



**THE  
KIMBERLEY  
ZONE**

Meeting Minutes

15 November 2024

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## 1. Kimberley Country Zone Meeting Open: 1:06pm

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 Peter McCumstie	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Chris Mitchell	President, Shire of Broome	Zoom
<b>Observers</b>		
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	Zoom
Geoff Haerewa	Zone Deputy & Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Tamara Clarkson	Acting CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Susan Leonard	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Cr Brett Angwin	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
<b>Executive Support Team</b>		
Paul Rosair	Principal NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal Redit Research	Zoom
Rebecca Billing	Administrative Assistant, NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
<b>Apologies</b>		
Gordon Thomson	President, Shire of Christmas Island	
David Price	CEO, Shire of Christmas Island	
Aindil Minkom	President, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Frank Mills	CEO, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Tony Lacy	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Cr Azah Badlu	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal Mira Consulting	
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	
<b>Guests</b>		
Cr Paul Kelly	Deputy President, WALGA	Zoom
Nick Sloan	CEO, WALGA	Zoom
Cr Karen Chappel	President WALGA	Zoom
Rebecca Hicks	Policy Officer Community, WALGA	Zoom
Tom Chapman	Regional Manager, DLGSCI	Zoom
Chuck Berger	CEO Kimberley Development Commission	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 WALGA State Council Agenda and Report on State Council Actions (Separately Attached)

## 1.1 Presidents Report – Attachment 1

Attachment to come

## 1.2 Reports from Representatives

WALGA –

- Cr Paul Kelly, Deputy President
- Nick Sloan, CEO
- Rebecca Hicks, Policy Officer Community

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – Tom Chapman, Regional Manager Kimberley. (attachment to come)

Kimberley Development Commission - Chuck Berger, CEO

### 5.2.1 Reports from Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Report

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### 5.3 Reports from Kimberley Country Zone

The following table provides a summary of Matters for Decision that will be considered at the WALGA State Meeting on 6 December 2024, and provides an update on Matters for Noting. For full details of items, including background material and discussions, please see separately attached WALGA State Council Agenda (Attachment 2).

#### 5.3.1 Item/Matters for Decision

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<p><b>8.1 2024 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</b></p>	<p><b>That:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the item 7.1 Amendments to <i>Cat Act 2011</i> - Allow Local Governments to Make Local Laws to Contain Cats to the Owner’s Property be endorsed.</li> <li>2. the following resolutions from the 2024 WALGA Annual General be referred to the Environment Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2 Advocacy for Legislative Reforms to Counter Land-Banking</li> <li>7.4 Action on Asbestos for Western Australia</li> <li>7.6 Advocacy for Accessibility.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. the following resolutions from the 2024 WALGA Annual General be referred to the Governance Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.2 Advocacy for Legislative Reforms to Counter Land-Banking</li> <li>7.3 Advocacy for Expansion of Differential Rating to Include Long Term Unoccupied Commercial Buildings (Property Activation Levy).</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. the following resolution from the 2024 WALGA Annual General be referred to the People and Place Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:                         <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7.5 Addressing the Impracticality of Local Governments Funding Department of Communities and GROH Houses.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA’s 2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on 9 October.</li> <li>• The meeting resolved for WALGA to act in relation to six Member Motions:                         <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Amendments to the <i>Cat Act 2011</i> - Allow Local Governments to Make Local Laws to Contain Cats to the Owner’s Property</li> <li>○ Advocacy for Legislative Reforms to Counter Land-banking</li> <li>○ Advocacy for Expansion of Differential Rating to Include Long Term Unoccupied Commercial Buildings (Property Activation Levy)</li> <li>○ Action on Asbestos for Western Australia</li> <li>○ Addressing the Impracticality of Local Governments Funding Department of Communities and Government Regional Officer Housing</li> <li>○ Advocacy for Accessibility</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The action proposed to be taken in relation to each of the resolutions has been summarised for State Council’s information.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">WALGA 2024 Annual General Meeting Minutes</a></li> </ul>

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<p><b>8.2 Local Government Elections Advocacy Positions</b></p>	<p><b>That WALGA adopt the following Elections Advocacy Positions:</b></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Voluntary participation in Local Government elections.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Councillors serve four-year terms with elections every two years and half of the Council positions spilled at each election.</i></li> <li>3. <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></li> <li>4. <i>First-Past-The-Post (FPTP) voting system for internal Council elections.</i></li> <li>5. <i>Councils holding elections by means of in-person, postal and/or electronic voting.</i></li> <li>6. <i>Current legislative provision of Mayor/President of Class 1 and Class 2 Local Governments being directly elected by the community and Class 3 and Class 4 Local Government Councils electing the President.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• This report presents the findings of sector-wide consultation on WALGA's Elections Advocacy Positions.</li> <li>• Consultation addressed key areas elements of the current Advocacy Positions:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Voluntary participation,</li> <li>2. Terms on Council and election cycles,</li> <li>3. Voting systems for public elections,</li> <li>4. Voting systems for internal elections,</li> <li>5. Methods for holding elections,</li> <li>6. Ability to choose how Mayors/Presidents are elected.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>The recommendation is to review and adopt policy statements as WALGA's Elections Advocacy Position, supported by sector-wide consultation. Current advocacy states:</p> <p><b>2.5.15 Elections</b></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Four year terms with a two year spill</i></li> <li>2. <i>Greater participation in Local Government elections</i></li> <li>3. <i>The option to hold elections through:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Online voting</i></li> <li>• <i>Postal voting, and</i></li> <li>• <i>In-person voting</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>4. <i>Voting at Local Government elections to be voluntary</i></li> <li>5. <i>The first past the post method of counting votes</i></li> </ol>

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	<p><i>The Local Government sector opposes the introduction of preferential voting, however if 'first past the post' voting is not retained then optional preferential voting is preferred.</i></p> <p><b>2.5.16 Method of Election of Mayor or President</b></p> <p><i>Local Governments should determine whether their Mayor or President will be elected by the Council or elected by the community.</i></p>
<p><b>8.3 Aboriginal Communities Advocacy Positions</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Replace Advocacy Position 3.1.2 Reconciliation with the following:</b> <p><b>WALGA:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledges the continuing connection of Aboriginal people to Country, culture and community and embraces the vast Aboriginal cultural diversity throughout Western Australia.</li> <li>2. Supports the efforts of Local Governments to progress reconciliation at the local level.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Remove Advocacy Position 3.1.3 Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.</li> <li>3. Replace Advocacy Position 3.1.4 <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</i> and South West Native Title Settlement with the following: <p><b>3.1.4 Aboriginal Heritage Protection</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. WALGA supports the recognition, protection, conservation and preservation of Aboriginal cultural heritage and recognises the fundamental importance of Aboriginal cultural heritage to Aboriginal people and the State.</li> <li>2. The State Government must: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Ensure that legislative requirements balance the need to protect Aboriginal heritage with the need for Local Government to undertake activities in a timely and affordable manner.</li> <li>b) Provide adequate resourcing to ensure all parties have the capacity, capability and resources to discharge their statutory obligations.</li> <li>c) Provide support and guidance to Local Governments to ensure that they have the resources, capacity and capability to effectively and efficiently deliver essential services to community while protecting Aboriginal heritage.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Following a review of WALGA's Aboriginal Community advocacy positions it is proposed that Advocacy Positions 3.1.2 Reconciliation and 3.1.4 <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</i> and South West Native Title Settlement be updated</li> </ul>



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	<p>and that Advocacy Position 3.1.3 Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People be removed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The intent of the proposed revisions is to reflect contemporary approaches to key issues in Aboriginal Affairs policy and legislation as they relate to Local Government.</li> <li>The People and Place Policy Team considered and endorsed the proposed advocacy position changes at its meeting on 25 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The replacement of Advocacy Position 3.1.2 Reconciliation with an updated position.</li> <li>The removal of Advocacy Position 3.1.3 Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People.</li> <li>The replacement of 3.1.4 <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</i> and South West Native Title Settlement with a new Aboriginal Heritage Protection Advocacy Position.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.4 Family and Domestic Violence Advocacy Position</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council replace Advocacy Position 3.10.1 Family and Domestic Violence with the following:</b></p> <p><i>3.10.1 Family and Domestic Violence</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family and domestic violence is unacceptable and has devastating and long-term impacts on individuals, families and communities.</li> <li>Preventing family and domestic violence requires commitment from all levels of government, different sectors, and members of the community.</li> <li>WALGA calls on the State and Australian governments to provide adequate funding and support for family and domestic violence programs and services, in particular:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for collaborative and connected family and domestic violence programs and services that are place-based and people-centred; and</li> <li>Better integration of family and domestic violence initiatives, including capacity building across all tiers of government and community services.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>It is proposed that Advocacy Position 3.10.1 Family and Domestic Violence be updated.</li> <li>The revised position makes a clear statement on the Local Government sector's condemnation of family and domestic violence and the collective responsibility of governments and the community in prevention.</li> <li>The revised position provides a framework for WALGA advocacy to the Australian and State Government, without impinging on individual Local</li> </ul>

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	<p>Government's approach to this issue, which will be dependent on their capacity, capability, local context and strategic direction.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The People and Place Policy Team endorsed the revised Advocacy Position at its meeting on 25 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>It is proposed that the <b>existing</b> Advocacy Position <b>3.10.1 Family Domestic Violence:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WA Local Governments recognise the prevalence, seriousness and preventable nature of family and domestic violence and the roles that Local Governments can play in addressing gender equity and promoting respectful relationships in their local community.</li> <li>WALGA advocates to the State Government:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>to work with Local Government in defining the role and responsibilities and expectations of Local Governments in family and domestic violence.</li> <li>for adequate funding for family and domestic violence programs and services, particularly in regional areas.</li> <li>for appropriate resources and funding be allocated to Local Governments to implement any particular roles and actions addressing family and domestic violence as defined in the State Strategy.</li> <li>to provide support to Local Government in the broader rollout of the Prevention Toolkit for Local Government.</li> <li>To continue advocacy to the Commonwealth Government for additional funding and support.</li> </ol> </li> <li><i>WALGA organises presentations for Local Governments that address family and domestic violence, as part of relevant events or webinars.</i></li> </ol> <p>be <b>replaced</b> with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Family and domestic violence is unacceptable and has devastating and long-term impacts on individuals, families and communities.</li> <li>Preventing family and domestic violence requires commitment from all levels of government, different sectors, and members of the community.</li> <li>WALGA calls on the State and Australian governments to provide adequate funding and support for family and domestic violence programs and services, in particular:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Funding for collaborative and connected family and domestic violence programs and services that are place-based and people-centred; and</li> <li>Better integration of family and domestic violence initiatives, including capacity building across all tiers of government and community services.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>8.5 Container Deposit System Policy Statement and Advocacy Position</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council replace the existing Container Deposit Systems Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.6 Container Deposit Systems with the following:</b></p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>7.6 Container Deposit Systems</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Government supports the WA Containers for Change Scheme and acknowledges its contribution to reducing litter, increasing material recovery and providing employment opportunities across the state.</li> <li>2. To maximise the benefits of the WA Scheme, Local Government calls on the State Government to:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintain a resource recovery target of 85% for eligible containers and a focus on litter reduction.</li> <li>b. Expand the range of containers accepted in the Scheme, by:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. 2027: to include wine bottles, spirit bottles and larger sizes of currently eligible containers,</li> <li>II. 2030: to include plain milk and milk alternative containers and composite container types, and</li> <li>III. 2035: other container types.</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Ensure national alignment of the materials covered by the Scheme and consistent messaging.</li> <li>d. Maintain a State-based and managed Scheme.</li> <li>e. Review the deposit amount to appropriately incentivise community engagement.</li> <li>f. Increase the number of refund and donation points to ensure community access, including in public places and at events.</li> <li>g. Ensure refund points are financially sustainable.</li> <li>h. Leverage the refund point collection network to provide drop off points for other materials covered by effective product stewardship schemes.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA's 2008 Container Deposit Systems (CDS) Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.6 Container Deposit Systems, formed the basis of WALGA's advocacy for the introduction and design of a WA CDS, Containers for Change, which commenced on 1 October 2020.</li> <li>• The current Advocacy Position and many elements of the Policy Statement have been achieved. However, there are aspects of the Scheme that Local Government has identified as important to improve.</li> <li>• The focus of the updated Advocacy Position is:       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ building on the environmental, social and economic benefits of the current Scheme;</li> <li>○ expanding the range of containers covered by the Scheme;</li> <li>○ increasing community access and incentives to use the Scheme; and</li> <li>○ leveraging the refund point network to collect other materials covered by effective product stewardship schemes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) endorsed the new Policy Statement and Advocacy Position at its meeting on 23 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>It is proposed that the <b>existing</b> <a href="#">Policy Statement</a> and <a href="#">Advocacy Position</a>:</p>

