



**THE  
KIMBERLEY  
REGIONAL GROUP**

Meeting Minutes

3 July 2025

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## 1. Meeting Open: 11:32am

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

## 2. Attendance and Apologies

Name	Shire / Council / Organisation	Method
<b>Members</b>		
Cr David Menzel (Chair)	President, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In Person
Cr Malcolm Edwards	President, Shire of Halls Creek	In Person
Jeff Gooding	Commissioner, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
<b>Observers</b>		
James Watt	Director Corporate Services, Shire of Broome	Teams
Tamara Clarkson	CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	In Person
Vernon Lawrence	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	In Person
Susan Leonard	CEO, Shire of Halls Creek	In Person
<b>Executive Support Team</b>		
Paul Rosair	Principal, NAJA Business Consulting Services	In Person
Michelle Mackenzie	Principal, Mira Consulting	In Person
Rebecca Billing	Administrative Assistant, NAJA	In Person
<b>Presentations</b>		
Michele Pucci	Acting CEO, KDC	Teams
Janine Hatch	Director, RDA Kimberley	Teams
<b>Apologies</b>		
Sam Mastrolembro	CEO, Shire of Broome	
Cr Chris Mitchell	President, Shire of Broome	
Jane Lewis	Principal, Redit Research	
Cr Tony Chafer	Deputy Shire President, SWEK	

### 3. Disclosures, Conflicts and Declarations of Interest:

Financial Interest / Impartiality			
Member	Item Number	Item	Nature of Interest
Commissioner, Shire of Derby West Kimberley	11	Kimberley Housing Pipeline	Impartiality interest as a Director of the Wunan Foundation.

### 4. Minutes of the last meeting

#### Item for Decision

Submitted by: Secretariat

Attachment 1: Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

#### Confirmation of Previous Minutes

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<b>The Minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group held on 10 April 2025, as published and circulated, were confirmed as a true and accurate record of that meeting.</b>		See Attachment 1 – Matters Arising and Outstanding Business  Executive Officer to arrange a meeting with Hon Reece Whitby MLA, Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; and the Great Southern, and notify members once confirmed.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Responsible:</b>	See Attachment
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		

## Attachment 1 Matters Arising and Outstanding Business

Date / Item	Action / Progress	Responsible
<b>Administrative Matters</b>		
11/10/2024	<p>Review of KRG Strategic Documents</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop a framework and consolidate the KRG strategic documents</li> <li>2. Executive Team to schedule a workshop to develop a new KRG Business Plan in 2025</li> </ol> <p><b>Status/Progress</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Progress.</li> <li>2. In Progress: Scheduled for the September 2025 meeting</li> </ol>	Executive Team
21/02/2024 & 23/08/2024	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Developing Northern Australia: Executive Officer to work with Dr Allan Dale regarding CRCNA.</li> <li>2. Executive Officer to invite Grey Mackay from the Land Alliance to the October KRG meeting to present on bushfire issues in the Kimberley.</li> <li>3. Members to inform the Executive Team of the attendees from each Shire who will be attending the Developing Northern Australia Conference 22-24 July 2025 in Cairns</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Progress.</li> <li>2. In Progress.</li> <li>3. Complete. Refer Item 13.</li> </ol>	Executive Team / Members
10/04/2025	<p>Raised by the Shire of Carnarvon: <i>Vote of no confidence in Government Handling of Children at risk.</i></p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Team to draft a response to the Shire of Carnarvon.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status/Progress</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete. Executive Officer met with Minister Stojkovski on 25 June 2025 to discuss matters relevant to the Kimberley region.</li> </ol>	Executive Team
10/04/2025	<p>Canberra Trip : Refer General Business</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Team and KRG Secretariat to work on possible dates for the Canberra visit and report back to the Members.</li> <li>2. KRG members to advise the key stakeholders they would like meetings with in Canberra.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status/Progress</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Progress.</li> <li>2. In Progress.</li> </ol>	Executive Team / KRG Secretariat / Members

