



Northern Country Zone MINUTES

Flying Minute Meeting Tuesday 28 April 2020



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1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Zone Delegates are requested to provide written notice on amendments to recommendations within the State Council agenda ASAP to the Zone Chair and Secretariat, to allow Zone members time to vote on the alternative recommendation.

2. MEMBERS

Shire of Carnamah	Cr Merle Isbister, President Cr Dwayne Wooltorton, Deputy President Mr Vincent Fordham Lamont, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Shire of Chapman Valley	Cr Anthony Farrell, President Cr Kirrilee Warr, Deputy President Mr Maurice Battilana, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Shire of Coorow	Cr Moira Girando, President Cr Bruce Jack, Deputy President Mr John Merrick, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
City of Greater Geraldton	Mayor Shane Van Styn Cr Tarleah Thomas, Deputy Mayor (NCZ Deputy Chair) Mr Ross McKim, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Shire of Irwin	Cr Michael Smith, President Cr Ian West Mr Shane Ivers, Acting Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate

Shire of Mingenew	Cr Gary Cosgrove, President Cr Justin Bagley Mr Nils Hay, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Shire of Morawa	Cr Karen Chappel, President (NCZ Chair) Mr Rob Paull, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Shire of Northampton	Cr Craig Simkin, President Cr Shane Krakouer, Deputy President Mr Garry Keeffe, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Shire of Perenjori	Commissioner Paul Omodei Mr Mario Romeo, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Shire of Three Springs	Cr Chris Lane Mr Keith Woodward, Chief Executive Officer non-voting Delegate
Secretariat	Mrs Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors must declare to the Chairman any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before the Zone as soon as they become aware of it. Councillors and deputies may be directly or indirectly associated with some recommendations of the Zone and State Council. If you are affected by these recommendations, please excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Nil Received

4. ADJOURNED BUSINESS

Nil

5. MINUTES

5.1 Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Attachment: Minutes of NCZ Meeting 24 February 2020

Recommendation:

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA held on 24 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA held on 24 February 2020 be confirmed as a true and accurate record of proceedings.

Carried

5.2 Business Arising from Minutes

5.2.1 Review of Constitution and Standing Orders

At Item 10.4 of the 24 February 2020 meeting it was decided that:

‘The revisions to the Constitution and Standing Orders, as presented, be adopted at the June meeting’.

This will need to be delayed if the Northern Country Zone can’t meet in person in June due to COVID-19 restrictions, as the Constitution at Item 27 calls for Members to be present at any vote to change the Constitution ie it can’t be done by Flying Minute.

5.2.2 Mid West Secondary Grain Freights Routes Priority Roads Funding Projects

At Item 10.5 of the 24 February 2020 meeting it was decided:

‘That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA, for the purpose of preparing a secondary grain freight route funding submission to the Federal Government, endorses the prioritisation of roads as prepared by the North Midlands and Coastal Regional Road Groups for the Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy (RARFS). Further, that each Northern Country Zone member takes an agenda item to their Council’s March 2020 meeting for endorsement of the RARFS priority roads.’

Following that decision:

The Shires of Carnamah, Chapman Valley, Coorow, Mingenew, Morawa and Three Springs and the City of Greater Geraldton all supported the RARFS spreadsheet.

Perenjori had questions and are considering it at their April meeting.

Northampton did not consider it, as the only road on the spreadsheet in their Shire is the Highway, which is under Main Roads WA jurisdiction.

There was no response from the Shire of Irwin.

On 3 April 2020, Mr Bernie Millar, Main Roads WA, was informed of this outcome to take to the next meeting of the Mid West Secondary Grain Freights Routes Project Working Group.

5.2.3 Northern Country Zone Health Forum 30 March 2020 – Postponed

Further to Item 10.6 of the 24 February 2020 minutes, updating members on the status of the Health Forum, an email was sent to all Northern Country Zone Members on 13 March 2020 asking them to vote on whether or not to postpone the Health Forum scheduled for 30 March 2020, due to the developing COVID-19 restrictions on non-essential travel and gatherings.

All members voted in favour of postponing and on Tuesday 17 March 2020, the Executive Officer contacted all speakers, guests, members, Dalgleish Catering and the Geraldton Yacht Club to notify them of the postponement. The Yacht Club have since refunded the money paid for the venue hire.