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	<p><b>7.6 Container Deposit Systems</b> <i>Local Government supports the immediate introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Western Australia.</i></p> <p>be <b>replaced</b> with:</p> <p><b>7.6 Container Deposit Systems</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Local Government supports the WA Containers for Change Scheme and acknowledges its contribution to reducing litter, increasing material recovery and providing employment opportunities across the state.</li> <li>2. To maximise the benefits of the WA Scheme, Local Government calls on the State Government to:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Maintain a resource recovery target of 85% for eligible containers and a focus on litter reduction.</li> <li>b. Expand the range of containers accepted in the Scheme, by:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 2027: to include wine bottles, spirit bottles and larger sizes of currently eligible containers.</li> <li>ii. 2030: to include plain milk and milk alternative containers and composite container types.</li> <li>iii. 2035: other container types.</li> </ol> </li> <li>c. Ensure national alignment of the materials covered by the Scheme and consistent messaging.</li> <li>d. Maintain a State-based and managed Scheme.</li> <li>e. Review the deposit amount to appropriately incentivise community engagement.</li> <li>f. Increase the number of refund and donation points to ensure community access, including in public places and at events.</li> <li>g. Ensure refund points are financially sustainable.</li> <li>h. Leverage the refund point collection network to provide drop off points for other materials covered by effective product stewardship schemes.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
<p><b>8.6 Bus Stop Infrastructure Agreement</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council endorse the proposed Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement between WALGA and the Public Transport Authority 2024/25 to 2028/29.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA has negotiated a new Bus Stop Infrastructure Partnership Agreement (Agreement) with the Public Transport Authority (PTA). If agreed this will be the third such Agreement, with validity through to 2028/29.</li> <li>• The Agreement seeks to provide the foundation for an effective working relationship between the PTA and Local Governments.</li> <li>• The purpose of the Agreement is to clarify the roles, responsibilities and discretion of PTA and Local Governments in the provision and maintenance of</li> </ul>

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	<p>bus stop infrastructure in areas with regular public transport SmartRider ticketed services, including regional cities and towns.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Agreement defines the roles and responsibilities of the PTA and Local Governments in various scenarios including when bus routes are changed, bus stops are added or removed, and bus stop infrastructure is upgraded.</li> <li>• The Agreement provides a funding contribution to Local Governments for the maintenance and installation of bus shelters.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership Agreement between WALGA and the Public Transport Authority: Defining the Roles and Responsibilities for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Bus Stop Infrastructure- 2024/25 to 2028/29</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p><a href="#">Advocacy Position</a> 5.9 Bus Stop Infrastructure:</p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports the Partnership Agreement between the Public Transport Authority (PTA) and Local Governments that clarifies the roles and responsibilities for the installation and maintenance of bus stop infrastructure in the Perth and Peel region.</i></p>
<p><b>8.7 2025 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council endorse the submission to the 2025 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) conduct an inquiry into Local Government Chief Executive Officer and Elected Member remuneration annually.</li> <li>• In preparation for the inquiry to be undertaken early next year, WALGA has prepared a draft submission to SAT that makes recommendations in relation to Elected Member fees and allowances, Chief Executive Officer remuneration, the Regional/Isolation Allowance and independent audit, risk and improvement committee member fees.</li> <li>• The submission recommends:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ an increase to Elected Member Fees and Allowances (including maximum reimbursable expenses) of 4%;</li> <li>○ an increase to Chief Executive Officer remuneration bands of 4%;</li> <li>○ an increase to the Regional/Isolation Allowance payable for Local Governments that are particularly isolated, long distances from population centres, and lacking in amenities;</li> <li>○ the publication of clear guidance to the Local Government sector outlining how the Regional/Isolation Allowance is applied in terms of methodology, criteria and weightings;</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ the creation of a new fee category for independent audit, risk and improvement committee members without bands, and that the fee be set at a suitable level to recognise the skills and knowledge required for such a role; and</li> <li>○ that the new category provide a fee for the independent chair position as well as the independent member position.</li> <li>● SAT will likely publish its determination for 2025-2026 in April 2025.</li> <li>● The Governance Policy Team endorsed the submission at its meeting on 4 November.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Draft WALGA submission to the 2025 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry – Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>The current Advocacy Positions relating to this submission are <a href="#">Position 2.10 Elected Member Remuneration</a> and <a href="#">Position 2.2.3 Accountability and Audit</a>.</p> <p><b>2.10 Elected Member Remuneration</b></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports appropriate remuneration of Local Government Elected Members on the basis of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Vibrant democracy and good governance: fees and allowances payable to Elected Members should be sufficient to ensure that a diversity of candidates from a range of backgrounds seek election to local Government leadership positions. Further, corporate governance literature suggests that diverse leadership groups make better decisions;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Demands of the role: as the complexity of Local Government increases, and the demands placed upon Elected Members grow in the social media age, the remuneration paid to Elected Members for their significant time commitment must compensate them for the personal and opportunity costs of taking on significant community leadership positions;</i></li> <li>3. <i>Skills and training: as Elected Members continue to undertake training – and with the implementation of the State Government’s universal Elected Member training policy likely to occur in the near future – the time that Elected Members spend on professional development should be recognised by the fees and allowances framework; and,</i></li> <li>4. <i>Economic erosion: in recent years there have been a number of ‘no increase’ determinations in relation to Elected Member fees and allowances, which means that the relative value of Elected Member fees and allowances have eroded over time. WALGA contends that this trend should be arrested and fees and allowances should be increased.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>2.2.3 Accountability and Audit</b></p> <p><i>That:</i></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>audit committees of Local Government, led and overseen by the Council, have a clearly defined role with an Elected Member majority;</i></li> <li>2. <i>shared regional Audit Committees may be established;</i></li> <li>3. <i>independent members may be appointed as Chair, at the discretion of the Local Government;</i></li> <li>4. <i>independent Audit Committee members are to be paid meeting fees or defined reimbursements.</i></li> </ol>
<p><b>8.8 Submission on the Draft State Hazard Plan - Fire</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council endorse the submission on the draft State Hazard Plan - Fire.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The State Hazard Plan - Fire (SHP Fire) outlines the arrangements for the management of fire in Western Australia including fire prevention, preparedness, response and initial recovery.</li> <li>• Local Governments have a critical role in bushfire management, including statutory responsibilities for mitigation, prevention and response under the <i>Bush Fires Act 1954</i> (BF Act) and responsibility for community-led recovery, as provided in the <i>Emergency Management Act 2005</i> (EM Act).</li> <li>• The Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) has undertaken a comprehensive review of the SHP Fire and is seeking comments on the revised draft Plan by 9 December (<a href="#">Engage WA Emergency Management</a>).</li> <li>• WALGA's draft submission on the draft SHP Fire incorporates feedback from 33 Local Governments and LGIS.</li> <li>• The submission focusses on the key issues that underpin Local Government's capacity to implement their roles and responsibilities for the hazard of fire including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Emergency Services Funding;</li> <li>○ The State Emergency Management Framework and Consolidated Emergency Services Legislation; and</li> <li>○ Bush Fire Brigade management and Work Health and Safety (WHS).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A detailed list of proposed specific changes to plan is also included.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA Draft State Hazard Plan Fire Submission</li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This submission is relevant to and aligns with seven of WALGA's Emergency Management Advocacy Positions.</p> <p><b>8.1 Emergency Management Principles</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The State Government bears fundamental responsibility for emergency management and has the role of providing strategic guidance, support and services for emergency management activities in Western Australia.</i></li> <li>2. <i>The State Government should provide financial and resourcing support as necessary to enable Local Governments to adequately deliver their extensive</i></li> </ol>

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	<p><i>emergency management roles and responsibilities under the State Emergency Management Framework.</i></p> <p>3. <i>The Local Government Sector should be engaged as a partner in policy and legislative reviews that impact Local Government emergency management roles and responsibilities.</i></p> <p><b>8.2 State Emergency Management Framework</b></p> <p><i>Local Governments are supported to undertake their emergency management responsibilities by a simple and streamlined State Emergency Management Framework with the primary objectives of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Protecting people, the economy, and the natural environment from disasters;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Supporting communities in preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies;</i></li> <li>3. <i>Clearly outlining roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for Local Government and other emergency management stakeholders;</i></li> <li>4. <i>Scalability and adaptability that supports Local Governments of varied capacity and capability; and</i></li> <li>5. <i>Supporting agency interoperability through common systems and approaches to key activities including data management, communications, and hazard management.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>8.4 Consolidated Emergency Services Act</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>The Association advocates for the development of a Consolidated Emergency Services Act to provide a comprehensive and contemporary legislative framework to support the effective delivery of emergency services in Western Australia. The Legislation should clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all emergency management stakeholders including Local Government.</i></li> <li>2. <i>The Local Government sector seeks ongoing engagement in the scoping and co-design of the Act and associated Regulations and supporting materials such as Guidelines and fact sheets.</i></li> <li>3. <i>The Association advocates for DFES to undertake a full costing analysis of the new Act and to provide to Local Government details of the cost implications prior to the release of any Exposure Draft Bill.</i></li> <li>4. <i>Any new or increased responsibilities placed on Local Government by the Consolidated Emergency Services Act must be accompanied by funding and resource support to enable Local Governments to adequately discharge those responsibilities.</i></li> <li>5. <i>The Association recognises that in addition to the Consolidated Emergency Services Act, the Regulations and other supporting materials that are developed to support it provide a key resource for Local Governments in understanding and discharging their legislative obligations</i></li> </ol> <p><b>8.7 Emergency Services Levy</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Local Government request the implementation of the recommendations from the 2017 Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) Review of the Emergency Services</i></li> </ol>