10/04/2025	<p>North West Defence Alliance – KRG Representative</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. KRG Secretariat to advise North West Defence Alliance that Geoff Haerewa is no longer a Councillor and that the KRG is working through a process for a replacement representative, and that the Alliance will be advised of the KRG representative in due course</li> </ol> <p><b>Status/Progress</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Progress.</li> </ol>	KRG Secretariat
10/04/2025	<p>Formal Presentations: RDA</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Shires to circulate ABS job roles when advertised through networks.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status/Progress</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ongoing: Note RDA Kimberley circulated Broome based 2026 Census Operational Support Centre Engagement Manager role which closed 15 June for Councils to circulate</li> <li>2. Janine Hatch will be presenting at the July meeting.</li> </ol>	Members
10/04/2025	<p>General Business: Shire of Derby West Kimberley: Level of uncertainty regarding the state of the Council</p> <p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Officer to work with the CEO, Shire of Derby West Kimberley to draft a letter to the DLGSC / Minister requesting that the Department move swiftly to resolve/address the Shire of Derby West Kimberley issues which is also having an impact on the operations of the KRG.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status/Progress</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete: This action was no longer required with the appointment of a Commissioner.</li> </ol>	Executive Officer / CEO Shire of Derby West Kimberley
<b>State and Federal Government Election Strategy</b>		
04/10/2023 & 23/08/2024	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 20/06/2024: Executive Team to execute election advocacy, communications &amp; engagement plan for 2025 State and Federal elections</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete. Refer Item 15</li> </ol>	Executive Team

Position Papers		
10/04/2025	<b>Action</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Team to proceed with designing and printing the Rates Exemptions Position Paper.</li> <li>Executive Team to draft a Land Tenure Reform Position Paper, July 2025.</li> </ol> <b>Status / Progress:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete.</li> <li>Complete. Draft in July agenda for Members approval to proceed with designing and printing. Refer item 8.</li> </ol>	Executive Team
Advocacy Strategy Management & Maintenance of Social Housing		
16/02/2024 & 10/04/2025	<b>Action</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Officer to develop a template for members to populate to support the advocacy strategy.</li> <li>Executive Officer to write to Minister Dawson to raise key issues:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>GROH need to build homes in town</li> <li>Status of existing stock – Shire of Broome work:                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue is contrary to requirements under the health act – risk for Local Government</li> <li>Investment needed to ensure assets are safe and habitable</li> <li>Push costs onto local government</li> <li>Shires do fire breaks, cyclone clean ups and rubbish collection</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ol> <b>Status / Progress:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paused.</li> <li>Complete.</li> </ol>	Executive Officer
2028 Eclipse Strategic Planning Working Group – KRG Representative		
10/04/2025	<b>Action</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Officer to write to Minister Dawson regarding the Tanami Road opportunities.</li> <li>Executive Officer and KRG Members to develop a list of priority projects for consideration by the Eclipse Working Group.</li> </ol> <b>Status / Progress:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete: After discussion with the Shire of Halls correspondence was addressed to the Kimberley Development Commission</li> <li>This will be discussed in September to align with broader work being undertaken by DPIRD and the KDC.</li> </ol>	Executive Officer / Members

Benchmarking		
23/11/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Spreadsheet to be sent for 2023/24 Actuals and 2024/25 Budget.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. On Hold: Discussed at the Feb 2025 meeting &amp; project paused in order to incorporate data from the 2024/25 financial year.</li> <li>2. Requests will be issued to individual councils following the close of the 2024/2025 financial year.</li> </ol>	Executive Team / Members
Kimberley Housing Roundtable and Housing		
23/08/2024 & 11/10/2024 & 10/04/2025	<p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Team to progress next steps from the Roundtable with each Shire, in partnership with Housing Australia, the Department of Communities, Development WA, the Housing Supply Unit, WA Department of Treasury, and non-government agencies.</li> <li>2. That the Executive Team               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Develop a brief scope of works for KDC for funding (20K) to progress the Kimberley Housing pipeline.</li> <li>b. Work with the KDC to explore innovative solutions for the Kimberley that may attract government investment interest.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. In Progress: Shires have been asked for project timeframes with a response from one Shire received. A submission under development which brings together information requested by government including population projections, housing demand data, pipeline schedule, project governance and investment request.</li> <li>2. A Draft Scope of Works was provided to the KDC and RDA Kimberley for input. Advice from the KDC is that they will progress this project, rolling it into a larger piece of work that includes updating their Residential Housing and Land Snapshot 2023. Further information will be provided by the A/CEO of KDC in her presentation. Refer item 11.</li> </ol>	Executive Team
Review of Financial Assistance Grants		
23/11/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Executive Officer to distribute the report to key stakeholders, upload it to the KRG website, issue a media release, and create a LinkedIn post.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Complete.</li> <li>2. The FAGs Report has been submitted to the WA Local Government Grants Commission. A meeting with the Grants Commission will be scheduled later in the year to discuss the submission.</li> </ol>	Executive Officer



