



THE
**KIMBERLEY
ZONE**

Meeting Minutes

23 August 2024



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1. Kimberley Country Zone Meeting Open: 9:04am

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
Members		
Cr David Menzel	Zone Chair, and President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Zoom
Cr Peter McCumstie	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Cr Chris Mitchell	President, Shire of Broome	Zoom
Observers		
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	Zoom
Tamara Clarkson	Acting CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Zoom
Susan Leonard	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	Zoom
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Zoom
Executive Support Team		
Paul Rosair	Principal NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal Mira Consulting	Zoom
Jane Lewis	Principal Redit Research	Zoom
Rebecca Billing	Administrative Assistant, NAJA Business Consulting	Zoom
Apologies		
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	

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Tony Lacy	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Cr Azah Badlu	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	
Geoff Haerewa	Zone Deputy & Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	
Tom Chapman	Regional Manager, DLGSCI	
Guests		
Cr Karen Chappel	President, WALGA	Zoom
Lisa Harwood	Principle Policy Advisor Economic Development, WALGA	Zoom
Daniel Thompson	Manager Economics Policy, WALGA	Zoom
James McGovern	Manager Governance and Procurement, WALGA	Zoom
Renee Gioffre	Kimberley Executive Director, Department of Communities	Zoom
Janine Hatch	Director, Regional Development Australia - Kimberley	Zoom
Bill Tatchell	CEO Australia's Northwest	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



President's Report September 2024

Introduction

The months of July and August have been extremely busy for the Local Government sector.

I have been strongly advocating on behalf of all Local Governments on key issues, including Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB), Urban Greening, Energy Transition, Aboriginal Heritage, and Regional Education. In addition, WA was well represented at ALGA's National General Assembly and the Commonwealth Governments Australian Council of Local Governments (ACLG) forum. I outline these issues in further detail in this report.

State Election Campaign

The State Election campaign is well underway with a State Election Priorities document prepared, dedicated microsite built, and public media campaign planned to support our advocacy and increase visibility in the run up to the election. WALGA will share assets that each Local Government can personalise to fit their local challenges and priorities, as well as liaise with Councils to capture stories that can support each key advocacy area.

WALGA has prepared a comprehensive political engagement strategy to be implemented in the lead up to the 2025 Election. The objectives of the strategy are:

- Influence election policy development and commitments from all parties
- Maintaining relationships with key decision makers and Members of Parliament
- Educating current and future members of Parliament about WALGA and the Local Government sector

Polyphagous shot-hole borer

WALGA and Local Governments continue focusing on the impact of Polyphagous shot-hole borer (PSHB) in meetings with the State Government and in the media.

In early July, WALGA met with the Minister responsible for the PSHB response Hon Jackie Jarvis MLC, to discuss Local Governments' concerns and the need to escalate and commit additional funding for the response and to rebuild lost canopy.

WALGA, the City of Perth and the City of Vincent also presented to the Consultative Committee on Emergency Plant Pests (CCEEP), Australia's key technical body for coordinating the national response to the PSHB incursion. The Committee met in Perth on 16-18 July to inspect infested sites and see the extent of response activities being implemented by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and Local Government and deliberate on whether it is still technically feasible to eradicate PSHB.

Urban Greening Grants

The Urban Greening Grant Program provides \$3.75 million (ex GST) to support additional tree and understorey planting for the 33 Local Governments located in the Boorloo (Perth) and Bindjareb (Peel) regions. Round 1 awarded \$591,839 to 12 Local Governments. \$2.8m

was available for Round 2, to support planting in the winter of 2025. Round 2 opened in early May and closed on 28 June. Round 2 funding will be awarded in early August.

Energy Transition

There is growing concern that the State Government does not have a framework for how the energy transition that is currently underway will benefit the impacted communities, and that the state planning framework is not fit to manage this growing and rapidly challenging area of policy.

These discussions and concerns have been brought forward to WALGA through a number of zones and are reflected in the draft Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework Advocacy Position, Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position, and the draft Priority Agriculture Position Statement items for decision in the September State Council Agenda.

Aboriginal Heritage legislation

WALGA continues to support members to navigate their responsibilities under the amended *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972*. Since we last met, WALGA has attended a Native Title and Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Roundtable with the Goldfields-Esperance Country Zone, Goldfields Esperance Development Commission and other representatives.

WALGA is continuing to foster the working relationships between Local Governments and regional representatives of DPLH through these roundtable discussions. Planning for future sessions is underway for the South West and the Great Eastern country zones.

Regional Education Strategy

On 22 July, the Department of Education released a draft Regional Education Strategy. The Strategy aims to provide a framework to guide more effective delivery of regional education, focusing on improved education and wellbeing. This provides an excellent opportunity to provide direct feedback and comment to the Department on the issues have raised through recent Zone motions. To support members, 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 2:30pm - 3:30pm. A registration link will be sent via LG Direct.

ALGA National General Assembly

From 2 to 4 July, WALGA joined 134 WA delegates from 45 Local Governments at the Australian Local Government Association's (ALGA) National General Assembly (NGA) in Canberra.

Hosted at the National Convention Centre in Canberra, the event provided opportunities for Local Governments to advocate on behalf of their communities on a national platform.

Eight WA Local Governments (Shire of Ashburton, Town of Bassendean, City of Bayswater, City of Cockburn, Shire of Dundas, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder, City of Melville, and City of Stirling) passed 10 successful motions at the NGA including regional health services, arts and culture, Closing the Gap, sustainability, emergency management and climate resilience.

I was proud to support and advocate on behalf of our 139 Member Local Governments in Canberra and advocate in key areas including climate resilience, emergency management, connected communities, infrastructure, and the future of Local Government.

The attendance of Members from across WA and the presentation of 10 successful motions conveys the important role of Local Government in identifying and addressing key issues as the tier of Government closest to their community. WALGA was pleased to host a WA delegates function on the night before the NGA, where it was great for WA delegates to network together.

The Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development, Communications, and the Arts *National Awards for Local Government* were also hosted at the culmination of the week.

The National Awards highlight initiatives implemented by Local Governments that are innovative, make a difference to their local communities, display excellence, and have outcomes that are replicable across the country.

WALGA extends its congratulations to the Shire of Chittering, City of Gosnells, City of Greater Geraldton, and City of Stirling who were all awarded National Awards for Local Government for their work with women in Local Government, addressing violence against women and their children, disaster readiness, and recovery and productivity through infrastructure.

In addition, the Commonwealth Government hosted the Australian Council of Local Governments (ACLG) forum on Friday 5 July, and this was a wonderful opportunity for delegates to discuss issues and ask questions of Federal Cabinet Ministers.

2024 Local Government Awards

The Local Government Awards was held on 2 August at Winthrop Hall, UWA. 280 guests attended the first stand-alone event to celebrate individuals and teams who exemplify the ethos of and display excellence in Local Government. It was a fantastic evening recognising those that go above and beyond for their community and I congratulate the winners again for their achievements.

Local Government House Trust – 100% Owners of ONE70 (170) Railway Parade West Leederville

On 1 July, the Local Government House Trust ('The House Trust'), which has provided building accommodation to WALGA and its predecessors since 1980, became 100% owners of ONE70 (170) Railway Parade. For WALGA, this secures a permanent home for the Association and enables WALGA to future-proof its support and service offerings for our valued Members.

With the 10-year Joint Venture arrangement with Qube Property coming to an end, exercising our option to purchase Qube's 40 per cent share of this 5-star Naber-rated building was a natural progression, closing the loop from construction to full ownership.

Taking full ownership of ONE70 allows WALGA to plan for the future. Ownership provides the stability and capital to focus on increasing and enhancing our service offerings, so that we can continue to advocate, support and provide expertise to our valued Member Councils and the sector well into the future.

The buyout allows the House Trust to realise the strategic and financial benefits of full ownership. This means that WALGA should never need to move premises in the future, as additional space will provide long-term scalability if required.