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	<p><i>Levy, which supported increased transparency and accountability in the administration and distribution of the ESL through:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>a. Expansion of the ESL to fund Local Government emergency management activities across prevention, preparedness and response;</i></li> <li><i>b. Administration of the ESL by an independent organisation that is funded through consolidated revenue, with regular independent reviews of expenditure and assessment of the effectiveness of ESL funding expenditure to support prevention, preparedness and response activities;</i></li> <li><i>c. The ESL administration fee should recompense Local Governments for the complete cost of administering the ESL;</i></li> <li><i>d. Public disclosure of the allocation and expenditure of the ESL;</i></li> <li><i>e. Public disclosure by the State Government on the progress of implementation of each of the ERA Review recommendations; and</i></li> <li><i>f. A review of the role, responsibilities and reporting arrangements of the Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) Program.</i></li> </ol> <p><i>2. Local Government advocates that the ESL should be collected by the State Government, but failing that, the administration fee should recompense Local Governments for the complete cost of administering the ESL.</i></p> <p><b>8.8 Local Government Grants Scheme Local Government supports:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. A full, independent review of the LGGGS to investigate and analyse how ESL funds are allocated to Local Government via the LGGGS;</i></li> <li><i>2. A redesign of the LGGGS to remove the ineligible and eligible list and create a sustainable, modern, equitable grants program that funds Local Government emergency management activities across prevention, preparedness and response;</i></li> <li><i>3. An audit of existing buildings, facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES) to inform the preparation of a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan and to guide future funding requests; and</i></li> <li><i>4. in the interim, an immediate increase in the quantum of State Government funding to enable the provision of funding of operating and capital grant applications in full, to provide all resources necessary for the safe and efficient operation of Local Government Bushfire Brigades, in accordance with obligations of the Work Health and Safety 2020 legislation.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>8.9 Expansion of the Community Emergency Services Manager Program</b>  <i>That the Association advocates for an expansion of the Community Emergency Service Manager (CESM) Program, as follows:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. All Local Governments should have the option of participating in the CESM Program.</i></li> <li><i>2. The full cost of the CESM Program should be funded through the Emergency Services Levy.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>8.10 Management of Bush Fire Brigades</b></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Bush Fire Brigade volunteers play a critical role in helping to protect their local communities. Local knowledge and skills are integral to bushfire management in Western Australia.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Future management and funding of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades must:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Recognise the changing risk environment, including work health and safety requirements, and the increasing intensity and frequency of bushfires;</i></li> <li>b. <i>Take account of the differing circumstances of Bush Fire Brigade units and regional variations in bush firefighting approaches; and</i></li> <li>c. <i>Be adequately and equitably resourced through the Emergency Services Levy.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>3. <i>The State Government, through the Consolidated Emergency Services Act and/or other mechanism's must:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do;</i></li> <li>b. <i>Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES);</i></li> <li>c. <i>Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by locally delivered fit-for-purpose and universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and</i></li> <li>d. <i>Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>4. <i>As a matter of priority within the emergency services Acts review, the State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.</i></li> </ol>

### 4.3.2 Policy Team and Committee Reports and Matters for Noting

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<p><b>9.1 Infrastructure Policy Team Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the report from the Infrastructure Policy Team meeting for the 6 December 2024 meeting.</b></p> <p><b>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</b></p> <p>The Policy Team considered the draft Partnership Agreement Between WALGA and the Public Transport Authority Defining Roles and Responsibilities for the Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Bus Stop Infrastructure and resolved that the document be considered by Zones prior to the State Council meeting in December.</p> <p><b>2. MATTER FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</b></p> <p>The Infrastructure Policy Team noted the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Issues Paper and requested that the secretariat seek feedback on the matters raised and proposed initiatives from Zones. An item, including the Issues Paper, has been included in all Zone Agendas for the November round of meetings.</p> <p>The Active, Green Transport Discussion Paper framework and approach was considered. It was agreed to set further time aside to discuss this in more detail.</p>
<p><b>9.2 People and Place Policy Team Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the report from the People and Place Policy Team to the 6 December 2024 meeting.</b></p> <p><b>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</b></p> <p>Advocacy Position Review</p> <p>The People and Place Policy Team endorsed proposed updates to four WALGA Advocacy Positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3.10.1 - Family and Domestic Violence (<a href="#">item 8.4</a>)</li> <li>• 3.1.2 - Reconciliation (<a href="#">item 8.3</a>)</li> <li>• 3.1.3 - Constitutional Recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People (<a href="#">item 8.3</a>)</li> <li>• 3.1.4 - <i>Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Act 2021</i> and South West Native Title Settlement (<a href="#">item 8.3</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</b></p> <p>The Policy Team discussed the following items included for noting in the 6 December State Council Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Primary Health Service Survey Report (<a href="#">item 10.4</a>)</li> <li>• Submission on the draft State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity (<a href="#">item 10.10</a>)</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft Submission on the draft Regional Education Strategy (<a href="#">item 10.8</a>)</li> <li>• Draft Objectives and Priorities for the upcoming State Public Health Plan (<a href="#">item 10.7</a>)</li> </ul> <p>The Policy Team received a verbal update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health Planning</li> <li>• GROH Housing Workshop</li> <li>• Reconciliation Hub Launch</li> <li>• Draft Education Strategy</li> <li>• LEMA Improvement Plan Progress</li> <li>• State Hazard Plan – Fire Submission</li> <li>• WALGA’s 2025 Emergency Management Forum</li> <li>• Release of reports of the Independent Reviews of Commonwealth Disaster Funding (Colvin Review) and National Natural Disaster Governance Arrangements (Glasser Review)</li> </ul>
<p><b>9.3 Governance Policy Team Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Note the report from the Governance Policy Team for the 6 December 2024 meeting.</b></li> <li>2. <b>Determine to:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>retain the following Advocacy Positions with amendment:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <b>Advocacy Position 2.8.1 Industry Award Coverage</b></li> <li>ii. <b>Advocacy Position 2.8.3 Registration of WALGA as an Employer Organisation</b></li> </ol> </li> <li>b. <b>retire Advocacy Position 2.8.2 Local Government Long Service Leave Regulations.</b></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</b></p> <p>The Governance Policy Team discussed three items requiring a State Council decision.</p> <p>The following two items are presented as reports in the State Council Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Elections Advocacy Position (<a href="#">item 8.2</a>)</li> <li>• 2025 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members (<a href="#">item 8.7</a>)</li> </ul> <p>An item on the review of Employee Relations Advocacy Positions was also considered.</p> <p>The <a href="#">current Employee Relations Advocacy Positions</a> require updating to better reflect the industrial issues and needs of the sector since the legislative mandate for Local Governments to transition from the Federal (<i>Fair Work Act 2009</i> (Cth)) jurisdiction to the State industrial relations jurisdiction (<i>Industrial Relations Act 1979</i> (WA)) on 1 January 2023.</p> <p>The following issues are relevant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The transition to the State system resulted in significant change to the industrial landscape for Local Governments and their employees.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A multitude of union applications and motions have been made to the Western Australian Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC) in 2023 and 2024.</li> <li>• The Minister for Industrial Relations, the Hon Simone McGurk has introduced further reform to the State industrial relations system by tabling the <i>Industrial Relations Legislation Amendment Bill 2024</i> (IRLA Bill) on 18 September 2024. It is likely that the IRLA Bill will pass before Christmas with effect from 31 January 2025.</li> <li>• Despite WALGA's continued advocacy the WA Government has not agreed via the IRLA Bill:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ To provide an extension of time for transitional regulations to continue to displace the operation of the State awards for those Local Governments' agreements that transitioned from the Federal system beyond 1 January 2025.</li> <li>○ Name WALGA as an employer organisation in the IR Act similar to the WA Branch of the Australian Medical Association Incorporated at s. 72B of the IR Act. This amendment would have provided WALGA withstanding under the IR Act at the same level as industrial unions including the WASU, LGRCEU and the CFMEU.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Advocacy Position 2.8.1 Industry Award Coverage</b> It is recommended to amend the position to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>That WALGA advocate for amending the WA industrial relations framework to improve the industry award conditions beneficial to Local Governments.</i></p> <p>This Advocacy Position is sufficiently broad for WALGA to continue to advocate for improving the State awards and in turn the sector's terms and conditions to achieve consistency with the Federal system.</p> <p>This Position is reliant on WALGA acting for a Local Government as agent or seeking to intervene in matters which have sector implications.</p> <p><b>Advocacy Position 2.8.2 Local Government Long Service Leave Regulations</b> It is recommended this Advocacy Position be retired.</p> <p>A review of the Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations has resulted in the making of new Regulations <a href="#">Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulation 2024 (WA)</a>. WALGA was consulted and provided meaningful feedback to the Local Government Minister and Department to amend this legislation.</p> <p><b>Advocacy Position 2.8.3 Registration of WALGA as an Employer Organisation</b> It is recommended to amend the position to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>That WALGA advocate for amendments to the Industrial Relations Act 1979 (WA) (IR Act) for WALGA to be an employer organisation by either:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) <i>naming WALGA as an employer organisation in the IR Act; or</i></li> <li>b) <i>amending the IR Act for WALGA to be in a position to apply to become a registered employer organisation without the need for significant governance and constitutional change.</i></li> </ol>

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	<p>The IRLA Bill proposes to amend section 54 of the IR Act to clarify that an incorporated body can apply to register as an organisation of employers which removes the ambiguity about whether a body can hold 'dual incorporation'. Although the proposed amendment overcomes one of the hurdles preventing WALGA to register as an employer organisation (given WALGA is already incorporated under the <i>Local Government Act 1995 (WA)</i>), WALGA's governance structure and election procedures will continue to prohibit WALGA from applying to become an employer organisation on the basis that the IR Act provisions are highly prescriptive and significant. To meet these requirements, it will be necessary to either make amendments to the IR Act or the Association Constitution.</p> <p><b>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</b></p> <p>The Pilbara Country Zone resolved at its meeting of 18 April as follows:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><i>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.</i></p> <p>The Policy Team considered a report on the resolution and resolved to:</p> <p><i>... request the WALGA Secretariat write to the Office of the Auditor General, requesting a broad performance audit of State Government public building maintenance, that expands on the 2021/22 performance audit so that the following is also assessed:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. State Government entity asset management practices, specifically planning for building asset maintenance, renewal, replacement and redundancy;</li> <li>2. State Government entity asset management financial planning, so that sufficient funding is appropriated to facilitate asset management maintenance and building renewal or replacement; and</li> <li>3. Assessment of State Government entities that do not use the Department of Finance to facilitate building maintenance services.</li> </ol>
<p><b>9.4 Environment Policy Team Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the report from the Environment Policy Team to the 6 December 2024 meeting.</b></p> <p><b>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</b></p> <p>Nil</p> <p><b>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</b></p> <p>The Policy Team discussed the following items for noting on the 4 September State Council agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental Protection Act Amendment Bill</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft River Protection Strategy</li> <li>• National Water Agreement</li> <li>• National Biosecurity Strategy Action Plan</li> <li>• Native Vegetation Clearing Issues Paper</li> <li>• Planning Principles and Reform Advocacy Position</li> </ul> <p>The Policy Team discussed the following items for noting on the 6 December State Council Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flying Minute Submission on Swan Canning River Protection Strategy (<a href="#">item 10.9</a>)</li> <li>• Renewable Energy Survey (<a href="#">item 10.5</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>3. PORTFOLIO UPDATES</b></p> <p>The Policy Team was provided with an update on Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer and the Urban Greening Grants at their meeting on 2 September.</p> <p>At their meeting on 30 October, the Policy Team was provided with an update on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Greening Grants – Round Three Outcomes</li> <li>• Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer</li> <li>• Avian Influenza</li> <li>• Climate Change Advocacy Position progress</li> <li>• Waterwise Action Plan 3 (Kep Katitjin – Gabi Kaadadjan)</li> <li>• Local Planning Policy Template, Manner and Form</li> <li>• Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) consultation and the associated Draft Clause 28.</li> </ul> <p>The Policy Team also noted the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Issues Paper, which is being provided to Zones for feedback.</p>
<p><b>9.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the report from the Municipal Waste Advisory Council to the 6 December 2024 meeting.</b></p> <p><b>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Container Deposit Scheme Policy Statement and Advocacy Position (<a href="#">item 8.5</a>)</li> </ul> <p><b>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</b></p> <p>MWAC considered the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Submission on Reform of Packaging Regulation (item 10.2)</a></li> <li>• Battery disposal and recycling: Batteries continue to be problematic for Local Government, as inappropriate disposal can cause fires in collection vehicles and at facilities. MWAC discussed the various options and agreed to focus on changing community behaviour regarding battery disposal and advocating for fully funded product stewardship schemes.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recovered Material Framework: The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation has been developing a Recovered Materials Framework since 2014. Consultation on the Framework has occurred, with the most recent work completed in 2020. Cabinet has approved the development of the legislative framework for recovered materials, however this is not likely to occur until 2027. MWAC discussed the focus materials and outcomes that are necessary for Local Government in relation to the Framework and interim measures.</li> <li>Review of the Waste Management Legislation Policy Statement and Advocacy Position: MWAC agreed on the update of the Waste Management Legislation Advocacy Position. The focus of the review will be on ways the legislation could support better waste management practices across WA, including waste avoidance, strengthening product stewardship provisions and funding for the sector.</li> </ul> <p><b>3. UPDATES</b></p> <p>MWAC noted the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy Statement Review Update</li> <li>Better Practice Document Review Update</li> <li>Bin Tagging Program</li> <li>2024 Waste &amp; Resource Recovery Conference outcome and feedback</li> <li>Household Hazardous Waste Program 2023/24 Summary</li> <li>Emerging issue - Photo Voltaic Recycling</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.1 WALGA Strategic Planning Update</b></p>	<p><b>That the update on the WALGA Strategic Plan 2025-2029 be noted.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <p>The current WALGA Corporate Strategy (2020-2025) is due to end next year.</p> <p>A new Strategic Plan for 2025-2029 has been developed over the course of the last year, involving consultation and discussion with a wide range of stakeholders including State Council, WALGA staff, Members, Industry, and State Government representatives.</p> <p>State Council, as the governing body of WALGA, is responsible for setting the overall strategic direction of the Association, which includes endorsing the Strategic Plan.</p> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft Strategic Plan</li> <li><a href="#">Summary of key outputs from consultation process</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>10.2 Submission on Reform of Packaging Regulation</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the submission to the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water on the Consultation Paper on Reform of Packaging Regulation.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Australian Government Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW) released a <a href="#">Consultation Paper on Reform of Packaging Regulation</a> for consultation between 27 September and 28 October.</li> <li>• The Australian Government is working to reform Australia's packaging regulations to minimise packaging waste and pollution and build a circular economy for packaging. Under a circular economy, packaging would be designed to reduce waste, be recyclable and use recycled content, and used packaging would be collected and reused, or recycled back into packaging or other valuable products.</li> <li>• The Consultation Paper outlines three potential options to reform packaging regulation:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening administration of the co-regulatory arrangement.</li> <li>2. National mandatory requirements for packaging circularity.</li> <li>3. An extended producer responsibility scheme for packaging.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• WALGA's submission, which aligns with Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.15 Product Stewardship, supports Option 3, as this includes funding options, design requirements and an organisation to drive the outcomes required for packaging.</li> <li>• The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) endorsed the submission at its meeting on 23 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">WALGA Submission Packaging October 2024</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This submission aligns with WALGA's <a href="#">Policy Statement</a> and Advocacy Position <a href="#">7.15 Product Stewardship</a>:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. Effective Product Stewardship is characterised by:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Producers and importers taking responsibility for post consumption product impacts.</li> <li>b. Schemes covering the entire cost of product recycling or recovery, including transport.</li> <li>c. Leveraging existing Schemes and collection locations.</li> <li>d. Being easy and convenient for the community to access.</li> <li>e. Having equitable national coverage and access for all, including regional and remote locations.</li> <li>f. Being evidence based.</li> <li>g. Consistent regulation and implementation across Australia using national Product Stewardship legislation.</li> <li>h. Timely action and industry cooperation during Scheme development and implementation.</li> <li>i. Being demand based and aiming to recover the maximum amount of material, rather than being limited by targets.</li> <li>j. No additional cost to consumers when the product is disposed of post consumption.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Local Government calls on the Commonwealth Government to implement effective Product Stewardship schemes for all products that drive environmentally and socially</li> </ol>

