since November 2006

Some highlights from the nomination submitted for Mayor Logan Howlett are:

- Popularly elected as mayor, City of Cockburn since March 2009
- WALGA South Metropolitan Zone member and State Councillor since 2013
- The recipient of nine awards to date, with this one now making it ten
- Patron and Vice Patron of 12 local Community Clubs and Sporting Clubs
- A delegate or deputy delegate to over 50 Council committees, reference groups or external committees
- 40 current and former memberships on Boards, Committees and Associations

Members took the opportunity to congratulate fellow delegates of the South Metropolitan Zone.

Noted with Acclamation

9 STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – MATTERS FOR DECISION AND NOTING

Zone delegates to read and consider the September 2024 WALGA State Council Agenda, which has been provided as an attachment with this Agenda.

The Zone can provide comment or submit an alternative recommendation that will then be presented to the State Council for consideration.

9.1 STATE COUNCIL MATTERS FOR DECISION

8.1 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS ANALYSIS 2015-2023

By Emma Heys, Governance Specialist

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA advocate to the State Government:

1. *For an independent Local Government election audit, focusing on the Western Australia Electoral Commission's (WAEC) cost allocation methods and costing applications used, to confirm that marginal cost recovery principles are applied and that the costing program is being effectively managed.*
2. *For the requirement for the WAEC to develop and implement Service Level Agreements with Local Governments, similar to those agreements currently used in New South Wales and Victorian Local Government elections and that includes:*
 - a. *transparency of costing methodology,*
 - b. *direct engagement with Local Governments pre and post elections, and*
 - c. *the roles and responsibilities of the WAEC and Local Governments in the conduct of elections.*
3. *For the introduction of a provision for private service providers to enter the market for the conduct of Local Government elections.*
4. *For a mandated WAEC Report to Parliament specific to Local Government elections post each election cycle, outlining costs, results, voter turnout and matters for improvement both in the conduct of elections and the legislation, if relevant.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- This report presents the findings of a comprehensive review and analysis of five election cycles up to and including the 2023 Local Government election against the backdrop of legislative reforms to the Local Government electoral process in Western Australia.
- With a focus on postal elections conducted exclusively by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC), the analysis has found evidence of the rising cost of conducting Local Government elections in Western Australia.
- Elected Member feedback, costs vs service comparisons and engagement by the sector with WALGA's governance services over the 2023 Local Government election period, are the basis for the recommendations as outlined above.
- The Governance Policy Team considered this item at its meeting of 7 August and endorsed the position for consideration by State Council

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Katy Mair
Seconded: Cr Cliff Collinson

That the South Metropolitan supports State Council Agenda item 8.1 as noted above.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr David Acker
Seconded: Cr Barry Winmar

That new Point 5 be included in the Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023 Recommendation, to read:

WALGA investigate and advocate for change from the 2-year election cycle to a 4-year election cycle.

LOST

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED

8.2 ENERGY TRANSITION ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FRAMEWORK ADVOCACY POSITION

By Daniel Thomson, Manager Economics

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse a new Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework Advocacy Position as follows:

It is essential that the energy transition currently underway delivers economic opportunities, ensures reliable and affordable electricity, and the greatest possible benefits for the community.

WALGA calls on the State Government to develop a comprehensive framework to manage the impact of the energy transition that includes local engagement and the realisation of community benefits from energy transition projects as a priority.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Western Australia's energy industry is transforming to achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2050.
- In Western Australia there is no framework that provides a consistent approach to how proponents of major energy projects consult with local communities and how they can share in the benefits.
- WALGA will advocate for the State Government to develop a framework to guide consultation and benefit sharing with local communities during the energy transition.
- A joint meeting of the Environment Policy Team and Infrastructure Policy Team held on 10 July endorsed the position for consideration by State Council.
- This draft advocacy position should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying draft WALGA advocacy positions Renewable Energy Facilities (Item 8.3) and Priority Agriculture (Item 8.4).

8.3 RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES ADVOCACY POSITION

By Kieran McGovern, Policy Officer Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse a new Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position as follows:

The growth in the number, size, and complexity of renewable energy facilities across Western Australia is expected to continue as energy generation and other traditional industries de-carbonise their facilities and operations. The renewable energy state planning framework requires changes to ensure it is fit for purpose to guide the ongoing development of this sector.

