



THE  
**KIMBERLEY  
ZONE**

Meeting Minutes

16 February 2024

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## 1. Kimberley Country Zone Meeting Open: 9:05am

Chair acknowledged the Traditional Custodians of the different lands on which people are meeting today, and to pay respect to all the Elders past, present and emerging.

## 2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
<b>Members</b>		
Cr Chris Mitchell	Zone Delegate, and President Shire of Broome	In Person
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	Video
Cr Peter McCumstie	President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In Person
<b>Observers</b>		
Jeremy Hall	Acting CEO, Shire of Broome	In Person
Geoff Haerewa (Chair)	Deputy President, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Amanda Dexter	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley – Arrived 9:54am	In Person
Musa Mono	Director Health & Regulatory Services, Shire of Halls Creek	Video
<b>Executive Support Team</b>		
Paul Rosair	Principal NAJA Business Consulting	In Person
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal Mira Consulting	In Person
Jane Lewis	Principal Redit Research	In Person
Rebecca Billing	Administrative Assistant, NAJA Business Consulting	In Person
<b>Apologies</b>		
Cr David Menzel	Zone Chair, and President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
Sam Mastrolembo	CEO, Shire of Broome	
Gordon Thomson	President, Shire of Christmas Island	
David Price	CEO, Shire of Christmas Island	
Aindil Minkom	President, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Frank Mills	CEO, Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Tony Lacy	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
Cr Azah Badlu	Cocos (Keeling) Islands	
<b>Guests</b>		
Cr Karen Chappel	CEO WALGA	In Person
Nick Sloan	CEO WALGA – Left 9:55am	Video
Janine Hatch	Director, Regional Development Australia - Kimberley	Video
Bill Tatchell	CEO Australia's Northwest	Video
Tom Chapman	Regional Manager, DLGSCI	Video
Chuck Berger	CEO Kimberley Development Commission	Video

### 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

## March 2024

**Introduction**

Activity in the Local Government sector has commenced at a hectic pace in 2024, with Power and Telecommunication Outages, Bushfires emergencies, State and Federal Budget submissions and not forgetting of course our Local Government operational matters. I will outline these items in this report. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of WALGA's State Councillors who have been at the forefront of supporting their regions during a challenging emergency season.

**Power and Telecommunications Outages**

Local Governments in large parts of the Wheatbelt region, Goldfields and parts of peri-urban Perth stood tall to support their communities following the storms on 16 January. At the peak, 34,000 homes and businesses were without power with around 1000 premises still without power a week later. I was pleased to host along with Cr Kelly and Nick Sloan a webinar involving representatives from impacted Local Governments and the Regional Development Commissions to understand the local impacts more fully and further develop our advocacy for resilient power, telecommunications and water services.

**Advocacy Win – Urban Greening Strategy**

The State Government has announced it will work with Western Australia Local Government Association to develop an Urban Greening Strategy for Perth and Peel. WALGA has long advocated for a strategy to address the loss of tree canopy in urban areas across the State, including in our State Budget Submission, which also calls for \$20 million to expand the Local Government Urban Greening Grant Program. In responding to the Government's announcement, I have stressed the need for the strategy to include effective regulations and incentives to reduce tree loss on private land as well as to increase community awareness and behaviour change.

**State Budget Submission**

Over the November to January period our Executive and Management teams have been undertaking extensive engagement across the political spectrum and with key stakeholders to promote WALGA's State Budget Submission. We have been enacting our Communications Plan for the State Budget Submission through social media and mainstream interviews, enlisting stakeholder and community support where appropriate. It is pleasing that we have been successful in generating media interest in a number of submission proposals, including funding for libraries and urban forests.

I remain very hopeful that our ongoing relationship with the State Government will see some of our budget requests met and funding will be available in the sector for the issues we have identified.

**Federal Budget Submission**

We have also provided our Federal Budget Submission to the Government which supports the ALGA submission but highlights issues of importance to Western Australian Local Governments. The Deputy President and I will be endeavouring to advocate on these issues when we are in Canberra for the ALGA Board meeting in late February.



### **Planning**

On the planning front, the Minister announced a revised Medium Density Code in January. WALGA will continue to advocate for good planning and design outcomes and the important role of Local Government and Elected Councillors to represent the interests of their constituents and the broader community in the planning process.

### **Certificate III in Local Government – Virtual graduation**

Nick Sloan and I were delighted to host the inaugural graduating class for the Certificate III in Local Government and present their certificates.

The graduation was held virtually on Wednesday, 7 February 2024, celebrating the hard work, dedication and commitment of the first 12 Graduates and to thank their supervisors and friends for their support.

We were fortunate to have the Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Youth; and Minister Assisting the Minister for Training and Workforce Development address the Graduates.

WALGA's focus is to continue building this highly specialised foundation program through 2024, with the aim to develop new talent and to build future capacity for the sector. Work has commenced on developing the Diploma of Local Government for Officers and hope that delivery of the Diploma will commence in 2025.

### **Media Activity**

Our presence in the mainstream media was significant since December, having been invited to carry out interviews in all formats on proposed state government changes on Short Term Rental Accommodation, funding for local roads, regional recycling and on planning issues.

As was the case last year, the issue of the date of Australia Day citizenship ceremonies and events saw significant media interest during January.

WALGA and Local Government was mentioned over 400 times in the West Australian mainstream media over the least three months.

### **Australian Council of Local Government**

The Commonwealth Government has announced that the 2024 Australian Council of Local Government (ACLG) will be held in Canberra on Friday 5 July following the ALGA National General Assembly (NGA).

The ACLG will provide Western Australian delegates with the opportunity to directly engage with Federal Ministers from across portfolios and last year attracted around 600 local government representatives from across Australia. I would strongly encourage zones to consider the value of Members attending the NGA and ACLG to ensure Western Australian issues are front of mind for the Federal Cabinet.

### **2023 WALGA Wrap**

I was very pleased to see over 150 of our stakeholders and suppliers attend the revamped WALGA Wrap in December. It was a positive end to the 2023 working year.

**Cr Karen Chappel AM JP**  
**WALGA President**



## President's Contacts

The President's contacts since 6 December 2024 and scheduled before 6 March 2024 are as follows:

### State and Commonwealth Government Relations

- Hon Darren Chester MP, Member for Gippsland
- Hon Hannah Beazley MLA, Minister for Local Government; Youth
- Hon Sue Ellery MLC, Minister for Finance; Commerce; Women's Interests x2
- Hon Sandra Carr MLC
- Hon Shane Love MLA, Leader of the Opposition
- Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries; Director General, Lanie Chopping
- Department of Infrastructure, Assistant Secretary, Meghan Hibbert
- Australian Government Black Spot – WA Consultative Panel Meeting

### Zone Meetings

- Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Meeting
- East Metropolitan Zone Meeting
- Kimberley Country Zone Meeting
- South-East Metropolitan Zone Meeting
- Pilbara Country Zone Meeting
- North Metropolitan Zone Meeting
- Avon Midland Zone Meeting
- Northern Country Zone Meeting
- South Metropolitan Zone Meeting

### Local Government Relations

- State Council Meetings:
  - State Council Meeting, 6 December
  - State Councillor Induction
  - State Council Information Forum
  - Finance and Services Committee
  - Local Government House Trust
  - State Council Agenda Briefing x2
- LGIS
  - LGIS Board Meeting
  - Risk and Compliance Committee
- ALGA
  - Board Meeting
  - ALGA Briefing – Pre-Budget Submission
  - Risk Meeting with ALGA Board Executive
  - Meeting with ALGA CEO
- Lord Mayors Distress Relief Fund
  - Board Meeting x2
  - Annual General Meeting
  - Constitution Review
- Meeting with Shire of Capel President and CEO
- RCAWA Meeting
- Certificate 3 Local Government Diploma Ceremony

### Conferences, Workshops, Public Relations

- Role of Mayors and Presidents Forum
- WALGA Wrap 2023
- Auspire Australia Day Launch
- Pathway to Politics for Women Program – University of WA
- WALGA Power and Telecommunications Round Table
- State Council End of Year Function

## 1.2 Reports from Representatives

WALGA –

- Karen Chappel, President,
- Nick Sloan, CEO

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



Department of  
**Local Government, Sport  
and Cultural Industries**

# Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries Report

February 2024

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## Local Government Act Reform

- In May 2023, the Local Government Amendment Bill 2023 was passed and the *Local Government Amendment Act 2023* was assented.
- The *Local Government Amendment Act 2023* introduced key reforms related to elections and other priority matters based on 6 key themes:
  - o Earlier intervention, effective regulation and stronger penalties
  - o Reducing red tape, increasing consistency and simplicity
  - o Greater transparency and accountability
  - o Stronger local democracy and community engagement
  - o Clearer roles and responsibilities
  - o Improved financial management and reporting.
- The local government reforms were divided into two tranches to ensure that the election related reforms were in place in time for the October 2023 elections.
- The electoral reforms, including optional preferential voting and backfilling extraordinary vacancies, took effect at the October 2023 elections.
- Since the October 2023 elections there have been a number of extraordinary vacancies filled through the process of backfilling as a result of the reforms.
- In October 2023, a third set of local government regulation amendments were made that relate to the implementation of tranche one reforms.
- These regulations relate to broadcasting and recording council meetings, owners and occupiers' enrolment eligibility, and payments for the training and professional development of elected members.
- Regulations to support the implementation of other tranche one reforms continue to be developed by the Regulatory Reform team.
- On 3 November 2023, the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) made a variation to the *Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members Determination*, issued on 6 April 2023.
- As a result, the reform to enable the payment of fees to independent committee members commenced on 1 January 2024.