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	<p>sustainable outcomes through the design, manufacture and distribution of products that can be more easily reused, repaired, recovered or recycled.</p> <p>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.</p>
<p><b>10.3 Submission on the Draft Stage Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note WALGA’s submission to the State Emergency Management Committee on the Draft State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) undertook a review of the State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies (SSP – AWiE), with consultation open between 21 May and 12 August via <a href="#">Engage WA Emergency Management</a>.</li> <li>• The objective of the SSP – AWiE is to integrate arrangements for animal welfare with the State’s formal emergency management arrangements. DPIRD is responsible for coordinating animal welfare in emergencies.</li> <li>• WALGA's submission, which aligns to relevant WALGA Emergency Management Advocacy Positions, recommended: That DPIRD:             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure all roles and responsibilities allocated to Local Government in the SSP - AWiE accurately align to other documents in the State Emergency Management Framework and Local Government responsibilities under the <i>Dog Act 1976, Cat Act 1976, Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1960, and the Animal Welfare Act 2002.</i></li> <li>2. Revise existing guidance for the development of AWiE plans and communicate this guidance proactively with the Local Government sector, including via DPIRD’s representatives on LEMCs and continues to provide Local Government AWiE training.</li> </ol> <p>That the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Note the importance of a sustainable resourcing model for Local Government Emergency Management to expand their capability to plan and prepare for emergencies and strengthen WA’s resilience.</li> </ol> </li> <li>• WALGA's submission on the Draft SSP – AWiE was provided to SEMC on 12 August.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">WALGA Submission on Draft State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies.</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>WALGA’s submission on the Draft SSP – AWiE aligned to the following WALGA Advocacy Positions:</p> <p><b>5.4.4 Planning for risk management and recovery plans</b></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports access to additional expertise to assist with assessing and planning/designing for recovery projects and designated funding to Local Government for the development of emergency risk management plans and recovery plans.</i></p>

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	<p><b>8.1 Emergency Management Principles</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The State Government bears fundamental responsibility for emergency management and has the role of providing strategic guidance, support and services for emergency management activities in Western Australia.</li> <li>2. The State Government should provide financial and resourcing support as necessary to enable Local Governments to adequately deliver their extensive emergency management roles and responsibilities under the State Emergency Management Framework.</li> <li>3. The Local Government Sector should be engaged as a partner in policy and legislative reviews that impact Local Government emergency management roles and responsibilities.</li> </ol> <p><b>8.2 State Emergency Management Framework</b></p> <p><i>Local Governments are supported to undertake their emergency management responsibilities by a simple and streamlined State Emergency Management Framework with the primary objectives of:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protecting people, the economy, and the natural environment from disasters</li> <li>2. Supporting communities in preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies;</li> <li>3. Clearly outlining roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for Local Government and other emergency management stakeholders;</li> <li>4. Scalability and adaptability that supports Local Governments of varied capacity and capability; and</li> <li>5. Supporting agency interoperability through common systems and approaches to key activities including data management, communications, and hazard management.</li> </ol> <p><b>8.3 Sustainable Grant Funding Model for Emergency Management</b></p> <p><i>Local Government should be empowered to discharge its emergency management responsibilities through sustainable grant funding models that support a shared responsibility and all hazards approach to prevention, preparedness, response and recovery from natural disasters. A sustainable grant funding model for Local Government emergency management:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. empowers Local Governments to undertake proactive approaches to preparedness, prevention, response and recovery;</li> <li>2. supports the resilience of local communities through capacity-building activities and programs;</li> <li>3. is responsive to the variations in Local Government resourcing and context;</li> <li>4. develops the skills, capacity and capability of the emergency management workforce; and</li> <li>5. is consistent, flexible, timely, accessible, scalable, strategic and the guidance provided is comprehensive.</li> </ol> <p><b>8.11 Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA)</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The State Government should fund the implementation of the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Plan endorsed by the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC).</li> <li>2. A reformed LEMA system should:</li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Clearly articulate the roles and responsibilities of Local Governments in emergency management;</li> <li>b) Simplify the reporting processes and reduce the administrative burden of maintaining compliance;</li> <li>c) Provide a suite of scalable tools and guidance materials that are accessible through an online knowledge hub;</li> <li>d) Build the emergency management capacity and capability of Local Governments through the provision of targeted training, exercising support, human resources and sustainable funding;</li> <li>e) Assist Local Governments to continue to deliver their core business activities and provide public information during an emergency event;</li> <li>f) Improve the connectivity of Local Governments' various risk management and hazard planning processes through an integrated approach; and</li> <li>g) Enable resource sharing and collaboration across the Local Government sector</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.4 Local Government Primary Healthcare Survey Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Primary Healthcare Services Survey Report.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 103 Local Governments participated in a WALGA commissioned Primary Healthcare Services Survey to examine the extent to which Local Governments were providing support to secure primary healthcare services in their communities.</li> <li>• 69 Local Governments (67% of respondents) reported contributing financial and/or in-kind support towards primary healthcare services at a net cost of \$6.8m.</li> <li>• The Survey Report makes clear that primary healthcare provision is the responsibility of the Australian and State governments, and that Local Government support is a result of their failure to ensure adequate provision of essential health services.</li> <li>• The Report aligns to existing calls for systematic changes to the health system to ensure equity of access and recommends practical solutions to alleviate the need for Local Governments to support primary healthcare services:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ State Government to establish a Local Government Primary Healthcare funding program.</li> <li>○ State Government to facilitate increased sector awareness of advice and support available to Local Governments seeking to support primary healthcare services for their communities.</li> <li>○ WA Local Government Grants Commission to review the appropriateness and effectiveness of the Medical Facilities Cost Adjuster within the Financial Assistance Grants.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WALGA is working with Rural Health West (RHW), ALGA and wider stakeholders to explore joint advocacy opportunities to the State and Australian Governments.</li> <li>• The Survey Report was considered by the People and Place Policy team at its meeting on 25 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Local Government Primary Healthcare Services Survey Report</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p>

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	<p>The Report and associated advocacy are aligned to <a href="#">WALGA Advocacy Position 3.2.2 Regional Health Services</a>:</p> <p><i>The Association supports continuing to work with affected Local Governments and key stakeholders to identify and develop collaborative strategies. The Association supports continuing to advocate to the State Government to prioritise regional health and the regional health workforce. The Association supports developing a policy connection with the Australian Local Government Association as a pathway for advocating for stronger specialised regional health workforces.</i></p>
<p><b>10.5 Renewable Energy Survey Highlights</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the update on the Renewable Energy Survey.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Australia's energy industry is transforming to achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2050.</li> <li>Western Australia does not have a plan or 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.</li> <li>Three new advocacy positions related to the renewable energy transition were endorsed by State Council at its September 2024 meeting.</li> <li>WALGA conducted a Renewable Energy Survey of Local Governments to capture data on Local Government sentiment on the energy transition to inform policy development and ongoing advocacy.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Renewable Energy Survey Highlights</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This item relates to the following <a href="#">WALGA advocacy positions</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6.16 Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework</li> <li>6.17 Renewable Energy Facilities</li> <li>6.18 Priority Agriculture</li> </ul>
<p><b>10.6 Flying Agenda: Submission to Main Roads WA on the Revised Western Australia Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the submission to Main Roads WA on the Revised Main Roads Western Australia Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This submission was a response to a request for review of the Main Roads Western Australia Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process.</li> <li>This submission supports three existing WALGA policy positions.</li> <li>This Policy and Process has historically been controversial, so WALGA undertook a consultation process with Local Governments to develop a submission reflective of current issues relating to this Policy and Process.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diverse issues were raised by Local Governments, including concerns around the accommodation of non-motorised users, the preference for roundabouts, design requirements, and the relationship of the Policy and Process to the Structure Planning Process, among others.</li> <li>• Generally, Local Governments would like more control over the selection of intersection types to reflect community and strategic transport goals and planning documents.</li> <li>• The Infrastructure Policy Team considered this item at a meeting held on 29 July and approved the recommendation that the submission be provided to State Council for endorsement.</li> <li>• State Council endorsed the submission via Flying Minute on 7 August and the submission was provided to Main Road WA on 15 August.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Flying Minute: Submission to Main Roads WA on the revised Western Australia Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>The submission on the Main Roads Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process is aligned to the following <a href="#">WALGA Advocacy Positions</a>:</p> <p><b>5.3.5 Active Travel to Schools</b></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>the Department of Transport's Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap; and</i></li> <li>2. <i>increased State and Federal Government funding for walking and cycling infrastructure in Western Australia.</i></li> </ol> <p><b>5.3.6 Pedestrian Crossings</b></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports the following principles regarding the design and implementation of pedestrian crossings:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i><u>Planning at the local level</u> - A detailed understanding of modal networks at the local level and/or local transport plans should inform where and which pedestrian crossing types are implemented.</i></li> <li>2. <i><u>Pedestrian Crossings are essential</u> - High-speed, high-volume roads are the major barrier to active transport that must be resolved.</i></li> <li>3. <i><u>Pedestrian Priority</u> - Pedestrian travel should be given equal weight to vehicular travel. High-quality, cost-effective, pedestrian-priority crossings should be implemented wherever possible. Pedestrian Crossings on roads with heavy vehicles should also be given higher priority toward the implementation of a safe, pedestrian- priority crossings in the Guidelines, based on the risk to the pedestrian.</i></li> <li>4. <i><u>Cost</u> - Cost-effective pedestrian-priority crossings should be considered first, rather than high-cost facilities. The Guidelines should provide guidance on the cost of installing pedestrian crossing facilities and general information on which party may bear the costs.</i></li> <li>5. <i><u>Proactive Approach</u> - Forecast pedestrian demand based on network planning, rather than existing pedestrian counts should be used to plan appropriate crossings.</i></li> </ol>