WALGA calls on the State Government to:

1. *Adopt a new State Planning Policy for renewable energy facilities, to replace the existing Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities, that:*
 - a. *Facilitates the orderly development of renewable energy facilities across Western Australia;*
 - b. *Outlines the key planning and environmental considerations, for the location, siting, design and operation of renewable energy facilities and their associated infrastructure;*
 - c. *Provides a framework that clearly stipulates the minimum required documentation and technical reports that need to be submitted with proposals for renewable energy facilities;*
 - d. *Supports the development of Local Planning Policies by Local Governments to further guide locally appropriate planning consideration of renewable energy facilities;*
 - e. *Provides a clear relationship with:*
 - i. *State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning and Development Control Policy 3.4 - Subdivision of rural land, to ensure planning decisions adequately balance the need to protect and preserve rural land for rural purposes;*
 - ii. *State Planning Policy 2.4 - Planning for Basic Raw Materials to ensure proposals for renewable energy facilities consider their impact on basic raw material supply at the earliest stage of the planning process; and*
 - iii. *State Planning Policy 2.9 - Planning for Water to ensure water resources impacted by renewable energy facilities are identified and adequately managed.*
 - f. *Includes policy measures to address:*
 - i. *concerns relating to the location of these facilities and their associated infrastructure on agricultural land, their proximity to lot boundaries, town sites and sensitive land uses, and potential impact on airport operations and rural activities;*
 - ii. *planning for renewable energy facilities in industrial areas in relation to the coordination of these facilities, their appropriateness in the 'General Industry' zone and impacts and suitable location on heavy industry sites;*

- iii. *the need for local engagement and the realisation of community benefits from the development of renewable energy facilities.*
 2. *Review the definition of 'renewable energy facility' considering the increasing size and scope of facilities and consider creating definitions based on the scale of the facility (Utility-scale and other), and the form of facility (solar energy and wind energy).*
 3. *Provide guidance to Local Governments on the consideration of green hydrogen production facilities on rural land where it is an incidental use to a renewable energy facility.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting resolution and subsequent resolution by the Great Eastern Country Zone requested *WALGA establish and promote policies 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.*
- The Central Country Zone resolved to request WALGA to advocate to the State Government *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 associated infrastructure.*
- The existing State Government *Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities* does not adequately address these concerns, leading to inconsistent application and approvals of renewable energy facilities across the State.
- WALGA will advocate for the existing *Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities* to be amended and elevated to a State Planning Policy, including more nuanced provisions which provide greater guidance to Local Governments and applicants, and allow for renewable energy land uses to be classified as either small or large facilities.
- A joint meeting of the Environment Policy Team and Infrastructure Policy Team on 10 July endorsed the position for consideration by State Council.
- This draft advocacy position should be considered in conjunction with accompanying draft WALGA advocacy positions Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework (Item 8.2) and Priority Agriculture (Item 8.4).

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Katy Mair

Seconded: Cr Tarun Dewan

That the South Metropolitan Zone supports State Council Agenda item 8.3 as noted above.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Seconded: Cr Cliff Collinson

That point 1(f) be amended to read:

f. Includes policy measures to address concerns relating to the location of these facilities and their associated infrastructure in regard to:

- i. Possible negative impacts on or alienation of productive agricultural land;*
- ii. Their proximity to lot boundaries with particular attention to potential negative, impact on town sites and sensitive land uses;*

iii. Potential negative impacts on airport operations.

CARRIED

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED

8.4 PRIORITY AGRICULTURE ADVOCACY POSITION

By Kieran McGovern, Policy Officer Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse a new Priority Agriculture Advocacy Position as follows:

The state planning framework should provide sufficient statutory protections for areas identified as high quality agricultural land.

WALGA calls on the State Government to:

1. *Amend the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 to:
 - a. *Create a new model zone under Schedule 1, Part 3, Clause 16 for land identified as high quality agricultural land known as the 'Priority Agriculture' zone, with the following objectives:
 - i. *to retain priority agricultural land for agricultural purposes; and*
 - ii. *limit the introduction of sensitive land uses which may compromise existing, future and potential agricultural production.**
 - b. *Define 'Priority Agriculture' zone under Schedule 2, Part 1, Clause 1 to align with the definition provided in State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning.**
2. *Review the areas which have been identified by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development as high quality agricultural land and expand the extent of mapping to address the whole of Western Australia.*
3. *Undertake a 'health check' of State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning and Development Control Policy 3.4 - Subdivision of rural land, in consultation with relevant stakeholders.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- A 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting resolution and subsequent resolution by the Great Eastern Country Zone have requested *that WALGA establish and promote policies 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.*
- WALGA prepared a *Research Paper: Protection of Productive Agricultural Land* that provides policy context, previous WALGA advocacy and analysis of State and Local Government approaches to agricultural land use protections.
- This work identified that a lack of consistency between the sub-regional planning strategies across the different regions of WA has impeded the implementation of best

practice planning controls into local planning frameworks, and thus inconsistent application across the State.