Community Safety and Crime Prevention Investment Package		
23/11/2023	<p><b>Action:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Officer to proceed with the development of the desktop published Executive Summary of this document for advocacy purposes.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete.</li> <li>Executive Officer raised the issue with Minister Stojkovski during their meeting on 25 June 2025 and presented the Executive Summary. The full report will be provided to the Minister.</li> </ol>	Executive Officer
Shared Services		
20/06/2024 & 10/04/2025	<p><b>Action</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Executive Officer to action a stocktake of current state / any planned enterprise initiatives across the 4 shires as a prelude to determining opportunities for collaboration.</li> <li>Executive Officer to organise a quarterly meeting with CEOs to progress workshop.</li> </ol> <p><b>Status / Progress:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Progress.</li> <li>In Progress: This was discussed at the Strategy Workshop.</li> <li>Time has been scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025 prior to the KRG meeting</li> </ol>	Executive Officer / CEO's

### Watching Brief

Aboriginal Heritage Act: Now pending Department updates on rescinded legislation. On 15 November 2023, the *Aboriginal Heritage Act 1972* was restored as the legislation that manages Aboriginal heritage in Western Australia some amendments drawn from feedback from consultation. Approval is only required where there is potential for any harm to an Aboriginal site.

State government funding to support young people in the Kimberley. New \$4M community-led Immediate Response Night Space (IRNS) service for young people in Broome and Fitzroy Crossing. Funding for new services in Derby and Halls Creek. There is no overarching youth justice strategy for the region.

First Point of Entry (FPOE) Broome – Federal Government announced February 2024 that work will be undertaken for the enhanced FPOE status for Broome. Funding allocated in the WA State Budget. January 2025 First Point of Entry Status granted by Federal Government for Wyndham. The State Labor election commitment to invest \$15.5M to upgrade facilities at the Kimberley ports is allocated in the WA budget.

North West Defence and Border Security – April 2024 letter sent to State and Federal Government expressing concern. Response received from the Minister for Home Affairs on the 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Planning Reform: EO monitoring reform status and will advise accordingly as issues arise

Local Government Elected Members Association with Tranche 2 Reforms: EO to monitor and advise accordingly

Aviation White Paper initiatives – the Aviation White Paper includes 56 policy settings for the direction of the Industry. The centrepiece is an independent Aviation Industry Ombuds Scheme and a new Charter of Customer Rights. Other initiatives include airlines having to show cause when flights delayed, disability standards and workforce and climate change initiatives. In relation to regional aviation – the government is responding to Rex Airlines voluntary administration and funding programs for remote airstrip upgrades and regional airports extended. The Productivity Commission will hold a review into regional airfares.

Resolved
Media and Communications Policy and Stakeholder Engagement Plan
Letters of congratulations to new State and Federal Ministers
Audited statements circulated
Investment Prospectus 2023/24
Lord Mayors Distress Relief Funding
KRG MOU finalised and signed
Insurance Costs relief as a result of flood impacts
Potential tourism opportunities for total eclipse events, provided by Kym Francesconi
Regional Road Group: Shire allocations
National Housing and Homelessness Plan submitted 20/10/2023. Published DSS Engage Website
Service Level Agreement Assessment – 5% increase endorsed 23/11/2023
July – September quarterly report – 23 November 2023 meeting.
Simplified Governance Compliance Papers – endorsed 23 November 2023 meeting
Regional Road Group Road Projects Funding Allocation – wrote to WALGA outlining KRG's position
Emergency Management Policy Position – Wrote to Matt Reimer DFES
Members advised Cr Mitchell of their response to the Regional Road Group Project grant funding
Ministerial notes 15/02/24 – Minister Papalia, Minister Beazley, Premier. Sent to members 26/02/24
Requirements for the Deputy Chair position clarified and stands endorsed as per November 2023
Submissions to the Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding & the Senate Inquiry.
WA LEMA Review endorsed by SEMC August 2023 – uploaded on SEMC website
Emergency Services position paper endorsed 23 November 2023 meeting
Priority Action List – feedback provided by members, E.T allocate resources from contract hours
SDWK & SoHC provided bridge issues to EO. KRG wrote to State and Federal Government
State and Federal Government Election Strategy, RAI Summit 2024, position papers on website
Kimberley Housing Roundtable – Broome 29 July 2024
Advocacy Strategy Management & Maintenance of Social Housing - endorsed April 2024 meeting
SDWK provided Infill Housing and Investigations Report
Regional Volunteering Strategy 2020 endorsed at individual council meetings. EO actioned
RCAWA approved KRG to use the benchmarking template.
Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability submitted 30 May 2024
Tanami Road Funding – KRG Media release issued, SoHC leading work on a Activation Strategy
Relationship with Kimberley Development Commission
Alcohol Restrictions: EO monitored changes in alcohol restrictions and advised accordingly
Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability - EO presented at the Public Hearing 28 August 2024
EO Contract Renewal – Feedback discussed with Secretariat & new arrangements implemented
FBT Housing – A position paper developed, and advocacy being undertaken on this issue
Submission to Clearing Legislative Reform submitted 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2024
State & Federal Government Election Strategy – Canberra meetings Nov 2024 & 50 packs reprinted
Review of Strategic documents - status update on actions in the Business Plan at Feb 2025 meeting
Meeting held in Sydney with the CEO of Housing Australia as part of the visit to Canberra 2024
Financial Assistance Grants Position Paper developed based on the review and used for advocacy
Community Safety and Crime Prevention Investment Package endorsed at February 2025 meeting
Shared Services meeting held with CEOs to discuss next steps 30/07/24. Discussion focussed on staffing challenges opportunities to explore together finance and enterprise platforms
Meeting held with Karen Wheatland, Labor candidate for Durack and KRG Chair and Secretariat