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	<p>6. <i>Speed</i> - Vehicle travel speed requirements for implementing pedestrian crossings must not be a barrier to selecting and installing pedestrian-priority crossings, but should be a consideration in selecting cost-effective designs.</p> <p>7. <i>Intersections</i> - Intersection designs, including roundabouts, should accommodate pedestrian crossing priority.</p> <p><b>5.2.7 Road Safety Strategy</b></p> <p>The Local Government sector supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the development and adoption of a new road safety strategy for Western Australia, to direct and focus effective road safety activities beyond 2020,</li> <li>• the safe system approach as the framework for the next road safety strategy,</li> <li>• the long-term vision of zero deaths and serious injuries,</li> <li>• the retention of WA's Default Open Speed Limit at 110km per hour and opposes the proposed reduction to 100km per hour,</li> <li>• the continuation of enforcement, school and community education, promotion and community participation activity to support compliant and safe road user behaviour along with the following recommendations:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Road Safety Council establish a mechanism to ensure that implementation is managed and coordinated, in a collaborative manner, at operational level.</li> <li>2. That the new strategy and above mechanism is developed to embrace and empower a broader multisectoral effort, where all contributors are respected as partners and the contributions of all are valued.</li> <li>3. To better understand the failures in implementation and enhance accountability, work should be done to define and seek to engage all players in the design, operation, maintenance and upgrades (system designers) to the road transport system. This exercise might also aim to clarify capacity and capability to better understand how to bridge implementation gaps.</li> <li>4. That as a matter of urgency the Road Safety Council initiate the development of a comprehensive speed reform plan. That the speed reform plan be designed, to meet the various needs of metropolitan, rural and remote Western Australian communities, with the aim of improving liveability, amenity and safety. WALGA Advocacy Positions Page 110</li> <li>5. That a speed reform plan incorporates:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. measures to ensure that Local Governments are consulted in the process of changing speed limits on the local road network, and</li> <li>b. processes to reduce the barriers and red tape for Local Governments seeking lower speed limits in targeted locations on local urban roads.</li> </ol> </li> <li>6. That the Road Safety Council initiate work to investigate and facilitate systematic assessments and star ratings for the WA road network.</li> <li>7. That the Road Safety Council considers establishing a program that encourages and supports the development of innovative, low cost solutions that can be applied as mass action treatments to progressively work towards the zero vision.</li> <li>8. That the Road Safety Council consider supporting overt police patrols in regional areas to improve compliance through general deterrence.</li> <li>9. That WALGA calls on the Road Safety Council to make recommendations to the Minister responsible for road safety, to direct any additional revenue generated from speed limit changes to safety-focused road infrastructure improvements. Further that Local Government managed roads be eligible for such funding to avoid</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

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	<p><i>a growing gap in safety performance, on the roads used by the community, on every trip.</i></p> <p>10. <i>That the new draft road safety strategy includes, at a minimum, targets to meet the Global Road Safety Performance Targets.</i></p> <p>11. <i>That the Road Safety Council explores mechanisms to quantify, understand and address the gaps in safety performance and standards as well as the capability and capacity of system designers to respond.</i></p> <p>12. <i>That the Road Safety Council considers enhancing the dissemination of research, data and other information more broadly to system designers to encourage and enable others (beyond the Road Safety Council membership and government agencies) to set targets, towards zero, relevant to their context, challenges and gaps.</i></p>
<p><b>10.7 Flying Minute: Submission on the Draft Objectives and Priorities for the upcoming State Public Health Plan</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the submission to the Department of Health on the draft Objectives and Priorities for the upcoming State Public Health Plan as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.</b></p> <p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Health provided <a href="#">draft objectives and priorities for the upcoming State Public Health Plan</a> for public consultation in August.</li> <li>• Stage 5 of the <i>Public Health Act 2016</i> commenced on 4 June and requires Local Governments to prepare and publish Local Public Health Plans by 4 June 2026.</li> <li>• Local Public Health Plans must consider the State Public Health Plan objectives and priorities as they relate to the needs of their local community.</li> <li>• WALGA's submission is aligned to Advocacy Position 3.2.1 Public Health Plans and was informed by the WALGA Local Government Public Health Plans Reference Group.</li> <li>• State Council endorsed the submission via Flying Minute on 30 August.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Flying Minute: Submission on the Draft Objectives and Priorities for the Upcoming State Public Health Plan</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This submission is aligned to <a href="#">WALGA Advocacy Position</a>, 3.2.1 Local Public Health Plans:</p> <p><i>WALGA supports the objects and principles of the Public Health Act 2016.</i></p> <p><i>The State Government must ensure that:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Guidance, tools and resources are developed to support the development of Local Public Health Plans; and</li> <li>2. Funding is provided for:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Smaller rural and regional councils are provided with funding to support the development of Local Public Health Plans; and</li> <li>b. Local Governments receive ongoing funding for the implementation of actions under Local Public Health Plans.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>



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<p><b>10.8 Flying Minute: Submission on the Draft Regional Education</b></p>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Education released the <a href="#">Draft Regional Education Strategy</a> (Draft Strategy) for comment in July.</li> <li>• The Draft Strategy sets out a vision for equitable educational opportunities for students in the regions, underpinned by four pillars:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Building the capacity of our regional workforce</li> <li>○ Expand curriculum delivery</li> <li>○ Strengthen support for student wellbeing</li> <li>○ Develop partnerships to create opportunity.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• WALGA developed a submission on the Draft Strategy, informed by submissions from the Great Southern and Central Country Zones and Advocacy Position 3.6 Children and Young People.</li> <li>• The submission recommends that the Strategy:           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Clearly state the duration of the Strategy and the regional education issues the Strategy seeks to address.</li> <li>○ Include regional education profiles and develop place-based actions and goals.</li> <li>○ Further develop the content and data under the four pillars to clearly articulate Strategy actions and outcomes.</li> <li>○ Adequately fund implementation to ensure that it will deliver actions, outcomes and effective evaluation.</li> <li>○ Should address the urgent issue of undersupply of Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH).</li> <li>○ Should acknowledge the wider community implications of regional education challenges and build on existing strategic documents to create a whole of government approach.</li> <li>○ Commit to ongoing place-based engagement with communities and Local Governments on the development and delivery of the Strategy.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• State Council endorsed the submission via Flying Minute on 1 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Flying Minute: Submission on the draft Regional Education Strategy</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This submission aligns with Advocacy Position <a href="#">3.6 Children and Young People</a>:</p> <p><b>3.6 Children and Young People</b></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports the development and well-being of children and young people through strategic partnerships and a combination of services and facility provision. The Association advocates that the State and Commonwealth should continue to invest in the wellbeing of young West Australians.</i></p>
<p><b>10.9 Flying Minute: Submission on</b></p>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Swan River Trust has released the Derbal Yiragan (Swan) Djarlgarro (Canning) Draft River Protection Strategy (Draft Strategy) for comment.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Derbal Yiragan (Swan) Djarlgarro (Canning) Draft River Protection Strategy</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Draft Strategy relates to the Swan Canning Riverpark, which includes the waters and foreshores of the Swan Canning River system and considerations relating to the catchment for the River system.</li> <li>Local Government has an active role in the management of the River system, including balancing recreation use, development and ecosystem health. Local Government also manage most drainage networks within the catchment.</li> <li>WALGA has developed a submission on the Draft Strategy, informed by previous advocacy and feedback from Local Government via a webinar and written submissions.</li> <li>The submission includes detailed comments on the key elements of the Draft Strategy and identifies the need for an adequately funded, strategic approach to managing the Swan Canning River System and catchment, taking an evidenced-based approach using best available science.</li> <li>State Council endorsed the submission via Flying Minute on 8 October.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">Flying Minute - Submission on the Draft Swan Canning River Protection Strategy</a></li> </ul> <p><b>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</b></p> <p>This submission aligns with previous WALGA Advocacy undertaken through the Swan Canning Policy Forum, including the development of the <a href="#">Priority Plan for Investment in the Swan Canning Catchment</a>.</p>
<p><b>10.10 Flying Minute: Submission on the State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity</b></p>	<p><b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Department of Health released a <a href="#">revised State Hazard Plan - Human Biosecurity</a> (SHP – Human Biosecurity) for consultation between 16 August to 8 November.</li> <li>The SHP – Human Biosecurity sets out hazard management arrangements across prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery for two hazards:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Human epidemic; and</li> <li>Actual or impending spillage, release or escape of a biological substance that is capable of causing loss of life, injury to a person or damage to the health of a person, property or the environment.</li> </ul> </li> <li>WALGA prepared a submission aligned to WALGA's emergency management advocacy positions and incorporating feedback and lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>The submission's recommendations focus on clarifying Local Government roles and responsibilities in keeping with the State Emergency Management Framework and <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>, improving links to the WA Pandemic Plan and <i>Public Health Act 2016</i>, and ensuring consideration of concurrent hazards and adequate emergency relief and support arrangements.</li> <li>The People and Place Policy Team considered WALGA's draft submission on the State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity and recommend its endorsement by State Council via Flying Minute on 25 October.</li> <li>The submission was endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute on 5 November and provided to the State Emergency Management Committee on 8 November.</li> </ul> <p><b>ATTACHMENT</b></p>