Purchasing the building also means that WALGA can provide its Members with a dedicated Hub. Recognising that many Members travel great distances when visiting Perth, there will now always be a home away from home for Members to work from, network and connect at WALGA.

President Cr Karen Chappel AM JP
WALGA President

President's Contacts

The President's contacts since 10 July 2024 and scheduled before 4 September 2024 are as follows:

State and Commonwealth Government Relations

- Joint Select Committee on Northern Australia - Inquiry into Workforce Development
- Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Youth; Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development
- Hon David Michael MLA, Minister for Mines and Petroleum; Ports; Road Safety; Minister Assisting the Minister for Transport
- Premier Hon Roger Cook MLA, Premier of Western Australia
- Hon Sue Ellery BA MLC, Minister for Finance and the Leader in the Legislative Council
- National Tree Day event at City of Bayswater with Hon Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Energy; Environment; Climate Action and Mayor Filomena Piffaretti

Zone Meetings

- Kimberley Country Zone Meeting
- Northern Country Zone meeting

Local Government Relations

- **State Council Meetings**
 - State Council Meeting, 10 July 2024
 - Finance and Services Committee Meeting
 - State Council Information Forum
- **ALGA**
 - ALGA Board post NGA teleconference
 - ALGA Housing Summit, 16 August 2024
- **LGIS**
 - Board Meeting, 12 July 2024
 - Board Meeting, 23 August 2024
- St John Safe Streets meeting
- Pathways to Politics for Women Advisory Committee Meeting
- Lord Mayor's Distress Relief Fund Board Meeting
- Morawa Art Show
- State Road Funds to Local Government Advisory Committee Meeting

Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations

- RAC Breakfast with Scott Bales
- WALGA Local Government Awards
- RCA Meeting
- National Housing Summit, Adelaide

Member Visits:

- Shire of Dandaragan,
- Shire of Wongan-Ballidu
- Shire of Victoria Plains
- Shire of Upper Gascoyne
- Shire of Carnarvon
- Shire of Exmouth
- Town of Cambridge
- City of Fremantle

1.2 Reports from Representatives

WALGA –

- Cr Karen Chappel, President
- Daniel Thompson, Manager Economics Policy
- Jame McGovern, Manager Governance and Procurement
- Lisa Harwood, Principle Policy Advisor Economic Development

Department of Communities, Renee Gioffre, Kimberley Executive Director

RDA Kimberley – Janine Hatch, Director


Australia's North West Tourism – Bill Tatchell, CEO

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries – Tom Chapman, Regional Manager

Kimberley. (Written report attached)

Kimberley Development Commission - Chuck Berger, CEO

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



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Local Government, Sport
and Cultural Industries

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Report

August 2024

Local Government Act Reform

Tranche 1

- The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023*, containing the first tranche of reforms, was passed on 11 May 2023 and included priority reforms to election and council representation ahead of the October 2023 Local Government Elections.
- The electoral reforms included the introduction of optional preferential voting, changes to council member representation based on population, and abolishing the use of wards for smaller local governments.
- Tranche one reforms that were implemented without the need for further regulations included:
 - changes to special electors' meetings
 - compliance exemptions (due to emergency or unusual circumstances)
 - parental leave for council members
 - recording individual votes in minutes of council meetings.
- Three regulation amendments and 63 Governor's Orders were made in 2023 to prescribe detail related to reforms. These included:
 - model financial statements
 - constitutional reforms such as the introduction of class groupings and the alignment of council sizes to population size
 - electoral reforms such as optional preferential voting, backfilling and the public election of mayors and presidents
 - remuneration for independent committee members
 - broadcasting and recording of council meetings
 - owners and occupiers' enrolments
 - payment for council professional development and training.
- Various other regulations projects are currently in development or being drafted. These include:
 - standardised meeting procedures
 - council plans
 - community engagement charters
 - community surveys
 - online registers
 - publication of CEO key performance indicators
 - communications agreements
 - standardisation of crossovers and obstruction of public thoroughfares.

- The DLGSC provides regular updates to the local government sector on the progress of reforms via DLGSC's Reform webinar series, revisions to the DLGSC website and LG alerts.
- A three-month consultation process was recently undertaken to inform the drafting of standardised meeting procedures in regulations.
- The consultation opened on 28 February 2024 and finished on 7 June 2024.
- In total, DLGSC received 139 responses.
- All local governments, council members, local government CEOs, local government employees and community members were encouraged to make a submission.

Tranche 2

- It is intended to introduce a Bill to Parliament this year for tranche two reforms.
- Tranche two reforms include:
 - the new Local Government Inspector
 - introduction of monitors for early intervention
 - council member superannuation
 - increasing penalties
 - enabling resource sharing
 - streamlining processes for model local laws
 - greater role clarity for council members and CEOs
 - introduction of a rates and revenue policy for local governments
 - changes to audit committees
 - providing greater flexibility for regional subsidiaries
 - building upgrade finance.
- Information about tranche two reforms will be provided to the sector as soon as appropriate via webinars, LG alerts and other opportunities as they arise.

Long Service Leave Regulations

- The Local Government (Long Service Leave) Regulations 2024 were published on Wednesday 17 April 2024 and will come into effect on 1 September 2024.
- The Regulations have been made to modernise long service leave arrangements for employees working in the local government sector.
- The previous Regulations and corresponding industrial relations scheme had not been substantially updated since their introduction in the 1970s.
- The new Regulations will improve the operation of the local government long service leave portability scheme, which is an integral part of local government employment conditions. This means that when staff change employment from one local government to another, all their service in the local government sector counts towards their accrual of long service leave.
- The new Regulations introduce changes intended to strengthen the system of long service leave entitlements for local government employees, including:
 - a longer permitted period of break between local government sector employers that maintain continuity of service.
 - period of parental leave where the employee is being paid by the Commonwealth will count towards long service leave accrual.
 - employees can negotiate taking advanced long service leave and cashing out of long service leave with their employer.

- The DLGSC held a webinar on 30 April 2024 to explain the changes and answer questions.
- The webinar recording is available on DLGSC's website.
- More information about the Regulations are available on DLGSC's website.

Model Financial Statements (MFS) and Financial

- Updated Model Financial Statements (MFS) guidelines and templates for Class 1 and 2, plus a reduced version for smaller local governments (Class 3 and 4) were published on the DLGSC website on 25 June 2024 and apply to 2023-24 annual financial statements.
- Amendments to the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 published on 18 October 2023 prescribed that non-financial assets only need to be valued every five years, and in the intervening years it was not necessary to review whether a revaluation was necessary.
- The new asset valuation requirements apply from the 2023-24 financial year onwards. Non-financial asset valuation guidelines are currently being prepared. A draft was presented to a sector body workshop held on 22 March 2024, and feedback is being addressed with a view to finalise and publish it by the end of July 2024.

Contact LG Accounting for queries – Lg.accounting@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Local Government Grants Commission

- The WA Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission) has multiple member and deputy positions with terms that end on 31 August 2024. The Chair is also vacant due to the resignation of Cr Dan Bull after his preselection as the WA Labor Candidate for Maylands. Work has progressed for multiple nominations for vacancies.
- The Commonwealth Minister for Local Government, the Hon Kristy McBain MP approved a bring forward payment, based on an advance pool equivalent to approximately 85 per cent of the total 2024-25 funding pool.
- This provided a payment of \$339,416,207 to be allocated to 137 WA local governments, with \$208,757,650 for General Purpose funds and \$130,658,557 for Local Roads.
- The Commonwealth advised that the advance of 85 per cent was being made on the 28 June 2024 to '[help councils facing immediate cash flow pressures, ensuring they can continue to delivery for their communities](#)'.
- Local Governments were advised that the advance payment meant remaining payments during 2024-25 would be limited and that they needed to ensure they have sufficient funds for 2023-24 to complete their planned programs and activities.
- Due to the 100 per cent advance from the prior year (2023-24 FA Grants), all WA local governments were either over or underpaid. The Commission had intended to recoup the variances from the 2024-25 funding, however with the large advance payment being made again, this may not be able to be finalised in the one financial year as expected.