All speakers and guests are keen to be involved once the way is clear to set a new date.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the Business Arising from Minutes at Items 5.2.1 through to 5.2.3.

Carried

6. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA – EMERGING ISSUES

The following items have been taken directly from the WALGA State Council Agenda for 6 May 2020.

The recommendation and summary only have been included. Please refer to the PDF version of the attached State Council Agenda for more detail and attachments.

6.1 (4.1) COVID-19 Pandemic – WALGA Response

Please note:

The information contained in this report is correct and up-to-date as of 14 April 2020. Further supplementary information will be provided at Zone and State Council meetings as well as through other channels, such as the COVID-19 Daily Update from the WALGA President and CEO.

Recommendation:

That the information contained in this report relating to WALGA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic be noted.

Executive Summary

- The COVID-19 pandemic, declared as a State of Emergency on 16 March 2020 in Western Australia, is having a profound impact on the health, wellbeing and economy of Western Australia
- WALGA's Local Government members have been severely impacted by the pandemic and WALGA is working hard to provide advocacy, resources, communications and guidance on a range of fronts to support the Local Government sector.
- This item summarises at a high level the activities that WALGA is undertaking to provide support for members and is correct and up-to-date as at 14 April 2020.
- Additional supplementary information will be provided at the Zone and State Council meetings.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the information in the report at State Council Agenda Item 4.1 relating to WALGA's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Carried

6.2 (4.2) Local Government Act Emergency Provisions (05-034-02-0015 TL)

*By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services, and
Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance*

Recommendation:

That WALGA:

1. Notes and supports the introduction of legislation that:
 - a. Provides for Ministerial emergency powers on the condition that the Local Government sector is consulted prior to the issuing of an order using this power, and,
 - b. Provides the ability for Local Governments to suspend a provision of a local law
2. Continues to advocate for the 2019-20 valuations to apply to the 2020-21 rates.

Executive Summary:

- The Minister for Local Government announced the following four proposals to amend the *Local Government Act 1995* to incorporate a number of emergency provisions as follows:
 1. Valuations from 2019-20 to apply to 2020-21 rates
 2. Rates, fees and charges to remain at 2019-20 levels in 2020-21
 3. Ministerial power to make changes to the Act, and
 4. Ability for Local Governments to suspend Local Law provisions.
- Following the Minister's announcement, it is understood that the Government decided not to progress with items (1) and (2) above
- The legislative amendments are likely to progress through Parliament in mid-April providing little opportunity for the Local Government sector to influence the legislation
- The amendments will only apply to the current State of Emergency and will be removed from the Act following the COVID-19 pandemic
- It is recommended that the legislative proposals be broadly supported and that WALGA continue to advocate for deferment of the 2020-21 valuations.

The following comment from the Shire of Northampton in relation to this item was circulated to all members on Friday 24 April 2020.

We believe that with the new powers that the Minister for Local Government has with the emergency services provisions he should have the power now to either suspend the need to use the revised valuations for 2020/21 and that they be used in 2021/22 by varying section 6.28 (4) where it states Subject to subsection (5), for the purposes of this section the valuation to be used by a local government is to be the valuation in force under the Valuation of Land Act 1978 as at 1 July in each financial year, therefore change the date to 1 July 2021.

If the Minister for LG has emergency powers and is legislating for nil rate increases then why can't he use his emergency powers to change the date in the above section to read as at valuations in force as at 1 July 2019 for the 2020/21 Financial Year, seems pretty simple.

Perenjori Commissioner, The Hon Paul Omodei, made mention in Perenjori's email response of Monday 27 April 2020 that he strongly supports the WALGA position of freezing valuations for 20/21 and in accordance with this position, the deferment of Valuation charges from the Valuer Generals Office to Western Australian Local Governments. The Commissioner (Northern Zone) also strongly supports the working party being established by WALGA in the education of WA State Government elected members of mechanism used by the Valuer Generals office in the determination property valuations.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:**Moved:** Shire of Carnamah**Seconded:** Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA endorses the WALGA Officers' recommendation for State Council Agenda Item 4.2.

Carried

7. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR DECISION

The following items have been taken directly from the WALGA State Council Agenda for 6 May 2020.

The recommendation and summary only have been included. Please refer to the PDF version of the attached State Council Agenda for more detail and attachments.