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<p><b>11.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the December 2024 State Council meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>Advocacy: Following the launch of the West at its Best State Election Priorities document, the paid media campaign has now launched, complementing the pro-active, earned PR generated by the team.</p> <p>Advocacy assets have been shared with Local Governments that can be used by Members to highlight their challenges and priorities in the lead up to the election and WALGA is collating stories from Local Governments to showcase areas under stress and those that can act as case studies 'at their best'.</p> <p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Showcase in Pixels The annual art competition was promoted to all Local Governments and resulted in 26 submissions from 21 Local Governments. The Awards ceremony is booked for 28 November at Yagan Square.</li> <li>Website: Generated 45,470 active users for the quarter ending October 2024. Organic performance accounts for 49% new users a month.</li> <li>Brand: LG Direct electronic mail has been relaunched in the new brand. Template to be rolled out across all WALGA EDMs to ensure consistency.</li> </ul> <p>Communications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FY2023-24 Annual Report</li> <li>Twelve LG Direct weekly newsletters distributed to over 2,000 Elected Members and senior staff</li> <li>The August edition of the Western Councillor Magazine August 2024 - 3,100 hard copies sent to Member Councils and electronic version available via the WALGA website</li> <li>Q2 and Q3 Quarterly Reports, emailed to all Members</li> </ul> <p>Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>736 mentions of WALGA and President Karen Chappel between 1 August and 28 October. The majority of mentions were in the West Australian newspaper.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>11.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the December 2024 State Council meeting.</b></p> <p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program (LGTRRIP)</li> <li>• Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance</li> <li>• Road Rail Interface Agreements</li> <li>• Update of User Guides for calculating the cost of road wear for defined freight tasks</li> </ul> <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Achievements of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement</li> <li>• Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions</li> </ul> <p>Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Freight Strategy</li> <li>• Bus Stop Infrastructure</li> <li>• Active/Green Transport Discussion Paper</li> </ul> <p>Asset Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Assets and Expenditure (RAE) Report Update Project</li> </ul> <p>Utilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Underground Power</li> <li>• Streetlighting</li> </ul> <p>Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Safety Council Update</li> <li>• Road Safety Roundtable</li> <li>• RoadWise Councils</li> <li>• RoadWise Recognised</li> </ul>

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<p><b>11.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the December 2024 State Council meeting.</b></p> <p>Association and Corporate Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 Annual General Meeting</li> </ul> <p>Commercial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA Tax - Elected Member and Officer taxation guides</li> <li>• Preferred Supplier Program (PSP) Development</li> <li>• Energy Project</li> <li>• ARENA Future Fuels Grant Project</li> </ul> <p>Employee Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New IR Legislation</li> <li>• State awards in the WA Industrial Relations Commission (WAIRC). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Application CICS 5, 8 and 9 of 2023 - Union demarcation dispute.</li> <li>○ Application APPL 80 of 2023 –WASU and LGRCEU filed an application to increase the wages in the Municipal Employees (Western Australia) Award 2021 (ME Award).</li> <li>○ Applications APPL 3 and 4 of 2023 – WALGA is responding to claims from the WASU for additional entitlements in the Local Government Officers’ (Western Australia) Award 2021 (LGO Award) and the ME Award</li> <li>○ Application 90 of 2024 – The LGRCEU has applied to insert a disciplinary procedure clause into the ME Award.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Governance and Procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Legislative Reform – Tranche 2</li> <li>• Tranche 1 Reforms - Yet to be implemented</li> </ul> <p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The annual Training Directory for 2024/2025 was released at the WALGA Convention. The Training Directory is available in print or digital copy and can be downloaded from the <a href="#">Training website</a>.</li> <li>• 11 Graduates of Diploma of Local Government – Elected Member</li> <li>• Key growth trends of new and popular WALGA training courses: Procurement, Planning, Delegation and Authorisation, HR Toolkit for Managers and State Employment Law, Cert III in Local Government.</li> </ul> <p>Regional Co-operation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An updated edition of the Cooperation and Shared Services document has been produced. This is an evolving document that will be updated regularly. The electronic version is available <a href="#">here</a>. Cooperation &amp; Shared Services - July 2024.</li> </ul>

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<b>11.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio</b>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the December 2024 State Council meeting.</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Renewable Energy</li> <li>• Economic Briefing</li> <li>• Economic Development</li> </ul> <p>Environment and Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyphagous shot-hole borer: WALGA and Local Governments have continued to focus attention and advocacy on addressing the impact of the Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB).</li> <li>• Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) response update</li> <li>• Recovery Package</li> <li>• Progressing Research</li> <li>• Public Awareness</li> </ul> <p>Planning and Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Housing Roundtable</li> <li>• Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) and draft Clause 28 Notice of Resolution</li> <li>• Planning Showcase</li> <li>• Urban Forest Conference</li> <li>• Performance Monitoring Project</li> </ul> <p>Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Emergency Management Committee</li> <li>• National Higher Risk Weather Season Preparedness Summit</li> <li>• State Hazard Plan consultation, Fire, Human Biosecurity</li> <li>• State Level Recovery Arrangements</li> <li>• Consolidated Emergency Services Act (CES Act)</li> <li>• Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Program</li> </ul> <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Health</li> <li>• Aboriginal Heritage</li> <li>• WALGA Public Libraries Forum</li> <li>• Child Safeguarding</li> <li>• Government Regional Officer Housing Program (GROH)</li> </ul>

## 5.4 Status Report on State Council Resolutions

<p><b>5 November Flying Minute</b></p> <p>Submission on the State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity</p>	<p>That State Council endorse WALGA’s submission on the State Hazard Plan – Human Biosecurity to be provided to the State Emergency Management Committee.</p>	<p>WALGA submission lodged on 8 November.</p> <p>Included in December State Council Agenda as an item for noting (item 10.10)</p>	<p>December 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>8 October 2024 Flying Minute</b></p> <p>Submission on the Derbal Yiragan (Swan) Djarlgarro (Canning) Draft River Protection Strategy</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the Submission on the Derbal Yiragan (Swan) Djarlgarro (Canning) Draft River Protection Strategy.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 245.FM/2024</p>	<p>WALGA submission lodged on 9 October.</p> <p>Included in December State Council Agenda as an item for noting (item 10.9)</p>	<p>December 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>1 October 2024 Flying Minute</b></p> <p>Submission on Draft Regional Education Strategy</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the Submission on the Draft Regional Education Strategy.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 244.FM/2024</p>	<p>WALGA submission lodged.</p> <p>Included in December State Council Agenda as an item for noting (item 10.8)</p>	<p>December 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.1 Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023</p>	<p>That WALGA advocate to the State Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>For an independent Local Government election audit, focusing on the Western Australia Electoral Commission’s (WAEC) <u>service delivery and 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.</u></i></li> <li>2. <i>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:</i></li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.</p> <p>Letter sent to the Minister for Local Government and Electoral Commissioner advising of the Local Government Elections Analysis and inviting engagement to explore the opportunities for improving the conduct of Local Government Elections.</p>	<p>October 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>



	<p>a. <i>transparency of costing methodology,</i></p> <p>b. <i>direct engagement with Local Governments pre and post elections, and</i></p> <p>c. <i>the roles and responsibilities of the WAEC and Local Governments in the conduct of elections.</i></p> <p>3. <u><i>For a review of the legislative framework that would allow for more than one election services provider to conduct Local Government elections.</i></u></p> <p>4. <i>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.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 065.4/2024</p>			
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.2 Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council endorse a new Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>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 <u>local</u> community benefits from energy transition projects as a priority.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 066.4/2024</p>	<p><a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>





<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.3 Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council endorse a new Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <p><i>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.</i></p> <p><i>WALGA calls on the State Government to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Adopt a new State Planning Policy for renewable energy facilities, to replace the existing Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities, that:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Facilitates the orderly development of renewable energy facilities across Western Australia;</i></li> <li>b. <i>Outlines the key planning and environmental considerations, for the location, siting, design and operation of renewable energy facilities and their associated infrastructure;</i></li> <li>c. <i>Provides a framework that clearly stipulates the minimum required documentation and technical reports that need to be submitted with proposals for renewable energy facilities;</i></li> <li>d. <i>Supports the development of Local Planning Policies by Local Governments to further guide locally appropriate planning consideration of renewable energy facilities;</i></li> <li>e. <i>Provides a clear relationship with:</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <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;</i></li> <li>ii. <i>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</i></li> <li>iii. <i>State Planning Policy 2.9 - Planning for Water to ensure water resources impacted by renewable energy facilities are identified and adequately managed.</i></li> <li>f. <u><i>Includes policy measures to address:</i></u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <u><i>possible negative impacts on or alienation of productive agricultural land;</i></u></li> <li>ii. <u><i>their proximity to lot boundaries with particular attention to potential negative, impact on town sites and sensitive land uses;</i></u></li> <li>iii. <u><i>potential negative impacts on airport operations;</i></u></li> <li>iv. <u><i>their appropriateness in the 'General Industry' zone and impacts and suitable location on heavy industry sites;</i></u></li> <li>v. <u><i>the need for local engagement and the realisation of community benefits from the development of renewable energy facilities.</i></u></li> </ul> </li> <li>2. <i>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).</i></li> </ul>			
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	<p>3. <i>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.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 067.4/2024</p>			
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.4 Priority Agriculture Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council endorse a new Priority Agriculture Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <p><i>The state planning framework should provide sufficient statutory protections for areas identified as high quality agricultural land.</i></p> <p><i>WALGA calls on the State Government to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Amend the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 to:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>to retain priority agricultural land for agricultural purposes; and</i></li> <li>ii. <i>limit the introduction of sensitive land uses which may compromise existing, future and potential agricultural production.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>b. <i>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.</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

	<p>2. <i>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.</i></p> <p>3. <i>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.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 068.4/2024</p>			
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.5 Planning Principles and Reform Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retire Advocacy Position 6.2 Planning Reform; and</li> <li>2. Replace Advocacy Position 6.1 Planning Principles with the following:</li> </ol> <p><i>6.1 Planning Principles and Reform</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <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>a. <i>facilitates the creation of sustainable and liveable communities and places;</i></li> <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> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p><a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>



	<p>e. ensures decisions are made by the level of government closest to and most impacted by a planning proposal; and</p> <p>f. establishes consistent planning frameworks and streamlines planning processes where there is a demonstrated benefit in doing so.</p> <p>2. Reforms to the planning system should:</p> <p>a. be guided by the above principles;</p> <p>b. deliver community benefit;</p> <p>c. promote system efficiency, including through the use of technology;</p> <p>d. be evidence-based and informed by robust, transparent data;</p> <p>e. proceed at an appropriate pace to enable effective implementation;</p> <p>f. be informed by engagement with the community; and</p> <p>g. be amended only with WALGA involvement <u>and</u> consultation/involvement with Local Government.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 069.4/2024</p>			
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.6 Product Stewardship Policy Statement and Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <p>1. Rescind the existing Extended Producer Responsibility Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.5 Extended Producer Responsibility.</p> <p>2. Endorse a new Product Stewardship Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <p>1. Industry should take responsibility (physical and/or financial) for the waste that it generates through the entire life cycle of</p>	<p><a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

	<p><i>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.</i></p> <p>2. <i>Effective Product Stewardship is characterised by:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Producers and importers taking responsibility for post consumption product impacts.</i></li> <li>b. <i>Schemes covering the entire cost of product recycling or recovery, including transport.</i></li> <li>c. <i>Leveraging existing Schemes and collection locations.</i></li> <li>d. <i>Being easy and convenient for the community to access.</i></li> <li>e. <i>Having equitable national coverage and access for all, including regional and remote locations.</i></li> <li>f. <i>Being evidence based.</i></li> <li>g. <i>Consistent regulation and implementation across Australia using national Product Stewardship legislation.</i></li> <li>h. <i>Timely action and industry cooperation during Scheme development and implementation.</i></li> <li>i. <i>Being demand based and aiming to recover the maximum amount of material, rather than being limited by targets.</i></li> <li>j. <i>No additional cost to consumers when the product is disposed of post consumption.</i></li> </ul> <p>3. <i>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.</i></p>			
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	<p>4. <i>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.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 070.4/2024</p>			
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.7 Submission on the Draft State Waste Strategy</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the Draft State Waste Strategy Submission.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 071.4/2024</p>	<p>WALGA submission lodged on 5 September 2024.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.8 Shire of Ravensthorpe Application to Transfer Zones</p>	<p>That State Council approves the Shire of Ravensthorpe's application to transfer from the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone to the Great Southern Country Zone, in accordance with clause 14 of the Association Constitution.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 072.4/2024</p>	<p>WALGA advised the Shire of Ravensthorpe, Great Southern Country Zone and the Goldfields Esperance Country Zone that the application to transfer Zones was approved.</p>	<p>October 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.9 Finance and Services Committee Minutes – 21 August 2024</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 21 August 2024.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 073.4/2024</p>	<p>Finance and Services Committee items have been actioned, including the presentation of the Annual Report to the 2024 Annual General Meeting.</p>	<p>October 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p><b>4 September 2024</b> Item 8.11 Selection Committee Minutes - 20 August 2024</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note the resolution contained in the 20 August 2024 Selection Committee Minutes; and</li> <li>2. endorse the recommendation contained in the 20 August 2024 Selection Committee Minutes.</li> </ol>	<p>Selection Committee items have been actioned.</p>	<p>October 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>