- The Commission is currently working on finalising the allocations for the 2024-25 Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants), with a meeting held on 22 July 2024 to finalise recommendations to the Commonwealth Minister.
- The remaining 15 per cent of 2024-25 FA Grants totals \$60,616,774 (being \$36,799,358 General Purpose and \$23,817,416 Local Roads) and will be distributed quarterly on 15 August 2024, 15 November 2024, 17 February 2025, and 15 May 2025.
- The Commission completed a visiting program to the Pilbara to conduct public hearings in October 2023, further visited nine local governments in the Upper Great Southern and Eastern Goldfields-South regions in April 2024 and recently visited four local governments in the Kimberley region in May 2024.

Stop Puppy Farming

- The State Government is delivering on its commitment to stop and prevent puppy farming. These reforms have overwhelming community support.
- The *Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Act 2021* requires the design and development of a centralised registration system (CRS) for dogs and cats.
- The CRS will also assist with the registration of cats under the *Cat Act 2011*, and the development of regulations, in consultation with stakeholders.
- The DLGSC concluded a Design and Discovery phase for the CRS on 18 March 2024.
- DLGSC is continuing to engage local governments and other key stakeholders across the State to prepare for CRS implementation.
- Public consultation on the proposed regulations closed late last year, and the final regulations are in development.
- The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has undertaken targeted consultation with local governments about the implementation of the stop puppy farming legislation.

PetsWA

- Funding has been approved for PetsWA, the centralised registration system for dogs and cats through Digital Capability Fund.
- The contract has been awarded as per the Minister for Local Government's Media Statement on 2 August 2024.
- Onboarding of the project team commences on 5 August 2024.
- There will be a local government sector webinar on the PetsWA update scheduled for the week commencing 19 August 2024.

Off Road Vehicles

- ORV committee are continuing to meet regularly.
- A private proponent is currently investigating the potential of an ORV area south of Perth.
- The government has invested \$100,000 to improve the ORV areas, specifically in York and Ledge Point.

- Upgrades at other sites are in the pipeline, as the search continues to expand Western Australia's ORV network.
- The future of Pinjar's ORV site was assured when the government decided to end pine harvesting in the Gnanagara State Forest, to preserve the roosting habitat of the endangered black cockatoo and support the recreational use of the area.
- A safety assessment has been conducted at the Lancelin ORV area, within the Shire of Gingin with the final report to be delivered before the end of the financial year.

Local Government Election Commitments

- The City of Bayswater's Riverside Gardens Urban Development project is on track. Detailed design is expected to be completed in June 2024, with an estimated project cost to be known at this time.
- The City of Gosnells' Sutherlands Park Youth (Skate) Plaza is on track. Detailed design is complete, and a contractor appointed for design and construction. Civil works are underway with main works commencing in August 2024 with expected completion in January 2025.
- The City of Joondalup's Greenwood Scout and Guide Hall Refurbishment project is on track with construction underway and due for completion in November 2024
- The City of Swan's Ellenbrook Community Hub project has completed community consultation and a detailed needs analysis. The City is currently finalising the detailed design to a 50 per cent brief by August 2024.

Ratability of Miscellaneous Licences

- The State Administrative Tribunal (SAT) has recently determined that land subject to a Miscellaneous Licence is not subject to local government rates under any circumstances,
- The DLGSC has already issued an LG alert to warn regional local governments of this issue.
- The DLGSC is also preparing to consult with regional areas to identify whether any local governments have been charging rates over miscellaneous licences or intended to do so.
- The intention of the consultation is to quantify the potential financial impact that this SAT decision has had on the sector.
- The DLGSC has been advised that the local government involved in the SAT decision is intending to appeal that decision, on the grounds that it contains errors of law.
- In the meantime, the DLGSC is continuing to process "change in method of valuation" applications, on the grounds that a change in method of valuation has no impact on a land's ratability or non-ratability.
- However, all approvals for these applications are being issued with provisos, reiterating that a change in method of valuation does not impact ratability.

Local Government Partnerships and Sponsorships

- To support the local government sector, the DLGSC provides various sponsorship or partnerships with key sector bodies. Over 2023/24, DLGSC provided sponsorships or partnerships to:

- WALGA
 - LG Professionals WA
 - Reconciliation WA
 - Telethon
 - Town Team Movement
- For 2024/25 so far, DLGSC has committed to providing sponsorships to:
 - WALGA for their annual convention and Awards evening in August.
 - LG Professionals WA – being finalised
 - Town Team Movement for the Minister’s Place Innovation Awards 2024 and the Town Teams Conference in Northam.

Placemaking Training Initiative

- In 2023/24 DLGSC engaged Town Team Movement to deliver 12 months of free online placemaking training to the WA local government sector.
- Placemaking helps build community connections by bringing together planners, community members, architects, local government, business and other groups, working collaboratively to activate local spaces.
- Hundreds of local government staff from councils across WA accessed the free training in its first year.
- Due to strong interest from the sector, DLGSC has extended the Placemaking training partnership with Town Team Movement for 12 months.
- Local government staff and elected officials have another year to access the training, with funding for the program extended until July 2025 in response to strong interest from the sector.

DLGSC Contacts

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Grants Commission – Financial Assistance Grants	Grants.commission@dlqsc.wa.gov.au
LG accounting enquiries	LG.accounting@dlqsc.wa.gov.au
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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 4 September 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

Item / Matters for Decision As per State Council Agenda	WALGA Recommendations
<p>8.1 Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023</p>	<p>That WALGA advocate to the State Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For an independent Local Government election audit, focusing on the Western Australia Electoral Commission’s (WAEC) cost allocation methods and costing applications used, to confirm that marginal cost recovery principles are applied and that the costing program is being effectively managed. 2. For the requirement for the WAEC to develop and implement Service Level Agreements with Local Governments, similar to those agreements currently used in New South Wales and Victorian Local Government elections and that includes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. transparency of costing methodology, b. direct engagement with Local Governments pre and post elections, and c. the roles and responsibilities of the WAEC and Local Governments in the conduct of elections. 3. For the introduction of a provision for private service providers to enter the market for the conduct of Local Government elections. 4. For a mandated WAEC Report to Parliament specific to Local Government elections post each election cycle, outlining costs, results, voter turnout and matters for improvement both in the conduct of elections and the legislation, if relevant. <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This report presents the findings of a comprehensive review and analysis of five election cycles up to and including the 2023 Local Government election against the backdrop of legislative reforms to the Local Government electoral process in Western Australia. • With a focus on postal elections conducted exclusively by the Western Australian Electoral Commission (WAEC), the analysis has found evidence of the rising cost of conducting Local Government elections in Western Australia. • Elected Member feedback, costs vs service comparisons and engagement by the sector with WALGA’s governance services over the 2023 Local Government election period, are the basis for the recommendations as outlined above. • The Governance Policy Team considered this item at its meeting of 7 August and endorsed the position for consideration by State Council

Item / Matters for Decision As per State Council Agenda	WALGA Recommendations
<p>8.2 Energy Transport 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>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.</p> <p>WALGA calls on the State Government to develop a comprehensive framework to manage the impact of the energy transition that includes local engagement and the realisation of community benefits from energy transition projects as a priority.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Western Australia’s energy industry is transforming to achieve the goal of net zero emissions by 2050. • In Western Australia there is no framework that provides a consistent approach to how proponents of major energy projects consult with local communities and how they can share in the benefits. • WALGA will advocate for the State Government to develop a framework to guide consultation and benefit sharing with local communities during the energy transition. • A joint meeting of the Environment Policy Team and Infrastructure Policy Team held on 10 July endorsed the position for consideration by State Council. • This draft advocacy position should be considered in conjunction with the accompanying draft WALGA advocacy positions Renewable Energy Facilities (Item 8.3) and Priority Agriculture (Item 8.4). <p>ATTACHMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment A: WALGA 2023 Annual General Meeting Agenda (Item 5.2 – Land Use Policy) • Attachment B: National Energy Transformation Partnership • Attachment C: NSW Draft Energy Policy Framework • Attachment D: NSW Draft Benefit Sharing Guideline • Attachment E: QLD Ministerial Announcement - Code of Conduct • Attachment F: Powering WA FAQs <p>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>Related current Advocacy Position:</p> <p>4.1 Climate Change</p> <p><i>Local Government acknowledges:</i></p>