- The variation by the SAT sets the thresholds for the payment of meeting fees to independent committee members.
- The enrolment changes to the owner occupiers roll took effect on 1 January 2024 and a training workshop was conducted by the DLGSC to explain these changes on Friday, 15 December 2023.
- The DLGSC continues to provide ongoing updates to the sector in relation to these reforms as part of LG Alerts and monthly reform webinars.
- Other regulations reforms are being rolled out in 2024, including integrated planning and reporting, standardised meeting procedures, online registers and local government CEO KPIs and reporting.
- Further information in relation to these reforms are on the DLGSC website:
  - o <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/strengthening-local-government/local-government-act-reform>
- The DLGSC is running a series of monthly webinars and deep dives into specific topics regarding the reforms – look out for LG Alerts for more details. If you would like a link to recordings of previous webinars, this is available on the DLGSC website:
  - o <https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/local-government/strengthening-local-government/local-government-act-reform/local-government-reform-webinars>
- The DLGSC has also teamed up with LG Pro to deliver a series of monthly capacity-building webinars.

## Model Financial Statements (MFS) and Financial

- Model Financial Statements (MFS) for Class 1 and 2, plus a reduced version for smaller local governments (Class 3 and 4) and guidelines published on the DLGSC website that apply to 2022-23 annual financial statements.
- A first tranche of regulatory amendments for the MFS commenced on 1 July 2022.
- A second tranche of regulatory amendments for the MFS commenced on 1 July 2023.
- The 1 September 2023 version of the Local government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 includes the new credit card regulation 13A.
- An LG Alert was issued on 9 January 2024 seeking feedback on the MFS used for 2022-23 annual financial statements report.
- Deadline for feedback is 9 February 2024.
- The updated MFS for 2023-24 annual financial statements report will be published April 2024.

Contact LG Accounting for queries – [Lg.accounting@dlgsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Lg.accounting@dlgsc.wa.gov.au)

## Local Government (Functions and General) Amendment Regulations 1996

- The *Local Government (Functions and General) Amendment Regulations 1996* were gazetted on Friday 19 May 2023. These amendments do the following:

### Rural GP and Dentists tender exemption

- Recognising the importance of maintaining medical and dental services in our regions, a tender exemption for renewing or extending a contract with a medical or dental service is being provided to regional local governments.
- This exemption means those local governments will be able to maintain the services of an existing doctor or dentist without needing to call for public tenders.
- This exemption is only available to local governments outside the Perth Metropolitan Area and City of Mandurah.

### Novation of Contracts

- An additional tender exemption is provided for where a local government novates a contract.
- As an example in the context of a dental service, this means where the dental practice is sold to another dentist, the local government can novate the existing contract with the old dentist to the new dentist.
- This improves local government contract management, allowing novation of contracts to occur, local governments should however make sure it is in their interest to novate the contract.
- This exemption is available to all local government.

### Dental leasing exemption

- An exemption from the property disposal requirements has been provided for the leasing of land for dental services.
- This is to align with the new exemption provided for regional medical and dental services.
- This exemption is however available to all local governments, like the existing medical services exemption is.

Further queries can be directed – [actreview@dlqsc.wa.gov.au](mailto:actreview@dlqsc.wa.gov.au)

## Local Government Grants Commission

- The WA Local Government Grants Commission (the Commission) has a full composition of members with the 2023 appointments of the Chairperson (Councillor Daniel Bull), Country Urban Member (Dr Wendy Giles) and Deputy Urban Member (Ms. Virginia Miltrup). Only the deputy position of Deputy to the Deputy Chairperson remains vacant and will be filled in 2024.
- An advance payment of the 2023-24 Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants), based on a funding pool equivalent to approximately 100% of the total 2023-24 funding pool, was made to local governments on the 30 June 2023.
- The advance payments were calculated by the Commonwealth using the relativities established under the Commission's calculations for 2022-23 and was required to be recognised as revenue for 2022-23.
- Local Governments were advised that the advance payment meant remaining payments during 2023-24 would be limited and that they needed to ensure they have sufficient funds for 2023-24 to complete their planned programs.
- Due to the 100% advance, all WA local governments were either over or under paid, with the difference to be recouped from their future 2024-25 funding. All local governments with a variance of \$50,000, or greater than 2% of rates revenue, have been advised of the implications to next year's allocations.
- The Commission completed a visiting program to the Pilbara in order to conduct public hearings in late 2023, and is finalising plans for 2024 to visit; the Upper Great Southern, the South West and the Eastern Goldfields regions.

## 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.
- The CRS will also assist with the registration of cats under the *Cat Act 2011*, and the development of regulations, in consultation with stakeholders.
- A Request for Tender for the implementation of the CRS was released to the market on 24 January 2023 and closed on 8 March 2023. Responses to the Request for Tender have been evaluated and the evaluation report was endorsed by the State Tender Review Committee on 13 July 2023.
- The Discovery and Design phase for the CRS is currently underway and is due to be completed in March 2024. DLGSC is working towards contract award at the end of March 2024.
- DLGSC is continuing to engage local governments and other key stakeholders across the State to prepare for CRS implementation.
- A consultation paper sought further feedback from stakeholders and interested members of the community to assist in developing workable regulations. A second

consultation paper on new and existing fees and charges is expected to be released in early 2024.

- DLGSC is working to have the regulations gazette and CRS implemented and operational by mid to late 2024.

### DLGSC Contacts

LG Support and Engagement	<a href="mailto:lghotline@dlgsc.wa.gov.au">lghotline@dlgsc.wa.gov.au</a>
LG Policy and Legislation	<a href="mailto:legislation@dlgsc.wa.gov.au">legislation@dlgsc.wa.gov.au</a>
CRS – Stop Puppy Farming	<a href="mailto:puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au">puppyfarming@dlgsc.wa.gov.au</a>
Grants Commission – Financial Assistance Grants	<a href="mailto:Grants.commission@dlgsc.wa.gov.au">Grants.commission@dlgsc.wa.gov.au</a>
LG accounting enquiries	<a href="mailto:LG.accounting@dlgsc.wa.gov.au">LG.accounting@dlgsc.wa.gov.au</a>
LG Act Reform	<a href="mailto:actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au">actreview@dlgsc.wa.gov.au</a>

### 5.3 Reports from Kimberley Country Zone

#### ELECTION OF WALGA PRESIDENT AND DEPUTY PRESIDENT

An election for the position of WALGA President and Deputy President will be conducted in accordance with clauses 16 and 16A of the Association Constitution. The Chief Executive Officer, Mr Nick Sloan, shall act as returning officer. Nominations opened on 1 February 2024 and close at 5.00pm on Tuesday, 27 February 2024. The term of office of both the President and Deputy President is for a two (2) year period from 6 March 2024 and expires at the first ordinary meeting of State Council in 2026.