	RESOLUTION 075.4/2024			
<b>4 September 2024</b> Item 9.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report	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  RESOLUTION 079.4/2024	<a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.	September 2024	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure
<b>4 September 2024</b> Item 9.4 People and Place Policy Team Report	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  RESOLUTION 080.4/2024	<a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> updated.	September 2024	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy
<b>30 August 2024</b> <b>Flying Minute</b>  Submission on the Draft Objectives and Priorities for the Upcoming	That State Council endorse WALGA's Submission on the draft objectives and priorities for the upcoming State Public Health Plan to be provided to the Department of Health.  RESOLUTION 243.FM/2024	WALGA submission lodged  Included in December State Council Agenda as an item for noting (see item 10.7)	December 2024	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy



State Public Health Plan				
<p><b>8 August 2024</b> <b>Flying Minute</b></p> <p>Submission to Main Roads WA on the Revised Main Roads Western Australia Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the Submission to Main Roads WA on the Revised Main Roads Western Australia Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 242.FM/2024</p>	<p>WALGA submission lodged 15 August.</p> <p>Included in December State Council Agenda as an item for noting (item 10.6)</p>	December 2024	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure
<p><b>6 December 2023</b> Item 7.1 2023 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the appropriate Policy Team for further work to be undertaken</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2 Land Use Policy <i>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.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 501.5/2023</p>	<p>Following the Environment Policy Team's consideration of WALGA's Research Paper at its February meeting, WALGA met with the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) and the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) to discuss progress with the various initiatives being undertaken at a State level to prioritise agricultural land.</p> <p>A Joint meeting of the Environment Policy Team and Infrastructure Policy Team considered three draft advocacy positions at its meeting held on 10 July. These</p>	September 2024	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy



		<p>positions were included in the September State Council agenda for consideration.</p> <p>State Council endorsed the Priority Agriculture Advocacy Position at its September 4, 2024, meeting.</p> <p>Advocacy Positions Manual updated.</p>		
<p><b>6 December 2023</b> Item 7.1 2023 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the appropriate Policy Team for further work to be undertaken.</p> <p>5.4 Regional and Remote Housing <i>That WALGA advocates to the WA State and Commonwealth Governments to address the dire shortage of affordable key worker family housing options in regional and remote towns to encourage families to live and work in regional and remote towns. Social housing is addressed at both the State and Federal levels.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 501.5/2023</p>	<p>The Deputy Director General, Housing and Assets presented at the 10 July State Council Strategic Forum. The presentation included an offer to Local Governments to submit expressions of interest for partnership on social and affordable housing as well the Government Regional Officer Housing program, including those that request variations to the current program parameters – such as rent returns or interest free loans.</p> <p>WALGA hosted a GROH workshop on 8 November to consider current and future Government Regional Officer Housing program build to lease model in the context of the current WA construction market with a view to policy changes. The workshop was led by the Department of Communities with senior representatives</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

		<p>from Treasury and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage</p> <p>WALGA continues to advocate for State Government to optimise partnership opportunities with Local Government that make capital investment in housing supply viable.</p>		
<p><b>1 March 2023</b> Item 7.4 Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities</p>	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note that the Environment Minister has withdrawn the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball.</li> <li>Write to the Ministers for Environment, Local Government, Sport and Planning requesting the formation of a cross Government working group, including relevant representative bodies, to consider and develop solutions to balance urban density and infill, public recreation and noise management.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 422.1/2023</p>	<p>Awaiting response to request to the Minister's office on 29 July 2024.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>7 December 2022</b> Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: ...</p> <p>3.1 Road Traffic Issues <i>That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and</i></p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved: <i>That efforts to increase the importance given to Local Government knowledge regarding traffic issues be deferred for consideration in mid-2023 after a clear Local Government advocacy position on speed management is developed and endorsed.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

	<p><i>input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>This matter is central to the new Speed Management Policy adopted by State Council in May 2023. Implementation strategy being considered.</p>		
<p><b>7 December 2022</b> Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken: ...</p> <p>3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools <i>That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Reviewing car parking standards for schools;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;</i></li> <li>3. <i>Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;</i></li> <li>4. <i>Restricting school access from major roads;</i></li> <li>5. <i>Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;</i></li> <li>6. <i>Develop programs to educate drivers; and</i></li> <li>7. <i>Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.</i></li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved: <i>That WALGA uses its role at the Safe Active Travel to School Working Group to advocate for these outcomes and provide advice back to the Local Government sector.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

<p><b>7 December 2022</b> Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</p> <p>3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA <i>That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved: <i>That the opportunities and interest in contracting Local Governments to undertake maintenance and minor works on the State road network be explored in discussion with Main Roads WA.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
<p><b>7 December 2022</b> Item 5.1 2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program <i>That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>The Northern Australian Beef Roads Program was launched in 2016 specifically targeted to northern Australia. All 18 projects have completed construction. This program no longer exists.</p>	<p>To be removed</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
<p><b>1 December 2021</b> Item 5.3</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2021 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:</p>	<p>In March 2023 the State Government announced the establishment of a new Infrastructure Development Fund that</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan</p>



<p>2021 Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>Cost of Regional Development  <i>That WALGA makes urgent representation to the State Government to address the high cost of development in regional areas for both residential and industrial land, including the prohibitive cost of utilities headworks, which has led to market failure in many regional towns.</i></p> <p>...                  RESOLUTION 294.7/2021</p>	<p>includes a stream to support the delivery of regional worker accommodation with applications open until September 2023. This is an infrastructure investment program to address infrastructure constraints in the water, wastewater and electricity network at a precinct or strategic site scale impacting the delivery of regional worker accommodation. Full details can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>		<p>Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
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## 5.5 COMPLETE ZONE STATUS REPORT –

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
<p>19 April 2022 Zone Agenda Item <b>9.7</b> <b>Underground Power</b></p>	<p>That the Kimberley Regional Group requests that WALGA enter into discussions with Horizon Power in relation to programs and funding to transition overhead wires to underground power.</p>	<p>WALGA staff met with the Community Engagement Manager and Government Relations and Stakeholder Engagement Manager from Horizon Power and raised the opportunities from underground power in Pilbara and Kimberley towns. This is listed for on-going discussion.</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p>	<p>November 2024</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2031</p>
<p>19 April 2024 Zone Agenda Item <b>8 Enhanced and Alternative Education Opportunities for Regional WA</b></p>	<p>That the Kimberley Country Zone: 1. Support the call to action to reduce regional disadvantage in educational opportunities. 2. Request the WALGA Secretariat to advocate to State Government on this matter</p>	<p>WALGA notes that the Kimberley Country Zone supports the call to action raised by the Great Southern Zone to reduce regional disadvantage in educational opportunities and that the Zone will write to the Minister for Education on the matter.</p> <p>WALGA understands that the Great Southern Zone received a response to their letter to the Minister of Education on this issue on 24 April 2024. The letter references a number of initiatives including a \$7.1 million funding boost for the School of Isolated and Distance Education, a proposed expansion of VET certificates in the coming years, Education and Training Participation Plans, the support provided by the School of Special Educational Needs: Behaviour and Engagement located in Albany, the recently announced federally funded two new Regional University Study Hubs, further financial investment in the attraction and retention payments/packages, and a developing Regional Education Strategy.</p>	<p>November 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy <a href="mailto:nmatthews@walga.asn.au">nmatthews@walga.asn.au</a> 9213 2039</p>



		<p>WALGA is also aware that the Great Southern Zone has raised these issues directly with Department of Education representatives at recent Zone meetings.</p> <p>WALGA notes that 2024-25 State Budget included an additional \$10 million for the School of Isolated and Distance Education.</p> <p>WALGA is continuing to advocate broadly on issues that intersect with regional education such as Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH). WALGA has written to the Department of Communities Deputy Director General, Housing and Assets on this matter. Department of Communities officials will present on the GROH program at the July Strategic Forum.</p> <p>On the 22 July, the Department of Education released a draft <u>Regional Education Strategy</u>. The Strategy aims to provide a framework to guide more effective delivery of regional education, focusing on improved educational and wellbeing opportunities across four pillars:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Pillar 1: Build the capability of our regional workforce</li> <li>Pillar 2: Expand curriculum delivery</li> <li>Pillar 3: Strengthen support for student wellbeing</li> <li>Pillar 4: Develop partnerships to create opportunity</li> </ul> <p>Country zones and Local Governments are strongly encouraged to provide feedback on the strategy, particularly given the relevance of the Strategy to matters raised by the Great Southern Zone with support from other country zones.</p>	
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		<p>The consultation period closes on Friday 20 September 2024. <a href="#">More information is available here.</a></p> <p>WALGA has partnered with the Department of Education to facilitate an information and feedback session on the Strategy priority pillars. The session will be held online on Wednesday 21 August 2:30 -3.:30pm. A registration link will be sent via LG Direct.</p> <p>WALGA provided a <a href="#">submission</a> on the Draft Education Strategy on 4 October 2024, provided as an item for noting at the December 2024 State Council meeting.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>		
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Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>People Place Prosperity Performance</p> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content;"> <p>Advocate Partner Promote</p> <p>Facilitate Fund Monitor</p> </div>	Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p><b>That the Kimberley Country Zone:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Notes the report from the WALGA President</b></li> <li><b>2. Notes the State Council Agenda Items as circulated</b></li> <li><b>3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision contained within the State Council Agenda</b></li> <li><b>4. Acknowledges the Items for noting</b></li> <li><b>5. Acknowledges the Status Report on State Council Resolutions</b></li> <li><b>6. Notes the Kimberley Zone Status Report</b></li> </ol>		<p>Nick Sloan, CEO of WALGA, to provide the KRG with details on WALGA's actions regarding revenue from charitable corporations.</p> <p>The KRG to decide on appropriate action following Nick Sloan's update</p>	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	Nick Sloan / KRG members
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

## 5. Conclusion of Zone Matters: 2:10pm

## 6. Cooperation and Shared Services

### Item For Noting

Submitted by: Tony Brown, Executive Director, Member Services

**Attachment 3: Cooperation and Share Services Document (Separately attached)**

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Please find attached (Attachment 3) the latest version of the Cooperation & Shared Services document. This document was created to capture the collaborative work between Local Governments, showcasing ways to maximise resources to deliver outcomes that would be difficult to achieve alone. Local Governments have contributed to this resource and will be consulted again next year for further updates/modifications.

All CEO's have received this document and were encouraged to share with Councillors and staff to fully display all collaborative work happening within Local Government.

WALGA will be promoting this to Government agencies to display the collaborative work that happens in our sector.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact Tony Brown – [tbrown@walga.asn.au](mailto:tbrown@walga.asn.au) or Naoimh Donaghy – [ndonaghy@walga.asn.au](mailto:ndonaghy@walga.asn.au)

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund Monitor	Nil
Recommendation(s)		Action(s)	
That the Kimberley Country Zone note the latest version of the Cooperation & Shared Services document		Nil	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Responsible:</b>	-
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	-
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

## 7. Submissions to the 2025 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members

### Item For Noting

Submitted by: Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance,

### BACKGROUND

The Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) conduct an annual inquiry into Local Government Chief Executive Officer and Elected Member remuneration.

SAT generally advertises its intention to receive submissions in December for its inquiry and Determination in relation to the following financial year. The Tribunal will invite individual Local Governments, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries, WALGA, Local Government Professionals WA and other interested individuals to provide information or submissions.