Item / Matters for Decision As per State Council Agenda	WALGA Recommendations
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The science is clear: climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the dominant cause. 2. Climate change threatens human societies and the Earth's ecosystems. 3. Urgent action is required to reduce emissions and to adapt to the impacts from climate change that are now unavoidable. 4. A failure to adequately address this climate change emergency places an unacceptable burden on future generations. <p><i>Local Government is committed to addressing climate change. Local Government is calling for:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strong climate change action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government. 2. Effective and adequately funded Commonwealth and State Government climate change policies and programs.
<p>8.3 Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council endorse a new Renewable Energy Facilities Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>WALGA calls on the State Government to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt a new State Planning Policy for renewable energy facilities, to replace the existing Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities, that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Facilitates the orderly development of renewable energy facilities across Western Australia; b. Outlines the key planning and environmental considerations, for the location, siting, design and operation of renewable energy facilities and their associated infrastructure; c. Provides a framework that clearly stipulates the minimum required documentation and technical reports that need to be submitted with proposals for renewable energy facilities; d. Supports the development of Local Planning Policies by Local Governments to further guide locally appropriate planning consideration of renewable energy facilities; e. Provides a clear relationship with: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning and Development Control Policy 3.4 - Subdivision of rural land, to ensure planning decisions

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	<p>adequately balance the need to protect and preserve rural land for rural purposes;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. State Planning Policy 2.4 - Planning for Basic Raw Materials to ensure proposals for renewable energy facilities consider their impact on basic raw material supply at the earliest stage of the planning process; and iii. State Planning Policy 2.9 - Planning for Water to ensure water resources impacted by renewable energy facilities are identified and adequately managed. <p>f. Includes policy measures to address:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. concerns relating to the location of these facilities and their associated infrastructure on agricultural land, their proximity to lot boundaries, town sites and sensitive land uses, and potential impact on airport operations and rural activities; ii. planning for renewable energy facilities in industrial areas in relation to the coordination of these facilities, their appropriateness in the 'General Industry' zone and impacts and suitable location on heavy industry sites; iii. the need for local engagement and the realisation of community benefits from the development of renewable energy facilities. <p>2. Review the definition of 'renewable energy facility' considering the increasing size and scope of facilities and consider creating definitions based on the scale of the facility (Utility-scale and other), and the form of facility (solar energy and wind energy).</p> <p>3. Provide guidance to Local Governments on the consideration of green hydrogen production facilities on rural land where it is an incidental use to a renewable energy facility.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting resolution and subsequent resolution by the Great Eastern Country Zone requested WALGA establish and promote policies to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land. • The Central Country Zone resolved to request WALGA to advocate to the State Government to develop a more comprehensive and effective approach to guide the management and placement of renewable energy facilities; including but not limited to wind, solar, battery renewable diesel and associated infrastructure. • The existing State Government <i>Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities</i> does not adequately address these concerns, leading to inconsistent application and approvals of renewable energy facilities across the State.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA will advocate for the existing <i>Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities</i> to be amended and elevated to a State Planning Policy, including more nuanced provisions which provide greater guidance to Local Governments and applicants, and allow for renewable energy land uses to be classified as either small or large facilities. • A joint meeting of the Environment Policy Team and Infrastructure Policy Team on 10 July endorsed the position for consideration by State Council. • This draft advocacy position should be considered in conjunction with accompanying draft WALGA advocacy positions Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework (<u>Item 8.2</u>) and Priority Agriculture (<u>Item 8.4</u>). <p>ATTACHMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment A: WALGA 2023 Annual General Meeting (Item 5.2 – Land Use Policy) • Attachment B: Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes – 11 April 2024 (Item 9.2 – Agricultural Land Use) • Attachment C: Central Country Zone Minutes – 12 April 2024 (Item 9.3 – Wind Energy Facilities) • Attachment D: Position Statement: Renewable energy facilities • Attachment E: State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning • Attachment F: Development Control Policy 3.4 - Subdivision of rural land • Attachment G: State Planning Policy 2.4 - Planning for Basic Raw Materials • Attachment H: State Planning Policy 2.9 - Planning for Water <p>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>Related current Advocacy Positions:</p> <p><i>4.1 Climate Change</i></p> <p><i>Local Government acknowledges:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The science is clear: climate change is occurring and greenhouse gas emissions from human activities are the dominant cause. 2. Climate change threatens human societies and the Earth’s ecosystems. 3. Urgent action is required to reduce emissions, and to adapt to the impacts from climate change that are now unavoidable. 4. A failure to adequately address this climate change emergency places an unacceptable burden on future generations. <p><i>Local Government is committed to addressing climate change. Local Government is calling for:</i></p>

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strong climate change action, leadership and coordination at all levels of government. 2. Effective and adequately funded Commonwealth and State Government climate change policies and programs. <p>6.1 Planning Principles <i>All legislation and policy which deals with planning and development must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure role clarity and consistency across all legislation controlling development, to avoid confusion of powers and responsibilities; • be easily interpreted by, understood by and accessible to all sections of the community; • be amended only with WALGA involvement and/or consultation/involvement with Local Government. <p>6.2 Planning Reform <i>The Local Government sector supports the underlying principles of planning reform and the continuing focus of streamlining the planning system while ensuring Local Government retains the ability to respond to local context and characteristics through Local Planning Frameworks.</i></p>
<p>8.4 Priority Agriculture Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council endorse a new Priority Agriculture Advocacy Position as follows:</p> <p>The state planning framework should provide sufficient statutory protections for areas identified as high quality agricultural land.</p> <p>WALGA calls on the State Government to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amend the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Create a new model zone under Schedule 1, Part 3, Clause 16 for land identified as high quality agricultural land known as the 'Priority Agriculture' zone, with the following objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. to retain priority agricultural land for agricultural purposes; and ii. limit the introduction of sensitive land uses which may compromise existing, future and potential agricultural production. b. Define 'Priority Agriculture' zone under Schedule 2, Part 1, Clause 1 to align with the definition provided in State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning.

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	<p>2. Review the areas which have been identified by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development as high quality agricultural land and expand the extent of mapping to address the whole of Western Australia.</p> <p>3. Undertake a 'health check' of State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning and Development Control Policy 3.4 - Subdivision of rural land, in consultation with relevant stakeholders.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting resolution and subsequent resolution by the Great Eastern Country Zone have requested that WALGA establish and promote policies to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land. • WALGA prepared a <i>Research Paper: Protection of Productive Agricultural Land</i> that provides policy context, previous WALGA advocacy and analysis of State and Local Government approaches to agricultural land use protections. • This work identified that a lack of consistency between the sub-regional planning strategies across the different regions of WA has impeded the implementation of best practice planning controls into local planning frameworks, and thus inconsistent application across the State. • This advocacy position recommends statutory protections of areas that have been identified as high-quality agricultural land, through amending the <i>Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015</i> to include a model zone for 'Priority Agriculture'. This will provide the ability for Local Governments to adopt the model zone into their local planning schemes. • A joint meeting of the Environment Policy Team and Infrastructure Policy Team endorsed the position for consideration by State Council on 10 July 2024. • This draft advocacy position should be considered in conjunction with accompanying draft WALGA advocacy positions Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework (Item 8.2) and Renewable Energy Facilities (Item 8.3). <p>ATTACHMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attachment A: WALGA 2023 Annual General Meeting (Item 5.2 – Land Use Policy) • Attachment B: Great Eastern Country Zone Minutes – 11 April 2024 (Item 9.2 – Agricultural Land Use) • Attachment C: Research Paper: Protection of Productive Agricultural Land • Attachment D: State Planning Policy 2.5 - Rural planning • Attachment E: Development Control Policy 3.4 - Subdivision of rural land