The following table provides a summary of Matters for Decision that will be considered at the WALGA State Meeting on 6 March 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><b>8.1 Separation (Centre) and Edge Line Markings by Local Government on Low Volume Rural Roads</b></p>	<p><b>That WALGA endorse the below Advocacy Position:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Main Roads Western Australia allow Local Governments to install edge line and separation (centre) line markings on roads that meet all relevant criteria, but do not meet the criterion on traffic volume.</li> <li>2. For this exemption, Local Governments must adhere to the following conditions:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The Local Government contact Main Roads via the Regional Network Manager with their intent to undertake line marking on specific roads that do not meet the traffic volume criterion, but meet all the other criteria.</li> <li>b) The Local Government obtain a Council resolution, committing to fund all installation and maintenance costs.</li> <li>c) Local Government undertake spotting/surveying.</li> <li>d) Main Roads to undertake an inspection following the survey/spotting work, confirm the start and finish points for the longitudinal line markings, and record the sections of road with line markings to be maintained by Local Government in the relevant database.</li> <li>e) Main Roads approve the final layout prior to line marking occurring.</li> <li>f) Local Government undertake the works.</li> <li>g) Local Government maintain the works in accordance with Main Roads WA standards.</li> <li>h) Local Government remove the lines if maintenance works are not performed to the standard.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

Item / Matters for Decision As per State Council Agenda	WALGA Recommendations
	<p><b>Executive Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Main Roads WA warrant does not currently allow edge line or separation (centre) line markings on Local Government roads that carry less than certain traffic volume thresholds.</li> <li>• Local Governments would like to enhance the safety of their roads by installing line markings in instances where only the traffic volume criterion under the warrant is not met.</li> <li>• A process is proposed in this item whereby Local Governments would pay for the installation and maintenance and Main Roads would perform the necessary inspections to ensure that the markings adhere to the applicable standard.</li> <li>• Local Governments would not be required to undertake these works, but rather would have the option to install line markings on qualifying roads that do not meet the traffic volume criterion at their own cost.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.2 Recovered Materials Framework Advocacy Position</b></p>	<p><b>That WALGA:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rescind the existing <i>WALGA Standards for Recycled Organics Applied to Land Policy Statement 2007</i> and Advocacy Position 7.9:       <p>Local Government:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Acknowledges the benefits of applying recycled organics to land, especially as a means of diverting organic material from landfill; and,</li> <li>2. Supports the development of standards for applying recycled organics to land, to ensure a fit for purpose product is developed.</li> </ol> </li> <li>2. Endorse a new <i>Recovered Materials Framework Advocacy Position</i> as follows:       <p>The use of recovered materials, across a range of applications, is essential in reducing the use of basic raw materials, meeting State Waste Strategy Targets and increasing diversion of waste from landfill. To ensure end users have high confidence in the quality and safety of products derived from recovered materials, consistent, outcomes-based standards and investment certainty are required.</p> <p>The State Government, in consultation with Local Government and the waste management industry, should take a leadership role in facilitating the use of recovered material by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing a regulatory framework which:           <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Outlines clear, outcomes-based specifications for individual products which take into consideration the receiving environment and allow for site-specific assessment.</li> <li>b. Minimises risk to human health and the environment from the use of recovered material.</li> <li>c. Establishes robust systems to provide quality assurance and ongoing surveillance throughout the supply chain.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>

Item / Matters for Decision As per State Council Agenda	WALGA Recommendations
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Providing guidance and support mechanisms for the successful implementation of the framework.</li> <li>3. Supporting the development of, and access to, sustainable end markets and long-term offtake agreements through initiatives such as active engagement with potential end users and the inclusion of recovered material content targets in Government procurement and large infrastructure projects.</li> </ol> <p><b>Executive Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <a href="#">Standards for Recycled Organics Applied to Land Policy Statement 2007</a> was developed at a time when the main option for landfill diversion of organic material in Western Australia was through mixed waste Alternative Waste Treatment (AWT) facilities.</li> <li>• The Policy Statement provides principles for the development of standards for recycled organics applied to land, however these principles are potentially broadly applicable to any recovered material applied to land.</li> <li>• The approach taken is that the principles/approach in the Policy Statement have been reviewed and used inform the development of the Recovered Materials Framework Advocacy Position.</li> <li>• The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation is developing a Recovered Materials Framework to cover the application of recovered materials to land.</li> <li>• The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) endorsed the new Advocacy Position in December 2023.</li> </ul>
<p><b>8.3 Review of Cemeteries Act 1986 and Cremation Act 1929 Discussion Paper</b></p>	<p><b>That WALGA:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Supports the intent of the Review of Cemeteries Act 1986 and Cremation Act 1929 Discussion Paper to reduce red tape, modernise legislation and standardise administrative practices; and</li> <li>2. Advocates that Local Government cemetery managers retain the capacity to impose cemetery fees and charges under Part 6 of the Local Government Act.</li> </ol> <p><b>Executive Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries released the Review of <i>Cemeteries Act 1986</i> and <i>Cremation Act 1929</i> Discussion Paper in November 2023 for public submission.</li> <li>• WALGA was granted an extension to the submission closing period of 16 February 2024 to permit sector involvement in providing feedback from the Zone process and State Council consideration.</li> </ul> <p><b>Attachment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Review of Cemeteries Act 1986 and Cremation Act 1929 Discussion Paper</a></li> </ul>



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

Item / Matters for Noting / Information	WALGA Recommendations
<b>9.1 Environment Policy Team Report</b>	<p><b>That State Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the election of _____ to the position of Chair of the Environment Policy Team, and</li> <li>Note the Environment Policy Team Report for the 16 February 2024 meeting.</li> </ul> <p>The Environment Policy Team will be conducting its first meeting on 16 February 2024. Therefore, a verbal report will be provided at the March State Council meeting.</p> <p>The name of the Policy Team Chair will be provided following the 16 February 2024 meeting, for noting.</p>
<b>9.2 Governance Policy Team Report</b>	<p><b>That State Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note the election of Mayor Patrick Hall as the Chair of the Governance Policy Team.</li> <li>Note the matters considered by the Governance Policy Team at its meeting held on 6 February 2024.</li> <li>Determine to:       <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1.8 Differential Rates</li> <li>2.1.16 Recovery of Mining Tenement Rates</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>maintain the following Advocacy Positions unchanged:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1.8 Differential Rates</li> <li>2.1.16 Recovery of Mining Tenement Rates</li> </ol> <p>and the following WALGA Advocacy Position:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.5.1 Public Notices</li> <li>2.5.21 Recordings and Live Streaming of Council Meetings</li> </ol> <p><b>1. Matters for State Council Decision</b></p> <p><b>Advocacy Position Review</b></p> <p>The Governance Policy Team provides recommendations regarding WALGA Advocacy Positions for State Council's decision. Advocacy Positions may be reviewed in the <a href="#">WALGA Advocacy Position Manual</a>.</p> <p>The Secretariat advised that the format of the Association's Advocacy Position Manual will be revised, so that achieved Advocacy Positions will be included in a separate section of the Manual for future reference purposes.</p> <p>Advocacy Position recommended for retention;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1.8 Differential Rates as the advocacy position has not yet been addressed through the Local Government Act reform.</li> <li>2.1.6 Recovery of Mining Tenement Rates as amendment of the <i>Mining Act 1978</i> to this effect has not yet been achieved.</li> </ul>

Item / Matters for Noting / Information	WALGA Recommendations
	<p>Advocacy Positions recommended for retirement as they have been achieved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2.5.1 Public Notices</li> <li>• 2.5.2 Recordings and Live-Streaming of Council Meetings</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Matters for State Council Noting</b> <b>Election of Chair</b> Mayor Patrick Hall was elected as Chair.</p>
<p><b>9.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the election of Cr Stephen Strange to the position of Chair of the Infrastructure Policy Team.</li> <li>2. Note the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team meeting held on 20 December 2023.</li> </ol> <p><b>1. Matters for State Council Decision</b> The Policy Team considered and recommended an item concerning Separation (Centre) and Edge Line Marking by Local Government on Low Volume Rural Roads be considered by State Council (State Council Item 8.1)</p> <p><b>2. Matters for State Council Noting</b> The Policy Team progressed actions and advocacy in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• extended lead time for quotes from Western Power for Headworks;</li> <li>• changes to the Main Roads WA Traffic Management Company Registration Scheme; and</li> <li>• required changes to the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements (DRFAWA).</li> </ul> <p>The Policy Team noted progress in changes sought to regulations governing undertaking roadworks on Total Fire Ban days.</p>
<p><b>9.4 People and Place Policy Team Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Note the election of President Cr Phillip Blight to the position of Chair of the People and Policy Team, and</li> <li>2. Note the People and Place Policy Team Report for the 7 February 2024 meeting.</li> </ol> <p>The People and Place Policy Team conducted its first meeting on 7 February 2024.</p> <p>President Cr Phillip Blight was elected as Chair.</p> <p>A full report was not available for inclusion in the March State Council agenda. Therefore, a verbal report will be provided to the meeting.</p>