## 5. Correspondence

### Item for Noting

#### Submitted by: Secretariat

- Attachment 2** Hon Hannah Beazley MLA; Minister for Local Government; Disability; Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
- Attachment 3** Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA; Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sports and Recreation
- Attachment 4** Andrew Sutton; Program Manager; GROH
- Attachment 5** Mike Rowe; Director General; Department of Communities
- Attachment 6** Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC; Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
- Attachment 7** East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Attachment 8** Senator Slade Brockman; Senator for WA
- Attachment 9** Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA; Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; International and Tertiary Education; Multicultural Interests
- Attachment 10** Refer below for full recipient list
- Attachment 11** Shannon Wood; Manager Board Governance and Reporting; WA Grants Commission; DLGSC
- Attachment 12** Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA; Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sports and Recreation
- Attachment 13** Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC; Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
- Attachment 14** Mike Rowe; Director General; Department of Communities
- Attachment 15** Eddie Smith; President; Shire of Carnarvon
- Attachment 16** Refer below for full recipient list
- Attachment 17** Michele Pucci; A/CEO; Kimberley Development Commission

Note: Correspondence considered of an administrative nature, such as meeting invites etc, will not be tabled unless they contain important information

Correspondence In	
Date	16/05/2025
From	Hon Hannah Beazley MLA; Minister for Local Government; Disability; Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne
Topic	Response Congratulations on Ministerial re-appointment
Attachment	2
Date	19/05/2025
From	Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA; Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sports and Recreation
Topic	Response Congratulations

Attachment	3
Date	28/05/2025
From	Andrew Sutton, GROH Program Manager
Topic	Progress of policy review – TRSF, HOSS and rental subsidy programs to align with other regional attraction and retention initiatives
Attachment	4
Date	17/06/2025
From	Mike Rowe; Director General; Department of Communities
Topic	Kimberley Housing
Attachment	5
Date	15/06/2025
From	Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC; Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
Topic	Kimberley Housing
Attachment	6
Date	17/06/2025
From	East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry
Topic	Kununurra and Wyndham Housing Opportunities; copy of letter to Minister
Attachment	7 Note: Not included - 6 pages of attachments showing vacant service lots
Date	10/06/2025
From	Senator Slade Brockman; Senator for WA
Topic	Response Congratulations and Meeting in Kununurra 11 <sup>th</sup> August 2025
Attachment	8
Date	18/06/2025
From	Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA; Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; International and Tertiary Education; Multicultural Interests
Topic	Community Safety and Crime Prevention and Meeting
Attachment	9
<b>Correspondence Out</b>	
Date	08/05/2025
From	Paul Rosair; Executive Officer KRG
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon Hannah Beazley MLA; Minister for Local Government; Disability; Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne (<b>Attached</b>)</li> <li>Peter Webster; CEO; BBY</li> <li>Sharni Foulkes; CEO; Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA; Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; International and Tertiary Education; Multicultural Interests</li> <li>Divina D'Anna MLA; Member for the Kimberley; Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC; Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley</li> <li>Mike Rowe; Director General; Department of Communities</li> <li>Kylie Maj; Director General; Department of Justice</li> <li>Brett Angwin; President; Derby Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>Lanie Chopping; Director General; DLGSC</li> <li>Keda Bond; CEO; East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry</li> <li>Christine Robinson; CEO; Kimberley Community Legal Services</li> <li>Michele Pucci; A/CEO; Kimberley Development Commission</li> <li>Hon. Paul Papalia CSC MLA; Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Defence Industries; Veterans; Racing and Gaming</li> <li>Col Blanch; Commissioner for Police</li> <li>Richard Sellers; A/Director General; Department of Premier and Cabinet</li> <li>Hon. Don Punch MLA; Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Water; Climate Resilience; South West</li> <li>Janine Hatch; Director; Regional Development Australia Kimberley</li> <li>John Hutchison; Superintendent Kimberley Police</li> <li>Nick Sloan; CEO; WALGA</li> <li>Hon. Reece Whitby MLA; Minister for Police; Road Safety; Tourism; Great Southern</li> <li>Mala Haji-Ali; COO; West Kimberley Futures – Empowered Communities</li> </ul>
Topic	Community Safety and Crime Prevention
Attachment	10
Date	21/05/2025
From	Cr David Menzel; Chair KRG
To	Shannon Wood; Manager Board Governance and Reporting; WA Grants Commission; DLGSC
Topic	Submission to the WA Grants Commission – Review of Financial Assistance Grants
Attachment	11
Date	22/05/2025
From	Cr David Menzel; Chair KRG
To	Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA; Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sports and Recreation
Topic	WA Budget
Attachment	12
Date	21/05/2025
From	Paul Rosair; Executive Officer KRG
To	Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC; Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley
Topic	Kimberley Housing
Attachment	13
Date	23/05/2025