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	<p>POLICY IMPLICATIONS Current related Advocacy Positions:</p> <p><i>6.1 Planning Principles</i> <i>All legislation and policy which deals with planning and development must:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ensure role clarity and consistency across all legislation controlling development, to avoid confusion of powers and responsibilities; • be easily interpreted by, understood by and accessible to all sections of the community; • be amended only with WALGA involvement and/or consultation/involvement with Local Government. <p><i>6.2 Planning Reform</i> <i>The Local Government sector supports the underlying principles of planning reform and the continuing focus of streamlining the planning system while ensuring Local Government retains the ability to respond to local context and characteristics through Local Planning Frameworks.</i></p>
<p>8.5 Planning Principles and Reform Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retire Advocacy Position 6.2 Planning Reform; and 2. Replace Advocacy Position 6.1 Planning Principles with the following: <p><i>6.1 Planning Principles and Reform</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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"> a. <i>facilitates the creation of sustainable and liveable communities and places;</i> 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> c. <i>is easy to understand, accessible and transparent;</i> 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> e. <i>ensures decisions are made by the level of government closest to and most impacted by a planning proposal; and</i> f. <i>establishes consistent planning frameworks and streamlines planning processes where there is a demonstrated benefit in doing so.</i>

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	<p>2. Reforms to the planning system should:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>be guided by the above principles;</i> b. <i>deliver community benefit;</i> c. <i>promote system efficiency, including through the use of technology;</i> d. <i>be evidence-based and informed by robust, transparent data;</i> e. <i>proceed at an appropriate pace to enable effective implementation;</i> f. <i>be informed by engagement with the community; and</i> g. <i>be amended only with WALGA involvement and/or consultation/involvement with Local Government.</i> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is proposed that the Advocacy Positions 6.1 Planning Principles and 6.2 Planning Reform be replaced with a new contemporary combined position that reflects the current planning system and planning reform agenda. • The updated position identifies key elements that would create an effective and efficient planning system and how planning reform can be developed, prioritised, and implemented to achieve this. • The updated position has been informed by feedback from Local Government officers, including WALGA's Planning Advisory Group and previous WALGA submissions on State Government planning reform initiatives. • The Environment Policy Team endorsed the advocacy position at their meeting on 29 July. <p>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retire Advocacy Position 6.2 Planning Reform; and 2. Replace Advocacy Position 6.1 Planning Principles with a new 6.1 Planning Principles and Reform.
<p>8.6 Product Stewardship Policy Statement and Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Rescind the existing Extended Producer Responsibility Policy Statement and Advocacy Position 7.5 Extended Producer Responsibility. 2. Endorse a new Product Stewardship Advocacy Position as follows: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Industry should take responsibility (physical and/or financial) for the waste that it generates through the entire life cycle of the products it produces through the implementation of effective product stewardship. Without effective Product Stewardship, there will be increasing costs for the community, resource recovery targets will be difficult to reach and a transition to a circular economy is unlikely. 2. Effective Product Stewardship is characterised by:

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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Producers and importers taking responsibility for post consumption product impacts b. Schemes covering the entire cost of product recycling or recovery, including transport. c. Leveraging existing Schemes and collection locations. d. Being easy and convenient for the community to access. e. Having equitable national coverage and access for all, including regional and remote locations. f. Being evidence based. g. Consistent regulation and implementation across Australia using national Product Stewardship legislation. h. Timely action and industry cooperation during Scheme development and implementation. i. Being demand based and aiming to recover the maximum amount of material, rather than being limited by targets. j. No additional cost to consumers when the product is disposed of post consumption. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Local Government calls on the Commonwealth Government to implement effective Product Stewardship schemes for all products that drive environmentally and socially sustainable outcomes through the design, manufacture and distribution of products that can be more easily reused, repaired, recovered or recycled. 4. If national action is not progressed within a reasonable timeframe, or in a way that meets the needs of the Western Australian community, then Local Government supports a State based approach to Product Stewardship. <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Policy Statement was first endorsed in 2004 and reviewed and amended in 2008. • The Statement outlines the rationale for Local Government support for EPR, as a way of ensuring producers take responsibility for their products at the end of life, and some of the key elements of successful Schemes. • WALGA's Local Government Principles for Product Stewardship was endorsed in 2022. The Principles provided more detail on key design elements for Schemes and have been used to inform advocacy. • Following discussion at the April Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) and Officers Advisory Group meetings it was agreed to review the EPR Policy Statement and incorporate the Local Government Principles into a new Product Stewardship Policy Statement and Advocacy Position. • The Product Stewardship Policy Statement and Advocacy Position has been updated to:

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Include a greater focus on the potential for Product Stewardship to influence the design of products, as well as their post consumption disposal. ○ Identifying the increasing cost burden on Local Government and the community of increasing complex products. ○ Focus on ensuring all products have a clear and funded end of life pathway. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The MWAC endorsed the new Policy Statement and Advocacy Position in June. <p>ATTACHMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Draft Product Stewardship Policy Statement <p>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>This item rescinds the existing Policy Statement and Advocacy Position:</p> <p>7.5 Extended Producer Responsibility</p> <p><i>Local Government supports the concept of Extended Producer Responsibility, as a mechanism for ensuring manufacturers of products take responsibility (be that physical or financial) for the entire lifecycle impact of their products.</i></p> <p><i>By placing greater responsibility on producers, Extended Producer Responsibility can potentially improve valuation, pricing and incentive mechanisms, as well as encourage greater investment in infrastructure, research and development.</i></p> <p>A new Advocacy Position and Policy Statement for Product Stewardship are proposed:</p> <p>Product Stewardship</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Industry should take responsibility (physical and/or financial) for the waste that it generates through the entire life cycle of the products it produces through the implementation of effective product stewardship. Without effective Product Stewardship, there will be increasing costs for the community, resource recovery targets will be difficult to reach and a transition to a circular economy is unlikely. 2. Effective Product Stewardship is characterised by: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. <i>Producers and importers taking responsibility for post consumption product impacts.</i> b. <i>Schemes covering the entire cost of product recycling or recovery, including transport.</i> c. <i>Leveraging existing Schemes and collection locations.</i> d. <i>Being easy and convenient for the community to access.</i> e. <i>Having equitable national coverage and access for all, including regional and remote locations.</i> f. <i>Being evidence based.</i> g. <i>Consistent regulation and implementation across Australia using national Product Stewardship legislation.</i>

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	<p>h. <i>Timely action and industry cooperation during Scheme development and implementation.</i></p> <p>i. <i>Being demand based and aiming to recover the maximum amount of material, rather than being limited by targets.</i></p> <p>j. <i>No additional cost to consumers when the product is disposed of post consumption.</i></p> <p>3. Local Government calls on the Commonwealth Government to implement effective Product Stewardship schemes for all products that drive environmentally and socially sustainable outcomes through the design, manufacture and distribution of products that can be more easily reused, repaired, recovered or recycled.</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>8.7 Submission on the Draft State Waste Strategy</p>	<p>That State Council endorse the Draft State Waste Strategy Submission.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Draft State Waste Strategy (Draft Strategy) and State Waste Infrastructure Plan were released on 29 May. This follows the release of the Strategy Directions Paper in May 2023. WALGA provided a comprehensive Submission on the Directions Paper. • Given the significant impact of the Strategy on Local Government, WALGA was granted an extension to the deadline to allow the draft submission to be considered by WALGA Zones and State Council. • The focus of the Draft Strategy is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better outcomes for regional and Aboriginal communities • Increasing our focus on waste avoidance • Better management of priority materials • Realising the economic potential of recycling • Contingency planning and climate resilience. • New Targets are also proposed for each of the Avoid, Recover and Protect areas. • WALGA's draft submission on the Draft Strategy was informed by Local Government written feedback and feedback received at a webinar held on 19 July. • This Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) endorsed the draft submission on 31 July 2024. <p>ATTACHMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft State Waste Strategy Submission