- This advocacy position recommends statutory protections of areas that have been identified as high quality agricultural land, through amending the *Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015* to include a model zone for 'Priority Agriculture'. This will provide the ability for Local Governments to adopt the model zone into their local planning schemes.
- A joint meeting of the Environment Policy Team and Infrastructure Policy Team endorsed the position for consideration by State Council on 10 July 2024.
- This draft advocacy position should be considered in conjunction with accompanying draft WALGA advocacy positions Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework (Item 8.2) and Renewable Energy Facilities (Item 8.3).

8.5 PLANNING PRINCIPLES AND REFORM ADVOCACY POSITION

By Coralie Claudio, Senior Policy Advisor Planning

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Retire Advocacy Position 6.2 Planning Reform; and
2. Replace Advocacy Position 6.1 Planning Principles with the following:

6.1 Planning Principles and Reform

1. *The Local Government sector supports an efficient and effective planning system guided by legislation, policy, and processes that:*
 - a. *facilitates the creation of sustainable and liveable communities and places;*
 - b. *has a focus on strategic planning that delivers on long-term objectives and outcomes that balance social, environmental, cultural, and economic interests;*
 - c. *is easy to understand, accessible and transparent;*
 - d. *recognises the diversity of Western Australia and ensures that local environment, context, communities and character are appropriately reflected in planning frameworks and decision making;*
 - e. *ensures decisions are made by the level of government closest to and most impacted by a planning proposal; and*
 - f. *establishes consistent planning frameworks and streamlines planning processes where there is a demonstrated benefit in doing so.*
2. *Reforms to the planning system should:*
 - a. *be guided by the above principles;*
 - b. *deliver community benefit;*
 - c. *promote system efficiency, including through the use of technology;*
 - d. *be evidence-based and informed by robust, transparent data;*
 - e. *proceed at an appropriate pace to enable effective implementation;*
 - f. *be informed by engagement with the community; and*
 - g. *be amended only with WALGA involvement and/or consultation/involvement with Local Government.*

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- It is proposed that the Advocacy Positions 6.1 Planning Principles and 6.2 Planning Reform be replaced with a new contemporary combined position that reflects the current planning system and planning reform agenda.
- The updated position identifies key elements that would create an effective and efficient planning system and how planning reform can be developed, prioritised, and implemented to achieve this.
- The updated position has been informed by feedback from Local Government officers, including WALGA's Planning Advisory Group and previous WALGA submissions on State Government planning reform initiatives.
- The Environment Policy Team endorsed the advocacy position at their meeting on 29 July.

8.6 PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP POLICY STATEMENT AND ADVOCACY POSITION

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Rescind the existing Extended Producer Responsibility Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.5 Extended Producer Responsibility.
2. Endorse a new Product Stewardship Advocacy Position as follows:
 1. *Industry should take responsibility (physical and/or financial) for the waste that it generates through the entire life cycle of the products it produces through the implementation of effective product stewardship. Without effective Product Stewardship, there will be increasing costs for the community, resource recovery targets will be difficult to reach and a transition to a circular economy is unlikely.*
 2. *Effective Product Stewardship is characterised by:*
 - a. *Producers and importers taking responsibility for post consumption product impacts.*
 - b. *Schemes covering the entire cost of product recycling or recovery, including transport.*
 - c. *Leveraging existing Schemes and collection locations.*
 - d. *Being easy and convenient for the community to access.*
 - e. *Having equitable national coverage and access for all, including regional and remote locations.*
 - f. *Being evidence based.*
 - g. *Consistent regulation and implementation across Australia using national Product Stewardship legislation.*
 - h. *Timely action and industry cooperation during Scheme development and implementation.*
 - i. *Being demand based and aiming to recover the maximum amount of material, rather than being limited by targets.*

j. No additional cost to consumers when the product is disposed of post consumption.

3. Local Government calls on the Commonwealth Government to implement effective Product Stewardship schemes for all products that drive environmentally and socially sustainable outcomes through the design, manufacture and distribution of products that can be more easily reused, repaired, recovered or recycled.

4. If national action is not progressed within a reasonable timeframe, or in a way that meets the needs of the Western Australian community, then Local Government supports a State based approach to Product Stewardship.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Extended Producer Responsibility \(EPR\) Policy Statement](#) was first endorsed in 2004 and reviewed and amended in 2008.
- The Statement outlines the rationale for Local Government support for EPR, as a way of ensuring producers take responsibility for their products at the end of life, and some of the key elements of successful Schemes.
- WALGA's [Local Government Principles for Product Stewardship](#) was endorsed in 2022. The Principles provided more detail on key design elements for Schemes and have been used to inform advocacy.
- Following discussion at the April Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) and Officers Advisory Group meetings it was agreed to review the EPR Policy Statement and incorporate the Local Government Principles into a new Product Stewardship Policy Statement and Advocacy Position.
- The Product Stewardship Policy Statement and Advocacy Position has been updated to:
 - Include a greater focus on the potential for Product Stewardship to influence the design of products, as well as their post consumption disposal.
 - Identifying the increasing cost burden on Local Government and the community of increasing complex products.
 - Focus on ensuring all products have a clear and funded end of life pathway.
- The MWAC endorsed the new Policy Statement and Advocacy Position in June.