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<p><b>9.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) Report</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the resolutions of the 13 December 2023 Municipal Waste Advisory Council Meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Matters for Decision</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Recovery Material Framework Advocacy Position and rescind Recycled Organics Applied to Land Policy Statement (State Council Item 8.2).</li> </ul> <p><b>Matters for Discussion</b></p> <p>MWAC considered the following matters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Soft Plastics collective advocacy:</i> WALGA, with the other Local Government Associations, is advocating nationally against the proposed inclusion of soft plastics in kerbside recycling collections (by the Australian Food and Grocery Council). Trials of kerbside soft plastic collection in NSW and SA have yielded high participation rates, however, have identified significant issues with resourcing and infrastructure at the participating Material Recovery Facilities (MRF). WALGA and MRF operators recently met with a soft plastics processor intending to establish a recycling plant in Perth and expressed support for a non-kerbside collection option. Collection of soft plastics through kerbside is not supported in WA because:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Soft plastic is a significant contaminant in the paper stream and is likely to become a greater issue with the upcoming paper export bans.</li> <li>○ Consistent messaging across WA is not to place anything in bags in the Recycling bin – mixed messaging will be very difficult to overcome. Bagged material is 6% of contamination by weight in kerbside recycling.</li> <li>○ MRF resourcing and infrastructure is not adequate to accommodate additional separating and sorting of bags.</li> <li>○ Product stewardship should be in place for all packaging to ensure schemes have longevity before committing to collection options.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Waste Levy Policy Statement:</i> MWAC discussed the review of the Policy Statement, which is scheduled for early 2024. There was strong support from members for continued advocacy to hypothecate the full Levy to achieving strategic waste management outcomes. The WALGA Budget Submission includes the detail of how the full Levy allocation could be expended to support Local Government and the community to achieve State Waste Strategy Targets</li> <li>• <i>Plan for Plastics – Compostable Produce Bags:</i> Following submissions from WALGA, and the retail sector, the Minister for Environment will amend the regulations implementing Western Australia’s Plan for Plastics to allow for produce bags that are certified as compostable and can be used as caddy liners for food organics garden organics (FOGO) systems. The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation will consult with impacted industries on these issues to determine whether the ban on non-compostable produce bags should be extended to include barrier bags for meat and dairy products, and the need for a design standard. To ensure industry has sufficient time to prepare for this change, and to align with a similar change coming into effect in South Australia, the implementation date will be moved from 1 March 2024 to 1 September 2024.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>10.1 2024-25 Federal Budget Submission</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note WALGA’s 2024-25 Federal Budget Submission.</b></p> <p><b>Executive Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The WALGA President has written to the Federal Assistant Treasurer to support the initiatives identified in ALGA's 2024-24 Federal Budget Submission.</li> <li>• The submission also highlights additional areas that are a priority for WA Local Governments in the 2024-25 Budget, including:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Funding to improve safety on high-speed roads in regional and peri-urban areas.</li> <li>○ Addressing gaps on the long-term cycle network</li> <li>○ Addressing systemic issues in the provision of health services in the regions and compensating Local Governments for the costs they are incurring to support the provision of primary health services in their communities.</li> <li>○ Funding for a dedicated training program for key areas of skills shortages in Local Government, including town planners, building surveyors and Environmental Health Officers (EHOs).</li> <li>○ Funding support for programs to manage the impacts of climate change and build resilience.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The submission was provided to Commonwealth Treasury and the Assistant Treasurer in January 2024, and will be sent to all WA Members of Federal Parliament in coming weeks.</li> </ul> <p><b>Attachment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA 2024 Federal Budget Submission letter (See full State Council Agenda)</li> <li>• <a href="#">ALGA 2024 Federal Budget Submission</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>10.2 Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan (EM-SAP) Local Government Consultation Project</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the update on the Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan Local Government Consultation project.</b></p> <p><b>Executive Summary</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In October 2022, a SEMC Climate Change Subcommittee (CCSC) was established to provide leadership and guidance in the development of an Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan (EM-SAP).</li> <li>• The EM-SAP is being developed through the Department of Fire and Emergency Service’s (DFES’) Climate Change Adaptation Program (CCAP).</li> <li>• WALGA has been engaged to obtain input from the Local Government sector on an EM-SAP Discussion Paper to inform the development of the final EM-SAP that will be submitted for endorsement by the SEMC in mid-2024.</li> <li>• WALGA’s consultation with the Local Government sector on the EM-SAP will be delivered during February and March 2024 and will include an EM-SAP Information Webinar on 14 February and several interactive workshops delivered on the 20, 21 and 26 February.</li> <li>• Registration to participate in WALGA’s EM-SAP webinar and workshops is via the <a href="#">WALGA website</a>.</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A draft WALGA submission that includes the consultation summary and EM-SAP recommendations will be submitted to State Council via the Flying Minute process for endorsement at the end of March, to meet the SEMC's consultation timeframes.</li> </ul> <p><b>Attachment</b>  <a href="#">Western Australian Sector Adaptation Plan (EM-SAP) Discussion Paper (December 2023) State Emergency Management Committee</a></p>
<p><b>11.1.1 Key Activity Reports, Advocacy Portfolio</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio for March 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>Marketing          Communications and Media – tv, print, radio, social media          Government Relations – 2024-25 Budget distributed to State Ministers and Directors General          Events – WALGA Wrap, MACWA Awards, Virtual Graduation</p>
<p><b>11.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio for March 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Activities:</b></p> <p>Roads:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Government Transport and Roads Research and Innovation Program (LGTRRIP)</li> <li>Condition Assessment of Roads of Regional Significance</li> <li>Road Rail Interface Agreements</li> </ul> <p>Funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 – 2027/28</li> <li>Roads to Recovery and other Federal Funding Programs</li> <li>Multi-Criteria Assessment (MCA) Model Revisions</li> <li>Business Case for Safety Improvement to High Speed Sealed Local Government Roads</li> </ul> <p>Utilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Underground Power</li> <li>Streetlighting</li> <li>Bus Stop Infrastructure</li> <li>Active Transport Reference Group</li> </ul>

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	<p>Road Safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Road Safety Council Update</li> <li>• RoadWise Councils</li> </ul>
<p><b>11.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio for March 2024.</b></p> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <p>Association and Corporate Governance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA Strategic Planning</li> <li>• Zone Chair Induction</li> <li>• Local Government Honours Program 2024</li> </ul> <p>Commercial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preferred Supplier Program (PSP) Development</li> <li>• Sustainable Energy Project</li> </ul> <p>Employee Relations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WA Industrial Relations Commission application</li> <li>• Application to intervene in union demarcation dispute</li> <li>• WALGA Salary and Workforce Survey 2023</li> <li>• Webinar – Sexual harassment</li> </ul> <p>Governance and Procurement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Government Act Amendments – Fees for Independent Committee Members and Caretaker period</li> <li>• Local Government Elections Review</li> </ul> <p>Training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25 workshops booked and confirmed for February</li> </ul>
<p><b>11.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio</b></p>	<p><b>That State Council note the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the March 2024 State Council meeting.</b></p> <p><b>Activities</b></p> <p>Economics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• December Economic Briefing</li> </ul>

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	<p>Environment and Waste</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polyphagous Shot-Hole Borer (PSHB)</li> <li>• Natural Resource Management Grants</li> </ul> <p>Planning and Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban Greening Grants</li> <li>• WA Tree Festival 2024</li> <li>• Local Government Planning Fees and Charges</li> <li>• Medium Density Codes and Planning Reform</li> <li>• Building Reform</li> </ul> <p>Resilient Communities</p> <p>Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Power and Telecommunication Outages</li> <li>• Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Improvement Program</li> <li>• Emergency Management Survey</li> <li>• State Emergency Management Committee</li> </ul> <p>The State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) met on 6 December attended by WALGA CEO Nick Sloan. SEMC Communiques are available <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>SEMC is currently consulting on two policy documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A <a href="#">WA Emergency Management Sector Adaptation Plan Discussion Paper</a>. SEMC has engaged WALGA to coordinate consultation with Local Governments. Further information is available <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul> <p>In January, WALGA provided officer level feedback on two consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">State Hazards Plan Energy Supply Disruption</a>. Feedback aimed to ensure that the traffic management responsibilities of Local Governments in an Energy Supply Disruption emergency are aligned to recent changes to the State Emergency Management Policy Section 5.12 – Funding for Emergency Responses. The feedback was aligned to feedback provided by President Chappel in a letter to the SEMC Chair on the <a href="#">State Hazard Plan Crash Emergency</a>, in November 2023.</li> <li>• <a href="#">State Hazard Plan HAZMAT</a>. Feedback aimed to ensure the response responsibilities identified for Local Governments are practically achievable and was aligned to WALGA's advocacy positions 8.2 State Emergency Management Framework and 2.5.10 Control of Certain Unvested Facilities: Section 3.53.</li> </ul> <p>Community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA's Aboriginal Engagement Forum</li> <li>• Local Government Reconciliation Resource</li> <li>• Aboriginal Cultural Heritage</li> </ul>