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	<p>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>The Submission aligns with existing Advocacy Position 7.2 State Waste Strategy and previous Submissions.</p> <p>7.2 State Waste Strategy</p> <p><i>Local Government requires leadership and clear direction from the State Government in relation to waste management. As such, Local Government supports the development and implementation of a comprehensive State Waste Strategy which:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is consistent with the content, purpose and objective of existing legislation and policy at both a state and national level; 2. Clearly identifies the roles and responsibilities of the Waste Authority in regard to the development and implementation of the Strategy, as outlined in the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007; 3. Is reviewed, with Stakeholder input, within 2 years of implementation; and <i>Includes achievable targets for all waste streams and focuses on waste reduction, resource recovery and the diversion of waste from landfill. Targets should be based on accurate baseline data and clearly identify roles, responsibilities and funding for each target area.</i>

4.3.2 Policy Team and Committee Reports and Matters for Noting

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<p>9.1 Environment Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council note the report from the Environment Policy Team to the 4 September 2024 meeting.</p> <p>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</p> <p>Advocacy Position Review</p> <p>The 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting resolved 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. This was followed by similar resolutions from the Great Eastern Country and Central Country Zones as well as an increasing level of concern from the sector regarding these issues.</p>

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	<p>A joint Environment and Infrastructure Policy Team meeting was held on 10 July to consider new draft Advocacy Positions. The joint meeting endorsed the recommendations that State Council adopt the Advocacy Positions related to Renewable Energy Legislation.</p> <p>Agenda items 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 of the State Council Agenda relate to this matter.</p> <p>Planning Principles and Reform The Policy Team considered the review of Advocacy Positions and recommended Advocacy Positions 6.1 Planning Principles and 6.2 Planning Reform be replaced with a new contemporary combined position that reflects the current planning system and planning reform agenda.</p> <p>Agenda item 8.5 of the State Council Agenda relates to this matter.</p> <p>2. MATTER FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</p> <p>The Policy Team discussed the following items for noting included in the July State Council Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Item 8.1 Caravan Park and Camping Grounds Regulations • Item 9.1 Environment Policy Team Report • Item 10.3 Perth and Peel Urban Greening Strategy • Item 10.4 Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer Update • Item 11.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio <p>3. Portfolio Updates The Policy Team was provided with a Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer update at their meeting on 29 July.</p>
<p>9.2 Governance Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council note the report from the Governance Policy Team meeting for the 4 September 2024 meeting.</p> <p>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</p> <p>Local Government Elections Analysis 2015-2023 The Policy Team considered a report which presented the findings of a review and analysis of five election cycles up to and including the 2023 local government, against a backdrop of legislative reforms to the Local Government electoral process in WA.</p> <p>Agenda item 8.1 of the State Council Agenda relates to this matter.</p> <p>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</p>

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	<p>Local Government Elections Advocacy Positions Review</p> <p>A report on the current Local Government Elections advocacy positions was considered and the Policy Team requested a review of these advocacy positions including sector consultation on advocacy positions relating to Local Government elections, including the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Voting at Local Government elections: Compulsory or voluntary voting; 2. Four year terms with a two year spill as opposed to 'all in all out'; 3. The "proportional" part of the formula to count votes be removed to fully align with the State and Federal Government preferential voting system; 4. The First Past the Post voting method to be used by all Local Governments for non-public internal elections, thereby replacing the Optional Preferential Voting requirement for these types of elections; and 5. The method of electing the Mayor/President.
<p>9.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the report from the Infrastructure Policy Team to the 4 September 2024 meeting. 2. Determine to retire the following Advocacy Positions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. 5.2.4 Seat Belt Legislation b. 5.8 Ports c. 5.12 Infrastructure WA <p>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</p> <p>The basis for proposing each of the following advocacy positions be retired is summarised below:</p> <p>5.2.4 Seat Belt Legislation</p> <p>This Advocacy Position was endorsed in 2008 in response to proposed changes to seat belt legislation that places an additional responsibility on vehicle drivers to ensure passengers 16 years of age or older are restrained, similarly to the driver's responsibility to ensure passengers under 16 years of age are restrained. Seat belt legislation has since been amended in accordance with this advocacy position and changes to Australian Road Rules implemented in other jurisdictions.</p> <p>5.8 Ports</p> <p>This Advocacy Position was developed in 2010 in response to the draft National Ports Strategy. This strategy has since been superseded by the National Freight and Supply Chain Strategy, which was reviewed in 2023.</p> <p>5.12 Infrastructure WA</p> <p>Apart from supporting the establishment of Infrastructure WA, this 2018 advocacy position outlines recommendations related to scope of work (project value), board representation,</p>

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	<p>transparent processes, strategic asset maintenance and infrastructure renewal costs. Infrastructure WA was established in July 2019 although the proposed representation, scope and some other matters were not achieved in the <i>Infrastructure Western Australia Act 2019</i>.</p> <p>The Joint Environment and Infrastructure Policy Team meeting discussed and endorsed proposed advocacy positions that are listed for consideration by State Council in September 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Energy Transition Engagement and Community Benefit Framework • Renewable Energy Facilities, and • Priority Agriculture. <p>Agenda items 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4 of the State Council Agenda relate to this matter.</p> <p>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</p> <p>A submission to Main Roads WA draft Traffic Signals Approval Policy and Process was reviewed, amended and endorsed for consideration by State Council by Flying Agenda.</p> <p>Development of a Partnership Agreement between WALGA and the Public Transport Authority (PTA) Defining Roles and Responsibilities for Planning, Installation and Maintenance of Bus Stop Infrastructure is being developed and requires conclusion of further discussions with the PTA before being presented to State Council for consideration.</p> <p>Further engagement to define the expectations and scope of a report on implications to Local Governments of the new vehicle emissions standards is required.</p> <p>Work is progressing on a green and active travel discussion paper that will help inform the scope of a potential active transport working group or policy forum.</p>
<p>9.4 People and Place Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the report from the People and Place Policy Team to the 4 September 2024 meeting. 2. Determine to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. retain the following Advocacy Positions with amendment: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 3.2.1 Local Public Health Plans b. rescind the following Advocacy Position: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 3.5 Crime Prevention <p>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</p> <p>Advocacy Position Review</p>

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	<p>The People and Place Policy Team provides recommendations regarding WALGA community and emergency management advocacy positions for State Council’s decision. Advocacy positions may be reviewed in the WALGA Advocacy Position Manual.</p> <p>Public Health Act 2016 (Advocacy Position 3.2.1) The Policy Team recommends that Local Public Health Plans Advocacy Position 3.2.1 be amended to reflect the commencement of Stage 5 of the <i>Public Health Act 2016</i> on 4 June 2024 and provide the framework for WALGA’s ongoing advocacy.</p> <p>WALGA’s current Public Health Act Advocacy Position:</p> <p>3.2.1 <i>Public Health Act 2016</i></p> <p><i>The Local Government sector supports the introduction of the Public Health Act 2016 and:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development of a clear implementation plan and timelines for the staged implementation of the Act and subsidiary legislation; 2. Engagement of Local Government in the development of any supporting regulations; 3. The provision of funding to support smaller rural and regional councils with the development of local Public Health Plans; and 4. The development of tools and resources to support the introduction of requirements for Public Health Plans. <p>It is proposed to amend the position as follows:</p> <p>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"> 1. Guidance, tools and resources are developed to support the development of Local Public Health Plans; and 2. Funding is provided for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Smaller rural and regional councils are provided with funding to support the development of Local Public Health Plans; and b) Local Governments receive ongoing funding for the implementation of actions under Local Public Health Plans. <p>Crime Prevention (Advocacy Position 3.5) The Policy Team recommends that the Crime Prevention Advocacy Position 3.5 be rescinded.</p> <p>This advocacy position relates to the specific strategies and plans that have since been superseded by the <i>Graffiti Vandalism Strategy Western Australian 2022-2023</i>, which</p>