7.1 (5.1) Amendment to Third Party Appeal Rights – Preferred Model (06-03-01-0001 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

Recommendation:

1. That the proposed amendment to the Third-Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to make an appeal on decisions made by Development Assessment Panels, is not supported, and
2. That the proposed amendment to the Third Party Appeals Process Preferred Model, being that closely associated third parties in addition to Local Governments are able to appeal decisions made by the Western Australian Planning Commission and the State Administrative Tribunal, in addition to Development Assessment Panels, is not supported.

Executive Summary:

- At the 2019 WALGA Annual General Meeting (AGM), a motion was carried to amend the existing Preferred Model for Third Party Appeal rights for decisions made by Development Assessment Panels.
- All Local Governments were contacted, seeking their views on a two-part motion. The closing date for feedback was 28 February 2020.
- 35 Local Governments provided a response, 11 supported the motions, 19 did not support the AGM motions and 5 did not support any Third-Party Appeal rights being introduced in WA.
- The 2019 WALGA AGM motion is therefore not supported.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA endorses the WALGA Officers' recommendation for State Council Agenda Item 5.1.

Carried

7.2 (5.2) Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA (05-031-01-0001 BW)

By Bec Waddington, Policy Officer Community

Recommendation:

That the submission to the Department of Health in response to the Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA discussion paper be endorsed.

Executive Summary:

- The *Public Health Act 2016* is progressing through a five-stage process of implementation and is currently at Stage 4. All regulations from the previous *Health Act 1911* will be repealed and replaced with new regulations at the commencement of Stage 5, which is anticipated to commence in 2021.
- The Department of Health released the 'Managing Lodging House Health Risks in WA' discussion paper for public comment with three options for consideration.

- WALGA's Submission discusses the Local Governments preference for Option C to regulate lodging houses under the Public Health Act using housing regulations.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA endorses the WALGA Officers' recommendation for State Council Agenda Item 5.2.

Carried

8. STATE COUNCIL AGENDA - MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

The following items have been taken directly from the WALGA State Council Agenda for 6 May 2020.

The recommendation and summary only have been included. Please refer to the PDF version of the attached State Council Agenda for more detail and attachments.

8.1 (6.1) Submission Position Statement: Special Entertainment Precincts and Options Paper for Proposed Amendments to the Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997 (05-036-02-0022 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

Recommendation:

That State Council note the submission on Position Statement: Special Entertainment Precincts & the Options Paper for proposed amendments to the *Environmental Protection (Noise) Regulations 1997*.

Executive Summary:

- The State Government prepared a position statement and options paper, which outlined possible planning and environmental approvals processes to manage noise within entertainment precincts.
- Three options were provided: Status Quo, agent of change and indoor assigned noise levels or establishment of a Special Control Area (SCA) for an entertainment precinct.
- The submission was due by 14 February 2020, consequently, the submission was processed through WALGA's interim submission process, and endorsed by State Council by Flying Minute.

8.2 (6.2) Submission on the Proposed Reforms to the Approval Process for Commercial Buildings (05-015-02-0005 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager Planning and Improvement

Recommendation:

That State Council note the endorsed submission on the proposed reforms to the approval process for commercial buildings.

Executive Summary:

- In December 2019, the State Government prepared a Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement (CRIS) for improvements to the commercial building approvals processes.
- The CRIS proposes 28 improvements, ranging from documentation requirements; performance solutions; fire authority consultation; engagement of building surveyors; third-party review of high-risk designs; variations to the design during construction; inspections of building work; material compliance; and the Building Commissioner's powers.
- The submission was due on 3 April 2020, consequently, the submission was processed through WALGA's interim submission process, and endorsed by State Council by Flying Minute on 1 April 2020.

8.3 (6.3) Report Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)

By Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling

Recommendation:

That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 26 February 2020 meeting.

Executive Summary:

This item relates to the MWAC meeting held on 26 February 2020; key outcomes of this meeting included:

1. Endorsement of the Submission on the Consultation Regulatory Impact Statement on phasing out certain waste exports.
2. Endorsement of the Plastic Reduction Options for Local Government Paper.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That State Council Agenda Items numbers 6.1 to 6.3 be noted.