## 5.4 Status Report on State Council Resolutions

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<p><b>6 December 2023</b>  <b>Item 7.1</b>                      2023 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the appropriate Policy Team for further work to be undertaken</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.1 Local Governments' representation at the State Administrative Tribunal relating to planning matters within its district  <i>That WALGA lobby the State Government for legislative reform to enable Local Governments the automatic right to be a represented party at all State Administrative Tribunal hearings related to planning matters within its district.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 501.5/2023</p>	<p>This matter will be considered by the Environment Policy Team at its meeting on 16 February 2024.</p> <p>The WALGA Secretariat supports in principle the motion and recommended to the Policy Team that WALGA's DAP Advocacy Position be updated to reflect the intent of the AGM Motion.</p> <p>As the Policy Team meeting occurs after the distribution of the Agenda for the March State Council, the Policy Team will be considered by State Council at its May 2024 meeting.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews                      Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>6 December 2023</b>  <b>Item 7.1</b>                      2023 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the appropriate Policy Team for further work to be undertaken</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.2 Land Use Policy  <i>That WALGA establish and promote policies to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non-agricultural activities that lead to a net reduction of the State's productive agricultural land.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 501.5/2023</p>	<p>This matter will be considered by the Environment Policy Team at its meeting on 16 February 2024.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews                      Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>6 December 2023</b>  <b>Item 7.1</b>                      2023 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2023 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the appropriate Policy Team for further work to be undertaken</p> <p>...</p> <p>5.4 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>WALGA housing advocacy ongoing.</p>		<p>Nicole Matthews                      Executive Manager Policy</p>



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<p><b>6 December 2023</b>  <b>Item 7.2</b>            Advocacy Position – Crown Land and Management Order Administration – Land Administration Act 1997</p>	<p>That WALGA endorse the below Advocacy Position:  <i>Crown Land and Management Order Administration - Land Administration Act 1997</i>            WALGA advocates to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH) to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Apply the following principles when dealing with matters affecting Local Government's role in managing Crown land:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Local Government is an equal partner with State Government in managing, developing and administration of Crown land for community benefit.</i></li> <li>b. <i>Local Government should be provided timely advice and consulted where State Government proposals impact management of or investment in Crown land.</i></li> <li>c. <i>Ensure timely communication with Local Government where DPLH intends to challenge an intention to levy leasing or land use revenues under a power to lease arrangement.</i></li> <li>d. <i>Decision-making criteria, policy and procedure transparency contributes to whole of government efficiency, effectiveness and accountability.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. <i>Publish the policies and procedures that underpin decision making regarding:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Establishing, varying or revoking management orders.</i></li> <li>b. <i>Leasing Crown land or facilities, subject to a management order.</i></li> <li>c. <i>Decision review where a management body or proponent lessee is dissatisfied with a decision or process.</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 502.5/2023</p>	<p>This item was the subject of a resolution from the 2023 Annual General Meeting (which was noted by State Council in item 7.1 of the December 2023 Agenda).</p> <p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p> <p>Correspondence has been sent to the Director General of the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage advising of State Council's resolution.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown            Executive Director            Member Services</p>

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<p><b>6 December 2023</b>  <b>Item 7.3</b>            Review of Public Open Space Advocacy Positions</p>	<p>That WALGA endorse:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the deletion of Advocacy Position 4.3 Water Management;</li> <li>2. the deletion of Advocacy Position 4.4 Public Open Space; and</li> <li>3. new Advocacy Position 6.11 Public Open Space as follows:</li> </ol> <p><i>6.11 Public Open Space</i>  <i>New subdivisions and developments should provide appropriate Public Open Space (POS) or POS contributions to provide environmental benefits and meet the needs of the community.</i>  <i>The State Government should take a leadership role in the strategic planning of POS, in consultation with Local Government, including:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Reviewing the requirement for a minimum 10 per cent of all new residential land to be provided as POS to determine if this metric is still appropriate.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Developing a 10+ year regional level sporting facilities plan to identify and prioritise gaps in regional sporting facilities and acquire and fund regional open spaces, specifically sporting facilities, in a timely manner to align with population growth.</i></li> <li>3. <i>Developing contemporary legislative and policy mechanisms to ensure that:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>POS design and delivery:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <i>appropriately allocates different POS uses and purposes, balancing environmental, recreational, sporting and community needs.</i></li> <li>ii. <i>does not have its use impeded by drainage and utilities facilities.</i></li> <li>iii. <i>is accessible and appropriately distributed.</i></li> <li>iv. <i>is cost effective to enable sustainable maintenance and replacement by Local Government.</i></li> <li>v. <i>is responsive to urban ecology, regional climatic conditions, and climate change.</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews            Executive Manager            Policy</p>

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	<p>vi. <i>considers water requirements and availability as a priority, includes water sensitive urban design principles, and prioritises water allocations for the irrigation and maintenance of functional active recreational and sport facilities.</i></p> <p>b. <i>POS cash in lieu contributions are equitable, transparent, and simplified by:</i></p> <p>i. <i>streamlining the process to collect and expend cash in lieu contributions by delegating functions to Local Government.</i></p> <p>ii. <i>broadening how cash in lieu funds can be spent to include works beyond the current scope.</i></p> <p>iii. <i>allowing for the collection of cash in lieu contributions at development application stage and for all forms of subdivision, including two lot subdivisions or developments.</i></p> <p>iv. <i>investigating the option of a standard fixed rate contribution fee per lot or dwelling when contributions are intended for public open space upgrades.</i></p> <p>4. <i>Providing guidance documents and support to assist Local Governments with their strategic POS planning.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 503.5/2023</p>			

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<b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.4</b> 2024 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members	That WALGA endorse the submission to the 2024 Salaries and Allowances Tribunal Remuneration Inquiry for Local Government Chief Executive Officers and Elected Members.  RESOLUTION 504.5/2023	WALGA's submission was provided to the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) on 11 December 2023. Submissions to SAT close on 9 February 2024. SAT will likely publish its 2024-2025 determination in April 2024.	Complete	Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services
<b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.5</b> Household Hazardous Waste Policy Statement and Advocacy Position	That WALGA: 1. Rescind the 2003 WALGA <i>Household Hazardous Waste Policy Statement</i> and Advocacy Position 7.10 Household Hazardous Waste; and 2. Endorse a new Household Hazardous Waste Policy Statement and Advocacy Position as follows:  <i>7.10 Household Hazardous Waste</i> 1. <i>Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) is a small but significant component of the waste stream which requires specialised management strategies to protect human health, property and the environment.</i> 2. <i>This requires:</i> a. <i>Effective Product Stewardship for all HHW; and</i>	The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.	January 2024	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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	<p><i>b. The maintenance and expansion of the HHW Program, funded by the State Government and Product Stewardship Schemes, to provide for the management of HHW collected from the community by Local Government.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 505.5/2023</p>			
<p><b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.6</b> Waste Education Policy Statement and Advocacy Position</p>	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rescind the existing WALGA <i>Waste Management Education Policy Statement 2008</i> and Advocacy Position 7.8 Waste Management Education; and</li> <li>2. Endorse a revised WALGA Waste Education Policy Statement 2023 and Advocacy Position as follows:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Waste education is essential part of waste management that empowers the community to engage in waste avoidance, reuse and recovery, and to use services correctly.</i></li> <li>2. <i>Effective waste education requires:</i> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <i>Consistent communications by all stakeholders to ensure messages are clear and the community has confidence in the information provided.</i></li> <li>b. <i>A strategic and long-term investment from the State Government, with funding mechanisms in place to support and enable collaboration between Local Governments and Regional Councils.</i></li> </ol> </li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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	<p>c. <i>Recognition of waste education in the definition of 'waste service' in the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007, in order to allow a charge for waste education as part of the waste service charge.</i></p> <p>d. <i>Identification of priority problematic materials within the waste stream and ongoing advocacy for evidence based alternative approaches.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 506.5/2023</p>			
<p><b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.7</b> Submission E- Waste Landfill Ban Regulations</p>	<p>That WALGA endorse the Submission on the <i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (e-waste) Regulations 2023</i>.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 507.5/2023</p>	<p>WALGA submission lodged on 6 December 2023.</p>	<p>December 2023</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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<b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.8</b> Submission on Philanthropic Engagement Framework for Emergency Management	That WALGA endorse the submission to the State Emergency Management Committee on the Draft Philanthropic Engagement Framework for Emergency Management.  RESOLUTION 508.5/2023	WALGA submission was provided to the State Emergency Management Committee (SEMC) on 8 December 2023.	December 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy
<b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.9</b> Submission to the WA Action Plan for Young People Consultation Paper	That WALGA endorse the submission to the <i>WA Action Plan for Young People Consultation Paper</i> .  RESOLUTION 509.5/2023	WALGA submission was provided to the Department of Communities on 8 December 2023.	December 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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<p><b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.10</b> Appointments to State Council Policy Teams and Committees</p>	<p>That the appointments of State Councillors to Policy Teams, the Finance and Services Committee and Committees as outlined in the Minutes be endorsed.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 510.5/2023</p>	<p>The appointments as endorsed have been actioned. A full list of State Council membership on Policy Teams and Committees can be found on the WALGA website <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<p>December 2023</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>
<p><b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 7.11</b> Finance and Services Committee Minutes – 29 November 2023</p>	<p>That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 29 November 2023 be endorsed.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 511.5/2023</p>	<p>Action has been taken to implement the revised 2023-24 Budget.</p>	<p>December 2023</p>	<p>Tony Brown Executive Director Member Services</p>