From	Paul Rosair; Executive Officer KRG
To	Mike Rowe; Director General; Department of Communities
Topic	Kimberley Housing
Attachment	14
Date	13/05/2025
From	Cr David Menzel; Chair KRG
To	Eddie Smith; President; Shire of Carnarvon
Topic	Vote of no confidence in the State and Federal Government in supporting youth at risk
Attachment	15
Date	21/05/2025
From	Cr David Menzel; Chair KRG
To	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hon Dr Anne Aly MP; Minister for Small Business; International Development; Multicultural Affairs (<b>Attached</b>)</li> <li>Hon Madeleine King MP; Minister for Resources; Northern Australia</li> <li>Hon Melissa Price MP; Member for Durack</li> <li>Patrick Gorman MP; Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister; Assistant Minister for the Public Service; Assistant Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations</li> <li>Hon Anthony Albanese MP; Prime Minister</li> <li>Senator Slade Brockman; Senator for Western Australia</li> <li>Senator Matt O'Sullivan; Senator for Western Australia</li> <li>Senator Jordon Steele-John; Senator for Western Australia</li> <li>Senator Varun Ghosh; Senator for Western Australia</li> </ul>
Topic	Congratulations
Attachment	16
Date	18/06/2025
From	Paul Rosair; Executive Officer KRG
To	Michele Pucci; A/CEO; Kimberley Development Commission
Topic	Planning to activate opportunities with the sealing of the Tanami Road
Attachment	17

Resolution/s		Action(s) / Budget Implications	
<b>The Correspondence was received and noted, and the Executive Officer was directed on a response, if required.</b>		Nil	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		



Attachment 2 Correspondence In: Hon Hannah Beazley MLA; Minister for Local Government; Disability; Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne; Response Congratulations on Ministerial re-appointment



**Hon Hannah Beazley MLA  
Minister for Local Government; Disability Services;  
Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne**

Our Ref: 84-04616

Cr David Menzel  
Chair  
Kimberley Regional Group

Email C/O: [michelle@mira-consulting.com.au](mailto:michelle@mira-consulting.com.au)

Dear Cr Menzel

Thank you for your correspondence dated 28 March 2025 congratulating me on my Ministerial re-appointment as Minister for Local Government; Disability Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne. I am humbled to have the opportunity to continue to serve Western Australia as a Minister in the Cook Labor Government.

I appreciate your kind words and note your request to meet, should an opportunity arise in the future, my Appointments Secretary will be in touch.

I look forward to continuing to achieve great outcomes for the benefit of Western Australians.

Yours sincerely



**Hon Hannah Beazley MLA  
MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; DISABILITY SERVICES;  
VOLUNTEERING; YOUTH; GASCOYNE**

16 MAY 2025



Attachment 3 Correspondence In: Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA; Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sports and Recreation; Response Congratulations



**Deputy Premier  
Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sport and Recreation**

Our ref: 72-57693

Cr David Menzel  
Chair  
Kimberley Regional Group  
[michelle@mira-consulting.com.au](mailto:michelle@mira-consulting.com.au)

Dear Mr Menzel

Thank you very much for your congratulations on the recent results of the WA State Election.

I would like to thank you for your support and positive feedback during these early times, and we look forward to building a strong relationship in the future.

Thank you again for your congratulations.

Yours sincerely



**HON RITA SAFFIOTI MLA  
DEPUTY PREMIER**

19 MAY 2025

Attachment 4 Correspondence In: Andrew Sutton; GROH Program Manager; Progress of policy review

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**Cc:** Portfolio & Asset Services Exec <[PAS\\_Exec@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:PAS_Exec@communities.wa.gov.au)>  
**Subject:** RE: GROH Housing Policies [SEC=OFFICIAL]

**OFFICIAL**

Hi Michelle

Thank you for your e-mail.

Communities is reviewing the Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) Program to reform its provision of regional housing supports for public sector workers. This includes a policy review of the TRSF, HOSS and rental subsidy programs to align with other regional attraction and retention initiatives.