Carried

9. REPORTS

9.1 Report from the Chair / State Councillor – April 2020

Northern Country Zone
Presidents Report April 2020

Wow. How the world has changed since we met in February. It is certainly challenging in many ways.

WALGA has been strongly advocating on behalf of Local Government, whilst accepting that we all are different and have vastly different capacities and issues. The Federal Government has made it very clear that they will not allow Local Government to be eligible for the Jobkeeper programme. This is incredibly disappointing.

It appears that it is necessary for WALGA to lobby strongly for Local Government, whether it be FAG's, road funding, removing regulatory barriers, no increase to statutory charges and everything in between.

Mayor Roberts and CEO Nick have been working incredibly hard in this advocacy. Each day something new arises and they have a team that is dedicated to COVID-19.

I hope you have been able to attend some of the Webinars or at least watch them later. There has been a multitude of information available.

Locally I know that all our Local Governments are doing what they can for their Local Governments. We all know our communities and what can be managed not only now but in future years.

We were wise to postpone our Health Forum. I wish to thank Dianne Daniels for the immense amount of work that Dianne put into the preparation for this forum. We should be able to hold it when we get to the other side. Mind you, some of our primary issues may have changed.

I, like most of you I am sure, will be finding that connectivity is not as adequate as we had thought, what with webinars, zoom meetings and home schooling.

I wish you all a Happy Easter. Stay safe and stay at home. We will see each other on the other side.

Karen Chappel

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the report from the Chair/State Councillor for April 2020.

Carried

9.2 WALGA Presidents Report to the Zone

Attachment: WALGA President's Report May 2020

The WALGA President's Report was circulated to members on Tuesday 21 May 2020.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the WALGA President's Report for May 2020.

Carried

9.3 Zone Status Report

Attachment: Northern Country Zone Status Report April 2020

A Status Report outlining the actions taken on the Zone's resolutions is attached.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the April Status Report outlining actions taken on the Zone's resolutions.

Carried

9.4 Midwest Suicide Prevention Steering Group Report

Attachment: Centacare Counselling Call Back Hotline Flyer

Cr Merle Isbister reported that the March meeting of the Midwest Suicide Prevention Steering Group was cancelled due to COVID-19 non-essential travel and meeting restrictions.

Jacki Ward, Project Coordinator, Suicide Prevention Trial (Midwest), provided Cr Isbister with a Flyer on Centacare free counselling services for those impacted by COVID-19, to be shared as members see fit.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the 28 April 2020 status report from the Standing Invitee to the Midwest Suicide Prevention Steering Group.

Carried

9.5 CA07 Restricted Access Vehicle Operating Condition Working Group Report

Cr Gary Cosgrove conveyed that there is nothing to report to date.

10. ZONE MATTERS FOR DECISION/NOTING

10.1 Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement and Bank Reconciliation at 31 March 2020

Author: Dianne Daniels, Executive Officer
Attachments: February and March 2020 Bank Statements

Recommendation:

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA receives the Detailed Income Statement and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31 March 2020.

Comments:

The Detailed Income Statement shown below represents the cash position of NCZ at 31 March 2020, as reconciled to the Bank Statement.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA				
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT				
For the period ending				
31-Mar-20				
	Date	Ref	Amount	Description
Statement Balance B/F	01-07-19		37,968.63	
Deposits				
Bank Interest Received			2.29	
	19-03-20		1,320.00	Geraldton Yacht Club/Gybes - refund venue and staff hire due to COVID-19 postponement of Health Forum
TOTAL RECEIPTS			1,322.29	
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE			39,290.92	
Payments Made				
	03-07-19		-2,805.66	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192001 - EO services 01/05/2019 - 30/06/2019; Travel expenses
	12-08-19		-275.00	Internet tsf - North Midlands Accounting - Inv 2020-00041 2018-19 Audit
	29-08-19		-203.46	Internet BPay - Shire of Mingenew - Inv 8802 Reimburse catering for meeting 26/08/2019
	29-08-19		-396.00	Internet BPay - Shire of Mingenew - Inv 8803 Reimburse catering for meeting 26/06/2019
	29-08-19		-2,822.04	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - inv 192002 - EO services 01/07/2019 - 26/08/2019; Travel expenses
	16-10-19		-2.19	Internet tsf - Norris & Hyde IT - Inv 25237 Align Email payment with 1st of month billing cycle
	03-12-19		-2,927.50	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192003 - EO services 29/08/2019 - 30/11/2019; Travel & reimbursements
	31-12-19		-750.00	Internet tsf - Gybes - Health Forum venue hire deposit and bond
	20-01-20		-396.00	Internet BPay - Shire of Mingenew - Inv 8939 Reimburse catering for meeting 29/11/2019
	20-01-20		-30.00	Internet tsf - Norris & Hyde It - Inv 33914 Reset password on email
	28-02-20		-2,805.66	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192004 - EO services 1/12/2019 - 25/02/2020; Travel expenses
	10-03-20		-570.00	Internet tsf - Geraldto Yacht Club - Inv 10314 - Balance of venue hire & staff hire
	17-03-20		-1,050.00	Internet tsf - Dianne Daniels - Inv 192005 - Additional activities organising Health Forum
TOTAL PAYMENTS MADE			-15,033.51	
Closing Cash Balance	31-03-20		24,257.41	
NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE OF WALGA				
BANK RECONCILIATION SUMMARY				
For the period ending				
31-Mar-20				
Statement Balance B/F	01-07-19		37,968.63	
Deposits and Credits			1,322.29	
Cheques and Payments			-15,033.51	
Total Cleared Transactions	31-03-20		24,257.41	
Add back o/s			0.00	
Reconciled Balance			24,257.41	
Bank Statement	31-03-20		24,257.41	
Difference I&E to Bank Statement			0.00	

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA receives the Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement and Bank Reconciliation for the period ending 31 March 2020.

Carried

10.2 Correspondence Out

10.2.1 Health Forum Postponement

17/03/2020 Speakers, guests, members, Dalgleish Caterers and Geraldton Yacht Club were all notified that the Health Forum scheduled for 30 March 2020 had been postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions on non-essential travel and gatherings.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes Correspondence Out at item 10.2.1.

Carried

10.3 Correspondence In

10.3.1 Mr Shane Love MLA, Member for Moore

Attachment: Email dated 24/02/2020

Drought Communities Program Extension Report and link to the Australian Government Business website, where members can find information regarding eligibility for drought funding and how to apply for it.

<https://www.business.gov.au/Grants-and-Programs/Drought-Communities-Programme-Extension>

10.3.2 Mr Bernie Miller, Regional Manager, Main Roads Mid West-Gascoyne

Attachment: Email dated 9/03/2020; forwarded to members 9/03/2020

Mid West-Gascoyne Region RARF Priority Costings Spreadsheet – second and final revision.

10.3.3 Ms Sheridan Webb, Principal Policy Officer, Aboriginal Policy & Coordination Unit, Department of Premier and Cabinet

Attachment: Email dated 19/03/2020; forwarded to members 20/03/2020

The Yamatji Nation ILUA is now available on the DPC website at:

<https://www.wa.gov.au/government/document-collections/yamatji-nation-indigenous-land-use-agreement-documents>

10.3.4 Ms Barbara Thompson, RDA Midwest Gascoyne

Attachment: Email dated 20/03/2020; forwarded to members 20/03/2020

Information on the Australian Government's economic response to Coronavirus.

10.3.5 Mr Ross McKim, CEO City of Greater Geraldton

Attachment: Email dated 20/03/2020; forwarded to members 23/03/2020

Email trail regarding a proposed WA Country Health Service COVID-19 briefing to Local Government.

10.3.6 Ms Margaret Degebrod, Executive Officer Governance, WALGA

Attachment: Email dated 31/03/2020; forwarded to members 31/03/2020

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10.3.7 Mr Garry Keefe, CEO Northampton Shire

Attachment: Email dated 31/03/2020; forwarded to members 31/03/2020

Conformation from Hon. Michaelia Cash, Minister for Employment, Skills, Small and Family Business, confirming that the Federal Government's Jobkeeper initiative does not apply to Local Government.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA receives Correspondence In at Items 10.3.1 through to 10.3.7.

Carried

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 Regional Issues

As per the resolution at Item 9.1 of the February 2018 meeting, Regional Issues are a standing item on the Agenda.

Nil

11.2 Regional Tourism Initiatives

As per the resolution at Item 10.1 of the April 2019 meeting, Regional Tourism Initiatives are open for discussion.