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<p><b>6 December 2023</b>  <b>Item 7.12</b>            Selection Committee            Flying Minute –            11 November 2023</p>	<p>That the resolutions contained in the 11 November 2023 Selection Committee Flying Minute be endorsed.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 512.5/2023</p>	<p>The appointments have been actioned.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Tony Brown            Executive Director            Member Services</p>
<p><b>6 December 2023</b>  <b>Item 8.2</b>            Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Retain Advocacy Position “2.5.22 Re-counts”, with the following amendment:  <i>The Local Government sector supports the introduction of standard processes for vote re-counts if there is a very small margin (e.g., 10 or fewer votes) between candidates, inclusive of Regulations that specify the circumstances in which the Returning Officer must arrange for some or all of the votes to be re-counted.</i></li> <li>2. Delete Advocacy Positions:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) 2.5.2 No Wards for Band 3 and 4 Councils</li> <li>(b) 2.5.5 Tiered Limits on the Number of Councillors</li> <li>(c) 2.5.14 Tender Exemption General Practitioner Services</li> <li>(d) 2.5.21 Candidate Profiles</li> <li>(e) 2.5.23 Electoral Rolls</li> <li>(f) 2.5.24 Standardised Election Caretaker Period</li> <li>(g) 2.5.27 Recording Votes in Council Minutes</li> <li>(h) 2.5.31 Special Electors’ Meeting</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Tony Brown            Executive Director            Member Services</p>

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	<p>3. Notes the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team's consideration of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Performance of the Auditor General – Audit Experience Survey Results</li> <li>(b) Optional Preferential Voting – Cost to Local Government</li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION 516.5/2023</p>			
<p><b>6 December 2023</b> <b>Item 8.4</b> People and Place Policy Team Report</p>	<p>That State Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. note the matters considered by the Policy Team; and</li> <li>2. rescind Advocacy Positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 6.10 Town Planning and Alcohol Outlets;</li> <li>b. 6.12 Affordable Housing;</li> <li>c. 6.13 Senior Housing Strategy;</li> <li>d. 6.14 Capital City Planning Framework; and</li> <li>e. 6.15 Built Heritage.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>RESOLUTION 518.5/2023</p>	<p>The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.</p>	<p>January 2024</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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<b>16 October 2023</b> <b>Flying Minute</b> 2024-25 State Budget Submission	That WALGA's 2024-25 State Budget Submission be endorsed.  RESOLUTION 237.FM/2023	Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.  WALGA submission sent to Ministers, Opposition, Government Agencies and key stakeholders. Advocacy on budget initiatives ongoing.	Completed	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy
<b>12 October 2023</b> <b>Flying Minute</b> Submission on Asbestos National Strategic Plan	That the Asbestos National Strategic Plan: Phase Three 2024-2030 submission be endorsed.  RESOLUTION 236.FM/2023	Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.  WALGA submission lodged 13 October 2023.	October 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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<p><b>12 October 2023</b> <b>Flying Minute</b> Draft Code of Practice for Onsite Wastewater Disposal</p>	<p>That the Draft Code of Practice for On-site Wastewater Disposal in Western Australia 2023 submission be endorsed.  RESOLUTION 235.FM/2023</p>	<p>Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.  WALGA submission lodged 16 October 2023.</p>	<p>October 2023</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>
<p><b>26 September 2023</b> <b>Flying Minute</b> Aboriginal Heritage Legislation Amendment and Repeal Bill, Regulations, Consultation Policy and Section 18 Guideline – Submission to the Department</p>	<p>That State Council: 1. Endorse the draft submission to the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage; and 2. Note that WALGA is seeking legal advice on amendments to the Fees Regulations required to give effect to an exemption for Local Government from per site investigation fees, and that this will be included as a recommendation in the submission.  RESOLUTION 234.FM/2023</p>	<p>Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.  WALGA submission sent to the Department for Planning, Lands and Heritage on 26 September 2023.</p>	<p>September 2023</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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of Planning, Lands and Heritage				
<b>21 September 2023</b> <b>Flying Minute</b> Submission on the Exposure Draft of the Recycling and Waste Reduction (Export – Paper and Cardboard) Rules 2023	That the Submission on the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (DCCEEW)'s Exposure Draft of the Recycling and Waste Reduction (Export - Paper and Cardboard) Rules 2023 be endorsed.  RESOLUTION 233.FM/2023	Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.  Submission lodged 22 September 2023.	September 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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<b>21 August 2023 Flying Minute</b> Draft Operational Policy 2.3 Planning for Public Open Space	That the submission on Draft Operation Policy 2.3 Planning for Public Open Space to Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage be endorsed.  RESOLUTION 232.FM/2023	Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.  WALGA submission sent to the Department for Planning, Lands and Heritage on 23 August 2023	August 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy
<b>17 August 2023 Flying Minute</b> Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding	That WALGA's submission to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding be endorsed.  RESOLUTION 231.FM/2023	Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.  Submission lodged on 18 August 2023.	August 2023	Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy

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<p><b>16 August 2023 Flying Minute</b>            Objection to the 2023 WA Electoral Distribution Commission Proposed Boundaries</p>	<p>That the objection to the 2023 Western Australian Distribution Commission's proposed boundaries be endorsed.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 230.FM/2023</p>	<p>WALGA's objection to the proposed State election boundaries was submitted to the WA Electoral Commission on 21 August.</p> <p>The final boundaries were published by the Commission in December 2023. In the report, the Commissioners acknowledged the concerns raised in many of the submission received (including that of WALGA) as to the impacts of abolishing a non-metropolitan electoral district. Nevertheless, the final boundaries include an amalgamation of two non-metropolitan districts (North West Central and Moore) into a single district (Mid-West), to enable the creation of a new metropolitan district in Perth's outer metropolitan growth area.</p> <p>The Final Report can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.</p>	<p>Complete</p>	<p>Tony Brown            Executive Director            Member Services</p>

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<b>11 August 2023</b> <b>Flying Minute</b> Submission to the Review of the Main Roads Pedestrian Crossing Facilities Guidelines	That State Council note: 1. the new Advocacy Position regarding the design and implementation of pedestrian crossings; and 2. the submission to Main Roads WA on the draft Pedestrian Crossing Facilities Guidelines as endorsed by State Council via Flying Minute.  RESOLUTION 229.FM/2023	The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated.  Confirmed (RESOLUTION 500.5/2023) and noted (RESOLUTION 520.5/2023) by State Council at the 6 December 2023 meeting.	January 2024	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure
<b>13 September 2023</b> <b>Item 7.2</b> Advocacy Position on Road Works during Total Fire Ban	That WALGA endorse the following principles in relation to the exemptions and conditions under which road works may be undertaken during a Total Fire Ban: 1. Road Activity Tiers: That there be a tiered risk approach for road work activities and associated controls, based on the proposed activities and fire danger forecast. 2. Local Government operations: That any controls specified in regulations to provide effective risk mitigation and response be able to be implemented within the works crew deployed for the task. 3. Reduce Red Tape: That the processes where repeated notification to DFES for the same task at the same location is required be streamlined.  RESOLUTION 485.4/2023	The <a href="#">Advocacy Positions Manual</a> has been updated to insert new advocacy position 5.2.12 Road Works during Total Fire Ban.  Feedback is now being sought from stakeholders on a proposal to remove most of the regulations concerning roadworks during Total Fire Bans, retaining: 1. 'road work' as a prescribed activity (r.24Y) meaning that Local Governments can do work during a Total Fire Ban; 2. Requirement to stop all road works if there is both a Total Fire Ban and Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (r.24ZA); and 3. Notify DFES of the work (r.24ZB)	June 2024	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure



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		<p>The onus falls on the Local Government to ensure fire safety provisions based on the work area and work activities are sufficient to prevent a fire during a Total Fire Ban.</p> <p>The Association is investigating templates or better practice models in Local Governments that could be shared to support decision making by Local Government officers.</p> <p>It is likely that the existing regulations remain in place for the 2023/24 fire season.</p>		
<p><b>1 March 2023</b> <b>Item 7.4</b> Submission on Draft Guideline Minimising Noise Impact from Outdoor Community Basketball Facilities</p>	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Note that the Environment Minister has withdrawn the Draft Guideline: Minimising noise impact from outdoor community basketball.</li> <li>Write to the Ministers for Environment, Local Government, Sport and Planning requesting the formation of a cross Government working group, including relevant representative bodies, to consider and develop solutions to balance urban density and infill, public recreation and noise management.</li> </ol> <p>RESOLUTION 422.1/2023</p>	<p>Correspondence sent and issue raised with the Minister's office on multiple occasions. WALGA will continue to pursue a response.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy</p>

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<p><b>7 December 2022</b>  <b>Item 5.1</b>            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:            ...            3.1 Road Traffic Issues  <i>That WALGA advocate on behalf of the local government sector to the State Government and in particular, Main Roads, to increase importance and weight given to local knowledge and input regarding road traffic issues including requests for speed reduction, intersection treatments and overall preventative and traffic safety measures.</i>            RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:  <i>That efforts to increase the importance given to Local Government knowledge regarding traffic issues be deferred for consideration in mid-2023 after a clear Local Government advocacy position on speed management is developed and endorsed.</i></p> <p>This matter is central to the new Speed Management Policy adopted by State Council in May 2023. Implementation strategy being considered.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan            Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>
<p><b>7 December 2022</b>  <b>Item 5.1</b>            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:            ...            3.2 Car Parking and Traffic Congestion Around Schools  <i>That WALGA engages with the State Government on behalf of Local Government to review issues associated with car parking and traffic congestion around school sites including but not limited to:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Reviewing car parking standards for schools;</i></li> <li>2. <i>Ensuring sufficient land is set aside for the provision of parking on school sites;</i></li> <li>3. <i>Reviewing the co-location of schools to avoid issues being exacerbated;</i></li> <li>4. <i>Restricting school access from major roads;</i></li> <li>5. <i>Developing plans to enable schools to manage school traffic;</i></li> <li>6. <i>Develop programs to educate drivers; and</i></li> </ol>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:  <i>That WALGA uses its role at the Safe Active Travel to School Working Group to advocate for these outcomes and provide advice back to the Local Government sector.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan            Executive Manager Infrastructure</p>

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	<p>7. <i>Develop options and implement initiatives to encourage alternative modes of transport to school.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>			
<p><b>7 December 2022</b>  <b>Item 5.1</b>            2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</p> <p>3.3 Proposal for Regional Road Maintenance Contracts with Main Roads WA  <i>That WALGA assist Local Governments and work with the Hon Minister Rita Saffioti to introduce a similar program that is currently in play in Queensland and introduce a sole invitee Program for Local Governments to engage in a Road Maintenance Performance Contract with Main Roads WA.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>	<p>The Infrastructure Policy Team resolved:  <i>That the opportunities and interest in contracting Local Governments to undertake maintenance and minor works on the State road network be explored in discussion with Main Roads WA.</i></p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Ian Duncan            Executive Manager            Infrastructure</p>

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<p><b>7 December 2022</b>  <b>Item 5.1</b>            2022 Annual General Meeting Resolutions</p>	<p>The following resolutions from the 2022 WALGA Annual General Meeting be referred to the relevant Policy Team for further work to be undertaken:</p> <p>...</p> <p>3.4 Northern Australia Beef Roads Program  <i>That WALGA work with the Hon Madeleine King MP Minister for Resources and Minister for Northern Australia to make Beef Road Funding available to all Australian Local Governments north and south, or establish a Southern Australia Beef Road Funding Program to allow for equitable support across Australia's beef and agriculture industries.</i></p> <p>RESOLUTION 394.8/2022</p>		Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure
<p><b>1 December 2021</b>  <b>Item 5.3</b>            2021 Annual General Meeting</p>	<p>That the following resolutions from the 2021 WALGA Annual General Meeting be endorsed for action:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cost of Regional Development</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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 2024. This is an infrastructure investment program to address infrastructure constraints in the water, wastewater and electricity network at a precinct or strategic site scale impacting the delivery of regional worker accommodation. Full details can be found <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	Ongoing	Ian Duncan Executive Manager Infrastructure

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<p><b>3 September 2021</b>  <b>Item 6.1</b>            Stop Puppy Farming Legislation</p>	<p>1. That the update on the Dog Amendment (Stop Puppy Farming) Bill 2021 be noted.</p> <p>2. That:</p> <p>a. any additional costs incurred by a Local Government in administering the Dog Act be paid by the State Government; and</p> <p>b. the Fees and Charges set in Regulations are reviewed bi-annually and at minimum, be adjusted by the Local Government Cost Index.</p> <p>RESOLUTION 275.5/2021</p>	<p>The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries recently released a consultation paper in August 2023, seeking Local Government feedback on the formulation of regulations relating to the Stop Puppy Farming amendments to the Dog Act 1976.</p> <p>The feedback from Local Government will inform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of draft regulations;</li> <li>• Specifications and functionality of the centralised dog and cat registration system (CRS); and</li> <li>• Resources needed by local government to implement and enforce the legislative requirements of the Stop Puppy Farming legislations.</li> </ul> <p>The Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries has also engaged consultants to review the fees and charges that Local Governments can apply.</p> <p>Consultation is about to commence with the sector and the public on the following;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• seek input on whether full cost recovery of the cost of the new Centralised Registration</li> </ul>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Tony Brown            Executive Director            Member Services</p>



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		<p>System (CRS) would have undesirable impacts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• confirm or refine time and cost estimates, and</li><li>• identify if there are specific groups in the community or circumstances that would justify lower fees.</li></ul> <p>This stakeholder consultation period will run for a period of five weeks will close on Friday, 8 March 2024.</p> <p>When this work is complete a further update will be provided.</p>		

## 5.5 COMPLETE ZONE STATUS REPORT –

Agenda Item	Zone Resolution	WALGA Response	Update	WALGA Contact
<p>24 August 2023 Zone Agenda Item <b>7 Funding Support for Arts in Regional Western Australia</b></p>	<p>That the Kimberley Country Zone of WALGA request the WALGA State Council to lobby the State Government to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fund Regional Arts WA for the employment of Regional Arts Hub Coordinators to be based across regional WA; and</li> <li>2. Extend the KidSport program to include arts activities.</li> </ol>	<p>WALGA is focusing current efforts in the Cultural and Arts portfolio on engaging with the Department of Local Government, Sports and Cultural Industries on the development of the state’s 10 year Vision for Culture and the Arts.</p> <p>WALGA continues to facilitate Local Government engagement in the development of State policy and funding into the Arts.</p> <p>In response to the two specific initiatives raised for potential WALGA advocacy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. As part of the WALGA State Budget Submission, WALGA has requested the creation of a Community Arts and Culture Facilities Fund. The Fund asks for \$25 million per annum from 2024/25. The proposed fund would be similar to the Community Sports and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF) and provide the capital funding commitment to underpin the ambition of the Cultural Infrastructure Framework 2030+ and support Local Government arts and culture policies and strategies. A copy of the WALGA State Budget Submission is provided in the State Council Papers.</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In addition to this capital funding ask, WALGA understands that Regional Art WA are developing a proposal for the creation, and state funding, of regional arts hub coordinators. WALGA is supportive of this proposal. WALGA would recommend the Shire</li> </ul>	<p><b>November 2023</b></p>	<p><b>Nicole Matthews Executive Manager Policy nmatthews@walga.asn.au 9213 2039</b></p>