The policy review is being progressed with the Department of Treasury and Government Sector Labour Relations.

Regards

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Attachment 5 Correspondence In: Mike Rowe; Director General; Department of Communities;  
Kimberley Housing



**OFFICIAL**  
Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities

Our ref: 2025/27076

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Dear Mr Rosair

## **KIMBERLEY HOUSING**

Thank you for your letter dated 23 May 2025 regarding Kimberley housing and the development of the Kimberley Region Housing Plan.

The Department of Communities (Communities) has held 15 workshops in nine regions across the State to hear from a broad range of stakeholders on housing challenges, concerns and opportunities. The engagement process will conclude in mid-June 2025 with three workshops in Perth.

I understand that the project team has received a copy of your Kimberley Housing Roundtable Final Report and that this will supplement other data sources in the drafting of the Kimberley Region Housing Plan. Thank you for making that available.

What follows will be an analysis of the data gathered from the workshops and other sources and the drafting of ten Regional Housing Plans. These are due for publication in late 2026 to satisfy Recommendation 71 of the State Infrastructure Strategy: *Foundations for a Stronger Tomorrow*.

With regard the notes taken at the workshops, these were displayed for all participants to contribute to and photograph if they wished. They will be transcribed into electronic format to inform the development of the Regional Housing Plans. I have been advised that your representative at the Halls Creek workshop enquired if the Kimberley Regional Housing Plan would be provided to stakeholders ahead of publication and was advised that a decision had not yet been made. The project team is considering the steps that will be undertaken to finalise regional plans and the approvals process.

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As you would know, the State Government is establishing the Department of Housing and Works commencing on 1 July 2025. The Housing Authority and its functions as well as staff within Communities who currently work on Housing activities will transfer to the new department. I recommend you continue to work with your key contacts at the department to address the housing challenges across the Kimberley region. Please see attached the Kimberley Regional Group Request for Information report, which includes key data for the Kimberley region, **Attachment 1**.

If you any further queries, please contact Vicki Williams, Manager Affordable Housing Supply and Community Housing on 0466 250 779 or at [vicki.williams@communities.wa.gov.au](mailto:vicki.williams@communities.wa.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



Mike Rowe  
**Director General**

17 June 2025



Government of Western Australia  
Department of Communities



## **Kimberley Regional Group Request for Information as at 30 April 2025**

### **Background**

On 23 May 2025, the Kimberley Regional Group requested an update of housing data for the Kimberley region as at 30 April 2025.

### **Social Housing Investment**

The State Government is doing all it can to boost social housing, including working to retain ageing social housing properties and investing in alternative construction methods including modular and timber frame to increase social housing across Western Australia.

Since 2021-22, the State Government has invested \$5.1 billion in Housing & Homelessness initiatives which includes funding the delivery of more than 5,300 additional social homes, with more than 3,000 already delivered and another 1,000 currently under contract to build or purchase.

Generally housing delivery is aligned to demand across the State which equates to approximately 70 per cent across the Perth metropolitan area and up to 30 per cent across regional WA. Based on current on social housing waitlist applications, demand indicates that nearly 80 per cent of waitlist applications are for smaller one and two-bedroom properties.

### **West Kimberley Region as at 30 April 2025**

#### **Housing Investment**

- From 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2025, Communities has completed 90 dwellings and one Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH) Land Acquisition. Of these, 49 are social housing (26 construction, 14 spot purchase and nine asset transfers) and 41 GROH dwellings (eight construction, 32 spot purchase and one asset transfer).
- As at 30 April 2025 there are a further 10 dwellings under contract. Of these five are social housing (five construction) and five GROH (four construction and one spot purchase).

#### **Refurbishments**

- As at 30 April 2025, 72 dwellings have been contracted for refurbishment works (including 11 grants), of which 53 have been completed (including eight grants).

#### **Planned Maintenance**

- As at 30 April 2025, 1,134 dwellings have been contracted for maintenance works, of which all have been completed.

#### **Community Housing Grants**

- As at 30 April 2025, two refurbishment grants have been awarded to two organisations for refurbishments on 11 dwellings, of which eight have been completed.

### **East Kimberley Region as at 30 April 2025**

#### **Housing Investment**

- From 1 July 2021 to 30 April 2025, Communities has completed 83 dwellings and five GROH Land Acquisitions. Of these, 53 are social housing (19 construction, 26 spot purchase and eight asset transfers) and 30 GROH dwellings (seven construction and 23 spot purchase).
- As at 30 April 2025, there are a further 10 dwellings under contract and one GROH land acquisition. Of these all are social housing (nine construction and one spot purchase).