SAT will likely publish its Determination for 2025-2026 in April 2025.

### COMMENT

In preparation for the inquiry to be undertaken early next year, a draft submission from WALGA has been prepared making recommendations to SAT on behalf of the sector in relation to Elected Member fees and allowances, Chief Executive Officer remuneration, the Regional/Isolation Allowance and Independent Audit Member fees. The draft WALGA submission is contained in the December State Council Agenda for Zone and State Council consideration.

Local Governments can also put forward a submission, particularly in relation to their own circumstances, including requests to be classified in a different Band.

WALGA encourages all Local Governments to make a submission to SAT.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<b>People</b> Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund <b>Monitor</b>	Nil
Recommendation(s)		Action(s)	
<b>That the Kimberley Country Zone note the submissions to the 2025 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry</b>		Nil	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Responsible:</b>	-
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	-
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

## 8. Native Vegetation Clearing Issues Paper

### Item For Noting

Submitted by: Sarah Coles, Environment Policy Officer

**Attachment 4: Native Vegetation Clearing Issues Paper (Separately attached)**

### BACKGROUND

WALGA has developed an Issues Paper on Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations based on input from Local Government and analysis of Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), and Appeals Convenor, data. Drawing on this data and Local Government case studies, the Paper outlines challenges Local Governments have encountered in navigating the regulatory system and identifies opportunities for improvement.

WALGA's data analysis identifies that 60% of Local Government clearing permits applications relate to road construction or upgrade. Key challenges relate to the complexity of navigating the regulatory environment, costs associated with the process and the time taken (for assessment of permits and appeals). These challenges can delay road and infrastructure projects and impact on Local Government's ability to attract and retain grant funding.

Based on discussions with the sector, and recommendations of previous submissions, WALGA has identified a range of potential opportunities to improve the native vegetation process. These focus on DWER process improvements, Local Government capacity building and taking strategic approaches to data collection, clearing permits and offsets:

1. The implementation of a State Government coordinated and funded biodiversity survey program.
2. Funding for a trial using Artificial Intelligence (AI) for biodiversity mapping.
3. DWER to develop a Strategic Offsets framework for Local Government.
4. The introduction of statutory timeframes for determination of referrals, permits and appeals and timely compliance and enforcement.
5. Increased support and capacity building for Local Governments to navigate the native vegetation clearing requirements.
6. Extended default periods for purpose permits and removal of the time limit requirement for maintenance in existing transport corridors.

The Issues Paper has been updated following consideration by the Environment and Infrastructure Policy Teams and is attached for zones' consideration and feedback. In particular Zones are requested provide feedback on the following:

- a. Does the Issues Paper capture the challenges experienced by Local Government in relation to native vegetation clearing regulations?
- b. The opportunities identified for improving the native vegetation clearing process for Local Government.
- c. Any additional opportunities.

- Discussion at the Zone meeting is encouraged. Any written feedback should be provided by Friday, 13 December, to [environment@walga.asn.au](mailto:environment@walga.asn.au).

The Zone can provide feedback at the meeting as well as Local Governments can email WALGA direct by 13 December.

Following all Zones feedback an item will be prepared for the Zones and State Council in February/March 2025.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<b>People</b> Place Prosperity Performance	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund <b>Monitor</b>	Nil
Recommendation(s)		Action(s)	
<b>That the Kimberley Country Zone</b> 1. <b>Note the Native Vegetation Clearing Regulations Issues Paper.</b> 2. <b>Local Government's to submit their written feedback through the Executive Officer to WALGA for consideration by the 13<sup>th</sup> of December</b>		The Executive Officer to liaise with KRG CEOs to obtain the necessary information, collate it, and submit it to WALGA by the 13th of December.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	KRG CEO's / Executive Officer
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Due date:</b>	13 <sup>th</sup> December 2024
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

## 9. Kimberley Regional Group General Business

Item	Responsible	Comments /Actions Arising
Kimberley Housing and Business Insurance Cost	CEO, Shire of Broome	Discussion around the rising cost of housing and business insurance across the Kimberley and what action if any needs to be taken by the Kimberley Regional Group
FBT	Executive Officer	Provide an update on the current status of the FBT policy paper (Refer Attachment)
Crime Prevention and Housing	Executive Officer	Provide a verbal update
Financial Assistance	Executive Officer	Refer attachment 5 Policy Statement – FA Grants (separately attached) Refer attachment 6 KRG FAG Report (separately attached)
Benchmarking	Executive Team	Spreadsheets were sent out with the deadline of Monday, 30 <sup>th</sup> September. Report to be tabled at the February meeting. No information has been received as of Monday 11 November.
Canberra Trip	Executive Officer	Schedule of meetings attached 7 Discussion regarding priority items to be raised during Canberra meetings.
2025 Meetings	Members	Adjusted meeting dates Refer attachment 8



<b>Attachment 7: 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 19<sup>th</sup> November Canberra confirmed meetings</b>
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<b>MONDAY 18 MEETINGS</b>		
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Senator Glen Sterle	Chair of Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee	11:00am – 11:30am
Senator Matt O'Sullivan	Senator for WA	11:30am – 12pm
Hon Michael Sukkar MP	Shadow Minister for Housing	1:00pm – 1:00pm
Phoebe Drake	Senior Adviser - Hon Anthony Albanese MP	3:30pm – 4:00pm
Hon Catherine King MP	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development	4:00pm - 4:30pm

<b>MONDAY 18 DINNER</b>	
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Hon Melissa Price MP	Federal Member for Durack
Senator Dean Smith	Available from 8pm

<b>TUESDAY 19 MEETINGS</b>		
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Karmil Nguyen	Minister's Adviser (Housing)	10:00am – 10:30am
Senator Perin Davey	Deputy Leader of the Nationals in the Senate	3:00pm – 3:30pm
Senator Susan McDonald	Shadow Minister for Resources	3:50pm – 4:20pm

Attachment 8: 2025 KRG Meeting Dates

CEO Ringaround	In Person Meetings	Zoom meetings	State Council
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Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
February	CEO Ringaround	14/2/25	8:30am – 9:00am	Zoom	
	Informal Dinner (optional TBA)	20/2/25	6:30-9:30pm	Perth - TBD	
	Kimberley Zone	21/2/25	9:00 am - 9:45am		
	KRG		10:00am -12:30pm		
March	State Council meeting	5/3/25	-	WALGA	
April	CEO Ringaround	4/4/25	8:30am – 9:00am	Zoom	
	Kimberley Zone	10/4/25	TBD	Halls Creek	Times will depend on flight schedules and how everyone is travelling. Will contact EAs to source information.
	KRG	11/4/25	TBD		

CEO Ringaround	In Person Meetings	Zoom meetings	State Council
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Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
May	State Council meeting	7/5/25	-	East Metropolitan Zone	
June	Kimberley Zone	20/6/2025	9:00am – 10:00am	Zoom	
	KRG CEO Ringaround	26/6/2025	8:30am - 9:00am	Zoom	
July	KRG Meeting	3/07/2025	11:30am – 2:30pm	City of Vincent (TBC)	
	Government Forum		3:00pm – 5:00pm followed by networking session until 6:30pm		
	Dinner		7:00pm - 9:30pm	Le Vivant or similar	
	State Council meeting	2/7/25	-	WALGA	

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CEO Ringaround	In Person Meetings	Zoom meetings	State Council
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Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
<b>August</b>	CEO Ringaround	8/8/25	8:30am – 9:00am	Zoom	
	Kimberley Zone	15/8/25	9am – 9:45am	Zoom	
	KRG		10:00 – 12:30pm		
<b>September</b>	State Council meeting	4-5/9/25	-	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	
	CEO Ringaround	18/9/25	8:30am - 9:00am	Zoom	
	WALGA Local Gov Convention	22-24/9/25			
	KRG only	25/9/25	9am – 1pm	Perth	To include mini planning session

CEO Ringaround	In Person Meetings	Zoom meetings	State Council
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Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location	Notes
<b>November</b>	CEO Ringaround	14/11/25	8:30am – 9:00am	Zoom	
	Kimberley Zone	21/11/25	9am – 9:45am	Zoom	
	KRG		10:00 – 12:30pm	Zoom	
<b>December</b>	State Council meeting	3/12/25	-	WALGA	

Attachment 9: 2025 KRG Meeting Dates and Guest Survey

**KRG Meeting Dates and Guest survey**

**Respondents:**

- Sam Mastrolembo
- Sue Leonard
- Peter McCumstie

**Question 3**

You agreed that some of the guests that come to the Zone meeting should really be coming to the KRG meeting. This should theoretically reduce the time of the Zone meeting. Do you think that 45 minutes is enough time for WALGA to present (just Karen, Nick (or representatives) and DLGSC) and for your questions to be answered and items to be resolved?

Yes 3 No 0

**Question 4-9**

Of the guests that used to attend the Zone meetings, and those that have had regular places in the KRG meetings please could you prioritise them according to how often you would like an update from them

Renee Gioffre

- every meeting 1
- at least 3 times per year 1
- only if members request 1

Janine Hatch

- every meeting 2
- at least 3 times a year 1

Bill Tatchell

- every meeting 1
- at least 3 times per year 1
- only if members request 1

Peter Webster

- only if members request 2
- optional – invite them to present a written report to be included in the agenda 1

Chuck Berger

- every meeting 2
- should be canvassed beforehand for important info 1

Mala Hajl-All

- only if members request 1
- should be canvassed beforehand for important info 2

**Question 10**

Are there any other guests you would particularly like to hear from at the KRG meetings? (For example, we heard that you may like to hear from a police representative). Please advise of guests and how often you would like them to attend.

WAPOL Superintendent/ quarterly

WACHS/ Regional Manager/ Quarterly

KAMS/ CEO/ twice per year

**DATES;**

Dates	Sam	Sue	Peter		
February 21st 9am-12.30 Zone and KRG in-person Perth	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable SDWK representatives will be doing CEO recruitment second half of February, dates to be confirmed.		
April 11th 9am - 12.30 Zone and KRG Zoom	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable		
June 20th 9- 10am Zone only Zoom	Suitable	Suitable	Suitable		
July 3rd 11.30am onwards KRG and government forum (dinner) Perth	Not sure 4 <sup>th</sup> July?	Suitable	Suitable		
August 14th and 15th Day 1: 9am onwards Zone and KRG, tour and dinner Halls	Not sure Middle of August is crazy in Broome, not ideal to be travelling to Halls Creek and looks like it may be in	Suitable	Suitable		



Creek. Day 2: strategic planning	main race round... is it a possibility to travel for the April meeting given Feb and June are zoom? July is face to face and August could then be Zoom... EO response				
October 24th TBD	<b>Unsuitable</b> October is probably too close to the LG elections to have members appointed...	Suitable	Suitable		
November 21st 9-10am Zone	Maybe combine Zone and KRG into November meeting	Suitable	Suitable		

Q12

We have 3 in-person meetings scheduled. The October meeting could either be another in-person meeting or could be Zoom. Please advise your preference with 1 being your preferred option, down to 5 being your least preferred option

Options	Sam	Sue	Peter		
Zoom only	4	1	1		
In-person meeting in Perth	5	2	2		
In-person meeting in Derby	3	3	3		
In-person meeting in Broome	1	4	4		
In-person meeting in Kununurra	2	5	5		

Q13

If an in-person meeting is chosen for October, would you prefer this to be a 2 day session with strategic planning, rather than having that at the August meeting - this would then be 12 months since the last planning session.

Options	Sam	Sue	Peter		
Yes			No response		
No					
Comments	too close to LG election... is this a zone or KRG meeting? can it be combined with Nov given elections?				

Q14

Any other comments you would like to make?

Sam: maybe November might be better for face to face with potentially new members?

**Conclusion of KRG Matters: 2:48pm**