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	<p>encompasses the <i>Graffiti Management Toolkit</i> and <i>Graffiti Management Plan</i>, and the Crime Prevention Community Liaison Unit, both of which WALGA supports.</p> <p>WALGA will continue to support Members in the community safety space, including through the Local Government Community Safety Network. There are no foreseen consequences of the advocacy position being rescinded.</p> <p>Family and Domestic Violence (Advocacy Position 3.10.1) The Policy Team note that the Advocacy Position 3.10.1 Family and Domestic Violence will be reviewed for its consideration in September 2024.</p> <p>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</p> <p>The Policy Team discussed the following item for noting on the July State Council Agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Item 10.2 Submission to the Commissioner for Children and Young People WA Priority Area Discussion Paper
<p>9.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) Report</p>	<p>That State Council note the report from the Municipal Waste Advisory Council to the 4 September 2024 meeting.</p> <p>1. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL DECISION</p> <p>Item 8.6 Product Stewardship Policy Statement and Advocacy Position Update Item 8.7 Submission on Draft State Waste Strategy</p> <p>2. MATTERS FOR STATE COUNCIL NOTING</p> <p>MWAC considered the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste to Energy – Consistent Communication: Local Government and Regional Councils are collaborating with the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, WALGA and the Waste to Energy providers to ensure public communication on Waste to Energy supports existing waste avoidance and source separation behaviours. E-Waste Landfill Ban/National Product Stewardship: The Council expressed disappointment regarding delays to the National Product Stewardship Scheme for all electronic waste and encouraged WALGA to continue to advocate for funding for the State Government for e-waste recycling. A webinar will be held on the E-Waste Landfill Ban to ensure Local Government is well informed on this issue. <p>3. UPDATES</p> <p>MWAC noted the following updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy Statement Review Update,

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste and Environment Summit held in Northam (30-31 May) was a success with over 75 delegates gathering to discuss waste management, biodiversity and biosecurity, WALGA has successfully advocated for Compostable Barrier Bags to be allowed under the Single Use Plastic Bans, National Asbestos Strategy Plan, Potential impact of the Landfill Gas ACCU Method Review on Local Government/Regional Council Landfills, and E-Cigarette Collection Study Update.
<p>10.1 Local Government Legislative Reform</p>	<p>That State Council note the update on the Local Government Legislative Reform update.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Minister for Local Government has been carrying out a legislative reform program. The program has been separated into two tranches. The <i>Local Government Amendment Act 2023</i>, containing the first tranche of reforms, was passed on 11 May 2023. There are a number of items from the Tranche 1 reforms still requiring regulations to be prepared. The Minister for Local Government is progressing with Tranche 2 of the Local Government legislative reform program and will look to introduce a further Local Government Amendment Bill 2024 in August 2024. The Tranche 2 reforms include the Office of the Inspector, Elected Member Superannuation, clarity around roles and responsibilities of the Council and CEOs, together with other reforms listed in this report. <p>POLICY IMPLICATIONS</p> <p>Please refer to the current WALGA Advocacy Positions Manual.</p>
<p>10.2 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2022/23</p>	<p>That State Council note the Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2022/23.</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2022/23 has been finalised. This Report provides information, statistics and trends on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the length and types of roads and bridges managed by Local Governments; sources of funding and the use of funds in expanding, upgrading, renewing and maintaining roads, paths and bridges; actual expenditure relative to that needed to sustainably maintain the road network.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Report is intended to underpin advocacy for continued and increased Federal and State funding for Local Government roads and to support Councils wishing to benchmark aspects of their own roads programs with similar or neighbouring areas. <p>ATTACHMENT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2022/23
<p>11.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio</p>	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the 4 September 2024 State Council meeting.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Advocacy: Significant progress has been made with the State Election campaign, with the 2025 State Election Priorities document finalised, microsite built and public campaign planned.</p> <p>Marketing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RoadWise logo updated in line with the new WALGA Branding Fresh identity developed to launch 2024 Showcase in Pixels program Website: The first baseline, quarterly analytics report since the website launched is encouraging with 45,140 total users visiting the website, 90% of which were new users. Campaigns <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 Training short course campaigns June to July 50% Cert III July intake resulted from marketing campaign Graphic device developed for the new People & Culture Performance, Achievement, Capability Excellence (PACE) program <p>Communication and Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Media Coverage: WALGA president mentioned 79 times primarily on ABC Regional Radio, in the West Australian, the Albany Advertiser and the North West Telegraph WALGA mentioned 332 times in the WA mainstream media (topics covered were the Polyphagous Shot Hole Borer (PSHB) and the CFMEU demarcation hearing in the Industrial Relations Commission) Advocacy around the PSHB was significant between 19 July to 25 July, including a double page spread in the Sunday Times, TV coverage with President Chappel on the ABC, Channels 7, 9 and 10, and an Opinion Editorial (op-ed) in Monday's West Australian. Media Releases Social Media; LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram <p>Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024 WALGA Local Government Convention and Exhibition Local Government Awards

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayors and Presidents Forum • Virtual Graduation
<p>11.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio</p>	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio for September 2024.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Roads</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program (LGTRRIP) • Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance • Road Rail Interface Agreements • Update of User Guides for calculating the cost of road wear for defined freight tasks <p>Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28 • Achievements of the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement • GIS Mapping of the Rural Road Safety Business Case Alignments • Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions <p>Transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Freight Strategy • Bus Stop Infrastructure • Active/Green Transport Discussion Paper <p>Utilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underground Power • Streetlighting <p>Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RoadWise Councils • RoadWise Recognised • RoadWise Council Road Safety Awards <p>Asset Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road Assets and Expenditure Report Update Project
<p>11.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio</p>	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the 4 September 2024 State Council meeting.</p> <p>Activities:</p>

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	<p>Association and Corporate Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Government Honours Program 2024 <p>Commercial</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preferred Supplier Program (PSP) Development Sustainable Energy Project ARENA Future Fuels Grant Project WALGA Tax <p>Employee Relations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> WA Industrial Relations Commission applications WALGA Salary and Workforce Survey People and Culture Seminar Long Service Leave – new regulations <p>Governance and Procurement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Audit Fees <p>Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elected Member Training Diploma of Local Government – Elected Members LGA30120 Certificate III in Local Government
<p>11.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio</p>	<p>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the September 2024 State Council meeting.</p> <p>Activities:</p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Energy Transition (Agenda item item 8.2, 8.3 and 8.4) Economic Briefing <p>Environment & Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Biodiversity and Native Vegetation Management Project Electronic Waste (E-Waste) Landfill Ban <p>Planning & Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Greening Grants Polyphagous Shothole Borer Advocacy Training Workshop for Local Government Officers <p>Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Project



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft State Support Plan – Animal Welfare in Emergencies• State Recovery Arrangements• State Hazard Plan – Fire• Australian Warning System <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboriginal Affairs• Commencement of Stage 5A of the <i>Public Health Act 2016</i>• Housing• Regional Education