#### **Refurbishments**

- As at 30 April 2025, 34 dwellings have been contracted for refurbishment works (including five grants), of which 22 have been completed (including five grants).

#### **Planned Maintenance**

- As at 30 April 2025, 584 dwellings have been contracted for maintenance works (including 44 grants), of which 543 have been completed (including three grants).

#### **Community Housing Grants**

- As at 30 April 2025, one refurbishment grant has been awarded to one organisation for refurbishments on five social housing dwellings, of which all dwellings have been completed.
- As at 30 April 2025, there are 44 dwellings under contract for Remote Communities maintenance works, of which three have been completed.



### **Kimberley Recovery**

- As at 30 April 2025, the Department of Communities is undertaking works on 177 properties, including works on properties managed by the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage, as part of the Kimberley Flood Response.
- 47 Temporary Accommodation Units (TAUs) have been delivered to provide accommodation to families in the medium term whilst they await the repair or rebuild of their homes.
- Works range in scope, including minor works, refurbishments, demolitions and rebuilds are as follows:
  - 41 minor works
  - 108 refurbishments
  - 28 demolitions and new builds.

### **TAU Modules Future Use Project**

As announced by the Minister for Housing and Works on 23 December 2024, 20 additional homes will be delivered across the Fitzroy Valley in response to overcrowding, utilising the structural components of 40 former TAUs. The homes will be gifted to Aboriginal landowners and managed under Housing Management Agreements. These homes will not be counted in social housing figures.

## **Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**

<b>Total GROH Stock by LGA as at 30 April 2025</b>	
<b>LGA</b>	<b>Total Properties</b>
Shire of Broome	531
Shire Of Derby West Kimberley	347
Shire of Halls Creek	113
Shire Of Wyndham East Kimberley	318
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,309</b>

### **GROH Construction (Dwellings undergoing design/contract/construction)**

The State Government is committed to the effective delivery of public services to people in regional and remote Western Australia. These services are delivered by public sector employees (such as teachers, health workers and police) who relocate to live in these areas. As a result, the availability of suitable housing is an important issue which can directly affect the provision of essential services.

## Public Housing Stock for the Kimberley regions as 30 April 2025

Region	LGA	Public Housing Stock Total
West Kimberley	Shire Of Broome	875
	Shire Of Derby/west Kimberley	375
West Kimberley Total		1,250
East Kimberley	Shire Of Halls Creek	212
	Shire Of Wyndham-East Kimberley	438
East Kimberley Total		650
Total		1,900

\* NB: Public Housing stock includes Occupied, Void and 'Other Use' (externally managed properties and tenancies) properties.

\*\* NB: Data does not include 'Sub Management Type' Community Housing and GROH (Government Regional Officer's Housing).

\*\*\* NB: Data sourced from Habitat (Tenancy Management System).

\*\*\*\* NB: The Public Housing Stock for the above LGA's are made up of properties situated in the following Town/Suburbs:

**West Kimberley:** Shire Of Broome: Bilingurr, Broome, Cable Beach, Djugun.

**West Kimberley:** Shire Of Derby/west Kimberley: Derby, Fitzroy Crossing, Camballin.

**East Kimberley:** Shire Of Halls Creek: Halls Creek.

**East Kimberley:** Shire Of Wyndham-East Kimberley: Kununurra, Wyndham.

\*\*\*\*\* NB: LGA (Local Government Area).

## Public Housing Wait List for the Kimberley Regions as at 30 April 2025

Preference Region	Wait Turn	Priority Only
	Total Number of Applications	Total Number of Applications
West Kimberley	983	212
East Kimberley	414	131

\* NB: The number of Wait Turn applications includes Priority applications. Therefore, of the 983 Wait Turn applications for the West Kimberley region, 212 are priority.

\*\* NB: The Wait List can be broken down by Preference Region and Preference Zone, not by suburb.

\*\*\* NB: The 'Preference' refers to the zone the applicant has selected and would prefer to be housed in. The 'Region' manages this zone.

\*\*\*\* NB: Data sourced from Habitat (Tenancy Management System).



Attachment 6 Correspondence In: Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC; Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley; Kimberley Housing



**Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation;  
Medical Research; Kimberley  
Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council**

Our ref: 62-40390

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Dear Mr <sup>Paul</sup>Rosair

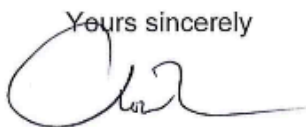
Thank you for your email on 21 May 2025 on behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG), as well as the Final Report from the Kimberley Housing Roundtable held in August 2024.

Firstly, I would like to commend the KRG on its collaborative and structured approach to defining and addressing issues in the Kimberley. Housing remains at the forefront of the Cook Labor Government's priorities, noting housing access impacts Western Australians across the regions and in metropolitan Perth.