Nil

11.3 Other General Business

As per Item 35 of the Zone Standing Orders, a Delegate may under General Business introduce a motion relating to any item of interest to Local Government, but not otherwise.

11.3.1 Exemption for Western Power to Attend to Power Outages During Total Fire Bans and Harvest Vehicle Movement Bans

Author: Shire of Chapman Valley

Attachments: Nil

Recommendation:

The Northern Country Zone approach the WALGA State Council seeking from DFES an exemption for Western Power to attend to power outages during times of Total Fire Ban (TFB) and/or Harvest/Vehicle Movement Bans. The exemption is to be conditional upon DFES obtaining endorsement from the local Chief Bushfire Control Officer (CBFCO) or the local Fire Control Officer (FCO) of there being adequate fire control equipment accompanying Western Power at these times.

Comments

There have been too many occasions where a Total Fire Ban and/or Harvest/Vehicle Movement Ban has been put in place and power outages are experienced at the same time. The problem is Western Power either will not (or cannot) undertake infrastructure inspection and repair works during these times, which can result in power outages being extended for prolonged periods. Periods, which may well have been easily reduced if Western Power was able to inspect their infrastructure and undertake the necessary repair work.

The situation is exacerbated by TFB in particular being set for 24 hours periods (on many occasions sequentially) and across the whole of a district. This approach taken by DFES creates a situation where a TFB may be place over a whole district, incorporating a number of local government authorities, when some of these local government areas (or parts of them) are not experiencing significant adverse weather conditions.

The feeling is if Western Power can obtain approval from the DFES (after consulting with the local CBFCO or FCO) to inspect their infrastructure and undertake the necessary repairs under the condition adequate fire suppression measure accompany Western Power then this should be satisfactory. An example of fire suppression measures could be a local government fire-fighting unit either accompanying the Western Power plant or being located on a road reserve nearest to the inspection/repair works.

The issue of liability needs to be removed from Western Power, the local government authority, CBFCO, FCO, etc. in such instances.

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Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the Northern Country Zone approach the WALGA State Council seeking from DFES an exemption for Western Power to attend to power outages during times of Total Fire Ban (TFB) and/or Harvest/Vehicle Movement Bans. The exemption is to be conditional upon DFES obtaining endorsement from the local Chief Bushfire Control Officer (CBFCO) or the local Fire Control Officer (FCO) of there being adequate fire control equipment accompanying Western Power at these times.

Carried

11.3.2 Late Item – Regional Level Vulnerability Analysis

Author: WALGA

Attachment: WALGA COVID-19 Health and Economic Vulnerability Analysis

COVID-19 Regional Level Vulnerability Analysis

To assist Local Governments as they look to provide the most appropriate response and recovery packages in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, WALGA have been assessing the extent to which each local community in WA will be impacted by COVID-19. As a way of doing this, WALGA analysed a range of demographic and social data that provide an indication of the COVID-19 health and economic vulnerability of each Local Government Area in WA. The indicators analysed for each Local Government Area include:

Health vulnerability

Share of people aged over 70
Share of lone person households
Share of households with no motor vehicles
Share of people who need assistance with core activities
Population density

Economic Vulnerability

Share of people who work in impacted industries
Share of businesses in impacted industries
Share of non-employing businesses
Share of businesses with less than \$2m in annual turnover
Share of households with no internet access

Over 60 individual Local Governments have been provided with an analysis pack specific to their district, and now WALGA have aggregated and reported on this data at the WALGA Zone level.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Perenjori

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA notes the Regional Level Vulnerability Analysis.

Carried

12. DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDATION

That the next ordinary meeting of the Northern Country Zone of WALGA will be held on Monday 22 June at the Mingenew Sports Pavilion if COVID-19 restrictions regarding non-essential travel and gatherings have been lifted, otherwise by Flying Minute.

Northern Country Zone Resolution:

Moved: Shire of Carnamah

Seconded: Shire of Mingenew

That the next ordinary meeting of the Northern Country Zone will be held on Monday 22 June 2020, commencing at 10:00 am, at the Mingenew Sports Pavilion if COVID-19 restrictions regarding non-essential travel and gatherings have been lifted, otherwise by Flying Minute.

Carried

13. MEETING CLOSURE

The Flying Minute Meeting was declared closed at Close of Business (5:00 pm) on Tuesday 28 April 2020.