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		<p>of Broome connect with Regional Arts WA to support their proposals.</p> <p>2. WALGA acknowledges that funding and support for arts and cultural activities is significantly less than that available for sports through the KidSport program. WALGA's understanding is that a trial to expand the KidSport program to art activities was undertaken in 2012 and highlighted some challenges. Regional Arts WA are currently scoping an initiative in this space.</p>		
<p><b>19 April 2022 Zone Agenda Item 9.7</b> Underground Power</p>	<p>That the Kimberley Regional Group requests that WALGA enter into discussions with Horizon Power in relation to programs and funding to transition overhead wires to underground power.</p>	<p>WALGA staff met with 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.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p>	<p><b>Ian Duncan</b> <b>Executive Manager Infrastructure</b> <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> <b>9213 2031</b></p>
<p><b>2021 20 April Zone Agenda Item 11.1</b> <b>Disaster Relief and Recovery Funding Arrangements</b></p>	<p>That the Kimberley Zone:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Express dissatisfaction with current disaster relief and recovery funding arrangements and call for urgent action from the State Government to investigate and address these shortcomings.</li> <li>Seek WALGA advocacy to support the motion.</li> </ol>	<p>In response to requests from WALGA, DFES staff undertook a series of consultation meetings with Regional Road Groups and on-line webinars to hear issues being experienced by Local Governments dealing with the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.</p> <p>WALGA has continued to highlight that there are more than 30 claims in process, some dating back to 2021 that need to be resolved and progressed. During February DFES officers met with officers from many of</p>	<p><b>February 2024</b></p>	<p><b>Ian Duncan</b> <b>Executive Manager Infrastructure</b> <a href="mailto:iduncan@walga.asn.au">iduncan@walga.asn.au</a> <b>9213 2031</b></p>



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		<p>the impacted Local Governments to progress the claims. Finding acceptable evidence of previous condition, maintenance and impact of the event is challenging.</p> <p>There is a commitment from DFES to finalise the legacy claims by the end of the current financial year.</p>		
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Recommendation/s	Action(s)		
<p><b>That the Kimberley Regional Group:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Notes the report from the WALGA President</b></li> <li><b>2. Notes the State Council Agenda Items as circulated</b></li> <li><b>3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision contained within the State Council Agenda</b></li> <li><b>4. Acknowledges the Items for noting</b></li> <li><b>5. Acknowledges the Status Report on State Council Resolutions</b></li> <li><b>6. Notes the Kimberley Zone Status Report</b></li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Tom Chapman (Regional Manager DLGSCI) to provide feedback about additional costs of Local Government due to new legislation eg: Puppy Farming and Loss of Revenue for non for profits not having to pay rates</li> <li>2. Executive Team to invite Robert Taylor (CEO WAITOC) to the April meeting.</li> <li>3. Executive Team to send housing projects once completed to Chuck Berger (CEO KDC) for input.</li> <li>4. Executive Officer to liase with WALGA (Nick Sloan, Tony Brown, Nicole Matthews and Ian Duncan) on matters raised in 3.1, 7.1, 7.2 and 10.2.</li> <li>5. Executive Team to forward the KRG submission to the enquiry into Natural Disaster Relief Funding Arrangements to Nick Sloan (CEO WALGA) and Tom Chapman (Regional Manager DLGSCI)</li> <li>6. Executive Team to invite Renee Gioffre (Regional Executive Director; Kimberley Community Services</li> </ol>		

		Department of Communities) to the April meeting	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team / Tom Chapman (Regional Manager, DLGSCI)
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	<b>4/0</b>		

## 5. 2024 Local Government Honours Program

### Item For Noting

Submitted by: Meghan Dwyer, Executive Officer Governance

The annual Local Government Honours Program affords public recognition and celebration of the outstanding achievements and lasting contributions made by Elected Members and Local Government officers to their respective Councils, the WA Local Government sector and the wider community. There are six awards in the 2024 Program:

1. Local Government Medal
2. Life Membership
3. Eminent Service Award
4. Merit Award
5. Local Government Distinguished Officer Award
6. Young Achievers Award

Nominations will open on **Friday, 8 March 2024** and close at **5:00pm on Friday, 31 May 2024**.

Details on the 2024 Honours Program and Nomination Forms will be available from Friday, 8 March 2024 on the [WALGA website](#). For more information contact Meghan Dwyer, Executive Officer Governance, on 9213 2050 or via email at [honours@walga.asn.au](mailto:honours@walga.asn.au).

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<b>People</b> Place Prosperity <b>Performance</b>	Advocate Partner Promote	Facilitate Fund <b>Monitor</b>	Nil
Recommendation(s)		Action(s)	
<b>That the Kimberley Country Zone note Local Government Honours Program</b>		Nil	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

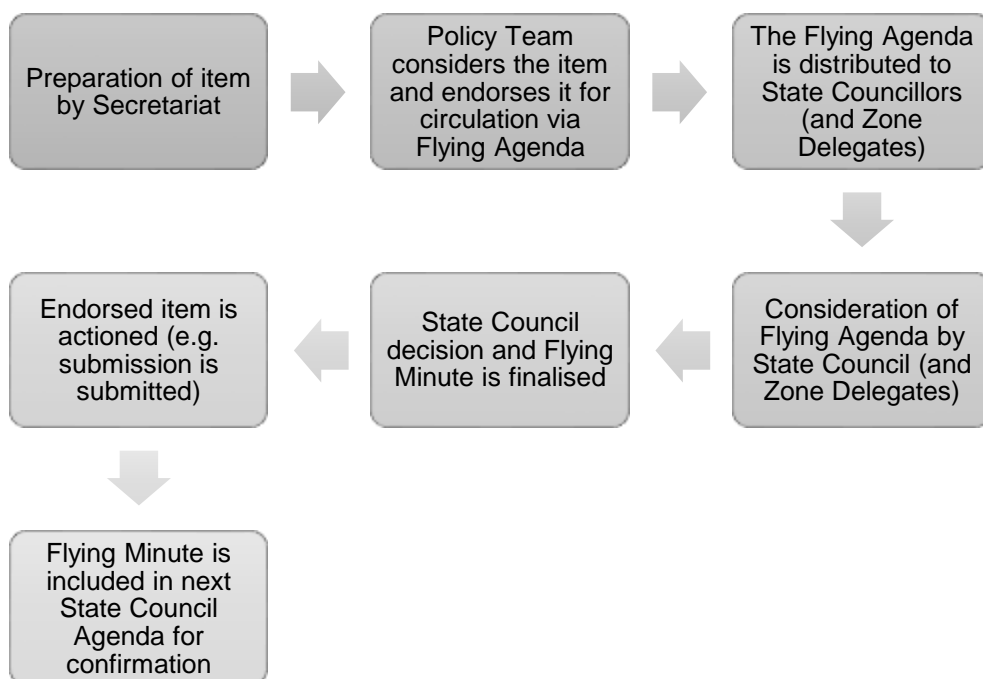
## 6. State Council Flying Agenda Process

### Item For Noting

Submitted by: Kathy Robertson, Manager Corporate and Association Governance

State Council has five ordinary meetings per year. As a result, there are occasions when decisions need to be made or submissions need to be endorsed to meet external deadlines which do not fit within the existing State Council meeting schedule.

The first preference is always to seek an extension of time to enable the item to be considered by Zones and State Council through the usual Agenda process. However, if an extension of time is not granted, the item will need to be endorsed by State Council by way of a Flying Agenda. The process for a Flying Agenda is summarised below:



Flying Agendas are generally open to responses for 7 days.

At the request of State Council, the Flying Agenda process has recently been amended to better include Zone Delegates in the decision-making process. The Zone Executive Officer will alert

Delegates via email when a Flying Agenda is out for consideration by State Council and request that any comments or feedback be directed to the Zone’s State Council representative(s). State Councillors are then able to consider the feedback of Zone Delegates when making their final decision.

Please note that any comments or feedback sent directly to WALGA, rather than the Zone’s State Council representative(s), will not go towards the Flying Agenda. There is no requirement to respond to an email circulating a Flying Agenda, however if you would like to contribute this should be directed to your State Council representative(s).

All completed Flying Minutes are available to view on the WALGA website [here](#), and are included in the subsequent State Council Agenda as both previous Minutes (for confirmation) and as an Item for Noting.

For any questions about the State Council Flying Agenda process, please contact Kathy Robertson, Manager Association and Corporate Governance on [krobertson@walga.asn.au](mailto:krobertson@walga.asn.au) or (08) 9213 2036.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     People Place Prosperity <b>Performance</b> </div>	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">                     Advocate   <b>Facilitate</b>                      Partner   Fund                      Promote   <b>Monitor</b> </div>	Nil	
Recommendation(s)		Action(s)	
<p><b>That the Kimberley Country Zone note the State Council Flying Agenda process.</b></p>		Nil	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Broome	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried:</b>	4/0		

## 7. Conclusion of Zone Matters: 10:11am