8.7 SUBMISSION ON THE DRAFT STATE WASTE STRATEGY

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the Draft State Waste Strategy Submission.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The [Draft State Waste Strategy](#) (Draft Strategy) and [State Waste Infrastructure Plan](#) were released on 29 May. This follows the release of the [Strategy Directions Paper](#) in May 2023. WALGA provided a comprehensive [Submission](#) on the Directions Paper.
- Given the significant impact of the Strategy on Local Government, WALGA was granted an extension to the deadline to allow the draft submission to be considered by WALGA Zones and State Council.
- The focus of the Draft Strategy is:
 - Better outcomes for regional and Aboriginal communities
 - Increasing our focus on waste avoidance
 - Better management of priority materials
 - Realising the economic potential of recycling
 - Contingency planning and climate resilience.
- New Targets are also proposed for each of the Avoid, Recover and Protect areas.
- WALGA's draft submission on the Draft Strategy was informed by Local Government written feedback and feedback received at a webinar held on 19 July.
- This Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) endorsed the draft submission on 31 July 2024.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geoff Graham
 Seconded: Cr Dawn Jecks

That the South Metropolitan Zone supports WALGA recommendations 8.2, 8.4, 8.5, 8.6 and 8.7 in the Matters for Decision as contained in the September 2024 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

9.2 POLICY TEAM AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

9.1 ENVIRONMENT POLICY TEAM REPORT

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the report from the Environment Policy Team to the 4 September 2024 meeting.

9.2 GOVERNANCE POLICY TEAM REPORT

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the report from the Governance Policy Team meeting for the 4 September 2024 meeting.

9.3 INFRASTRUCTURE POLICY TEAM REPORT

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Note the report from the Infrastructure Policy Team to the 4 September 2024 meeting.
2. Determine to retire the following Advocacy Positions:
 - a. 5.2.4 Seat Belt Legislation
 - b. 5.8 Ports
 - c. 5.12 Infrastructure WA

9.4 PEOPLE AND PLACE POLICY TEAM REPORT

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Note the report from the People and Place Policy Team to the 4 September 2024 meeting.
2. Determine to:
 - a. retain the following Advocacy Positions with amendment:
 - i. 3.2.1 Local Public Health Plans
 - b. rescind the following Advocacy Position:
 - i. 3.5 Crime Prevention

9.5 MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC) REPORT

By Rebecca Brown, Policy Manager, Environment and Waste

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the report from the Municipal Waste Advisory Council to the 4 September 2024 meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Cr Robert Schmidt

That the South Metropolitan Zone:

1. notes all Policy Team and Committee Reports as contained in the September 2024 State Council Agenda; and

2. supports the WALGA recommendations in the Infrastructure and People and Place Policy Team Reports as contained in the September 2024 State Council Agenda and as listed above.

CARRIED

9.3 MATTERS FOR NOTING/INFORMATION

- 10.1 Local Government Legislative Reform
10.2 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2022/23

9.4 KEY ACTIVITY REPORTS

- 11.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio
11.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio
11.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio
11.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Geoff Graham
Seconded: Cr Kerry Donovan

That the South Metropolitan Zone notes all Matters for Noting/Information and Key Activity Reports as contained in the September 2024 State Council Agenda.

CARRIED

10 EXECUTIVE REPORTS

10.1 WALGA PRESIDENT'S REPORT

James McGovern, WALGA Representative presented the President's Report. The report was attached within the Agenda.

Noted

10.2 STATE COUNCILLOR'S REPORT TO THE ZONE

State Councillor, Cr Karen Wheatland presented on the previous State Council meeting.

Noted

11 OTHER BUSINESS

RESOLUTION

Move: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Katy Mair

That the South Metropolitan Zone:

1. Acknowledges and congratulates the WALGA team for their tireless advocacy to raise awareness and action on the Polyphagous shot-hole borer epidemic. A clear outcome of this advocacy was the State Government announcement on the 25th of August for a \$7.2 million tree recovery package. Prior to that the Federal Government committed \$19.995 million.
2. Supports WALGA in continued advocacy to be a strong and committed voice to help contain and eradicate the borer and also retain our trees.

CARRIED

12 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the South Metropolitan Zone will be held on Monday, 25 November 2024 at the City of Fremantle commencing at 5:30pm.

13 CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 7:29pm.