5.4 Status Report on State Council Resolutions

<p>10 July 2024 Item 7.1 Officer of the Auditor General Increased Costs</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Objects to the Office of the Auditor General's audit fees increases for the 2023-24 audits of accounts and annual financial report of Local Governments; and 2. Requests the Legislative Council's Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations to conduct an Inquiry into the OAG's performance of audits and increased audit fees to Local Governments. <p>RESOLUTION 045.3/2024</p>	<p>WALGA wrote to the Standing Committee on 22 July advising of the State Council Resolution and requesting a meeting – no response received as at 31 July.</p> <p>WALGA also wrote to the Auditor General on 22 July advising of the State Council Resolution – response received 24 July.</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>10 July 2024 Item 8.1 Caravan Park and Camping Ground Regulations</p>	<p>That State Council endorse a new Caravan Park and Camping Grounds Regulations Advocacy Position:</p> <p>Part 2 of the <i>Caravan Parks and Camping Grounds Regulations 1997</i> should be amended to allow Local Governments to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider camping on private property for a period of greater of three months. 2. Establish policy to guide approvals beyond 3 months to ensure that camping is locally appropriate and provide for circumstances where caravans, predominantly in the form of tiny homes on wheels, can be occupied on a more permanent basis. <p>RESOLUTION 046.3/2024</p>	<p>The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated.</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p>10 July 2024 Item 8.2 2024 Audit Experience Survey Results and Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the Audit Experience Survey Results Summary <u>2022-23</u>; and 2. Amend Advocacy Position 2.2.2 Local Government Audit Process to remove point 7 as it has been achieved. <p>RESOLUTION 047.3/2024</p>	<p>The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated.</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>10 July 2024 Item 8.3 Finance and Services Committee Minutes (incorporating the</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Endorse the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 19 June 2024. 2. Endorse: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. the WALGA Budget 2024-25, being for the full year ending 30 June 2025, 	<p>The actions from the Finance & Services Committee meeting have been actioned including the implementation of the WALGA 2024/25 budget.</p>		<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>

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<p>WALGA Budget 2024-25 and WALGA Reserves Amendments) – 19 June 2024</p>	<p>b. Renaming the Strategic Reserve as the Sector Strategic Reserve. c. Creation of a new Reserve called the Organisation Strategic Initiatives Reserve d. That each reserve is to be used for the purpose presented within this report. e. Establishing the Organisation Strategic Initiatives Reserve with \$600,000 from the 2023-24 Non-Grant Surplus, to be applied to funding Strategic Projects in the Budget 2024-25. as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 048.3/2024</p>			
<p>10 July 2024 Item 8.6 Appointments to State Council Policy Teams</p>	<p>That State Council: 1. Appoint Mayor Terresa Lynes, the State Council representative from the South East Metropolitan Zone to the Environment Policy Team, and 2. Appoint Cr Aaron Bowman, the State Council representative from the East Metropolitan Zone to the People and Place Policy Team.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 051.3/2024</p>	<p>Members appointed to Policy Teams</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>10 July 2024 Item 8.7 Selection Committee Minutes – 16 April 2024 and 17 April 2024</p>	<p>That State Council: 1. Note the resolutions contained in the 24 June 2024 Selection Committee Minutes; and 2. Endorse the recommendations contained in the 24 June 2024 Selection Committee Minutes.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 052.3/2024</p>	<p>Selection Committee items have been actioned.</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>

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<p>10 July 2024 Item 8.9 LGIS Fees and Board Minutes</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the annual LGISWA Scheme Management fee payable to JLT is increased by 3.9% for the 2024-25 year as recommended by the LGISWA Board. 2. Approve a 3.9% increase to the WALGA Trustee fee from the Scheme. 3. Note the minutes of the LGISWA Board meeting held on 24 May 2024 and that at this meeting the Board adopted the 2024-25 Scheme Budget that incorporates in-housing of Management Liability cover for Members. <p>RESOLUTION 054.3/2024</p>	<p>No action required.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p>10 July 2024 Item 8.11 CEO Performance Review Report 2023- 2024</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the appraisal of Mr Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer has been completed for the period of July 2023 to June 2024. 2. Endorse the findings of the 2023-24 Annual Performance Review Report as presented by Price Consulting and thank Mr Sloan for his efforts. 3. Endorse the recommendations on Page 3 of the Summary Report to State Council on Employment Contract Terms. 4. Endorse the proposed CEO's Performance Criteria for the 2023-2024 period, as per Attachment 1 within the Summary Report to State Council. <p>RESOLUTION 055.3/2024</p>	<p>Actions completed as per State Council resolution.</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	<p>Lauren Mathison Manager People and Culture</p>

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<p>10 July 2024 Item 9.4 People and Place Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Note the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team at its meeting on 30 April 2024. 2. Determine to retire Advocacy Position 3.12.1 State Trail Bike Strategy. <p>RESOLUTION 059.3/2024</p>	<p>The Advocacy Positions Manual has been updated.</p>	<p>July 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p>6 December 2023 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> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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>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 positions are included in the September State Council agenda for consideration.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p>6 December 2023 Item 7.1</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>The Deputy Director General, Housing and Assets presented at the 10 July State Council Strategic Forum. The presentation included an</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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<p>2023 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</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>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 continues to advocate for State Government to optimise partnership opportunities with Local Government that make capital investment in housing supply viable.</p>		
<p>1 March 2023 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"> Note that the Environment Minister has withdrawn the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball. 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. <p>RESOLUTION 422.1/2023</p>	<p>Update sought from the Minister's office on 29 July.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p>7 December 2022 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</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</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

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	<p><i>and weight given to local knowledge and 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><i>advocacy position on speed management is developed and endorsed.</i></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>7 December 2022 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"> 1. <i>Reviewing car parking standards for schools;</i> 2. <i>Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;</i> 3. <i>Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;</i> 4. <i>Restricting school access from major roads;</i> 5. <i>Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;</i> 6. <i>Develop programs to educate drivers; and</i> 7. <i>Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.</i> 	<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>	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure

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<p>7 December 2022 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>	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure
<p>7 December 2022 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>		Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure

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	RESOLUTION 394.8/2022			
<p>1 December 2021 Item 5.3 2021 Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2021 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:</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>...</p> <p>RESOLUTION 294.7/2021</p>	<p>In March the State Government announced the establishment of a new Infrastructure Development Fund that includes a stream to support the delivery of regional worker accommodation with applications open until September. 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 here.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

5.5 COMPLETE ZONE STATUS REPORT –

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
19 April 2022 Zone Agenda Item 9.7 Underground Power	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.	WALGA staff met with Juliane Bush (Community Engagement Manager) and Robin John (Government Relations and Stakeholder Engagement Manager) from Horizon Power during October and raised the opportunities from underground power in Pilbara and Kimberley towns. This is now listed for discussion at the next meeting.	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure iduncan@walga.asn.au 9213 2031
19 April 2024 Zone Agenda Item 8 Enhanced and Alternative Education Opportunities for Regional WA	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	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. 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.	August 2024	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039

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		<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: Pillar 1: Build the capability of our regional workforce Pillar 2: Expand curriculum delivery Pillar 3: Strengthen support for student wellbeing Pillar 4: Develop partnerships to create opportunity</p> <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. More information is available here.</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>		
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Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> People Place Prosperity Performance </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Advocate Partner Promote Facilitate Fund Monitor </div>	Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p>That the Kimberley Country Zone:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notes the report from the WALGA President 2. Notes the State Council Agenda Items as circulated 3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision contained within the State Council Agenda 4. Acknowledges the Items for noting 5. Acknowledges the Status Report on State Council Resolutions 6. Notes the Kimberley Zone Status Report 		Executive Officer to follow up on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Item 8.4 – Priority Agriculture - Chris Hossen, Manager Planning and Building 2. Item 10.1 – Local Government Reform - Tony Brown / James McGovern 3. Item 10.2 – Local Government Road Report - Dana Mason, Manager External Affairs (advocacy agenda) or Mark Bondiotti, Manager Infrastructure (technical questions) 	
Moved:	Shire of Broome	Responsible:	Executive Officer & as per noted above
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	3/0		

5. Conclusion of Zone Matters: 10:16am