Our Government is proud to have committed \$5 million to the Waterlily Place project in Kununurra, as well as an additional 20 GROH homes across the Kimberley. I am pleased that the KRG has been assisted by the work of the Kimberley Development Commission, and also that your respective organisations have a close working relationship.

I welcome the opportunity to meet with the KRG to discuss Kimberley housing and look forward to hearing from you with respect to a suitable time.

Yours sincerely



Hon Stephen Dawson MLC  
**MINISTER FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT; PORTS; SCIENCE AND  
INNOVATION; MEDICAL RESEARCH; KIMBERLEY**

15 JUN 2025

Attachment 7 Correspondence In: East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Kununurra and Wyndham Housing Opportunities (note attachment not included)



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17 June 2025

Dear Minister

### Kununurra and Wyndham Housing Opportunities

Congratulations on the government's work to address housing shortages in Western Australia. The East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry (EKCCI) was pleased to see the government's commitment for new housing for key workers at Water Lily Place in Kununurra. This will have a positive impact across the Kununurra community. As you are aware that the availability of housing has been identified as the most significant issue facing the East Kimberley in multiple reports and at multiple forums, including;

- The Kimberley Development Commission released the "Residential Housing and Land Snapshot 2023" which notes *"For the past three years, housing in the Kimberley has been characterised by skyrocketing demand, especially for rentals – with as yet no response on the supply side."*
- On 3 September 2024 the Kimberley Local Government Zone was part of a Band 4 Local Government roundtable hosted by the Hon Hannah Beasley Minister for Local Government. The aim of this meeting was to identify the top issues facing Band 4 Local Governments. 72 representatives from 48 Local Governments attended the meeting and unanimously agreed that the most pressing issue was housing.
- In February 2025, the Standing Committee on Regional Development, Infrastructure and Transport released its interim report into local government sustainability. Item 1.74 of this reports states that *"housing is in the top three issues faced by every regional LGA in WA; where there is little appetite from the private sector to get involved in the housing market in challenging locations."*
- In June 2025 at the Kimberley Economic Forum, data from the Combined Kimberley Chambers of Commerce, presented by the Chamber of Commerce and Industry WA, showed that housing costs and shortages are acute across the Kimberley region and is negatively impacting business' ability to hire and retain staff.

Representatives from the EKCCI attended recent Department of Communities housing workshops in Halls Creek and Kununurra to develop a Kimberley Regional Housing Plan. Feedback from workshop attendees was that;

- Whilst it was good that the Department wants to hear from us on housing issues, the same issues were discussed with limited progress being made to address housing shortages at scale;
- The Department was unable to share the housing data with attendees that will inform the plan – in particular the plan to develop homes in the region
- The workshop notes will not be provided to participants; and
- The Plan from this workshop will not be delivered until 2026, and there will be no chance to comment on the draft Plan before endorsement by government.

We believe that there are some actions that could be taken now to assist with the addressing housing issues. These are -



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### **Access to shared data to inform shared decision making**

Access to data and an understanding government land and housing plans remains a key issue for the EKCCI and our partners. This data is critical to help shape an evidence based response. For example, data has requested from the Department by the Kimberley Zone on the number of Government employees living in private rentals rather than Government owned housing to confirm (or not) the widely held belief that Government agencies have been transitioning more and more of their employees into the private rental market. An understanding of the government's plan to deliver new homes in the region will assist the EKCCI and our members understand how this issue is being addressed.

### **Understanding development plans for vacant lots**

Another key issue is understanding how vacant serviced land zoned for residential purposes in Kununurra and Wyndham will be progressed along with sub-divisions in both towns that are not fully serviced so cannot be released to the market. Further information on this is included in an attachment. An understanding of the government's intent in relation to this vacant land will assist with understanding how housing issues are being addressed.

The EKCCI is keen to work in partnership with government to develop positive solutions to support our members access the housing that they need to support their staff and their businesses to thrive. This can only be done through a shared understanding of both the problem and solutions.

The EKCCI has a strong membership base and provides a good conduit to both understand the housing challenges facing the business communities and how these can be addressed. We will continue to engage with the Department of Communities on housing. In the meantime, any advice that can provided to use on the plan and timeframe to deliver new homes in the East Kimberley would be greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,



Amanda Mclean

President East Kimberley Chamber Commerce and Industry

### **Attachments**

1. Kununurra
2. Wyndham

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Divina D'Anna, Member for the Kimberley

Hon Stephen Dawson, Minister for the Kimberley

Kimberley Regional Group

**Attachment 8 Correspondence In: Senator Slade Brockman; Response Congratulations and Meeting in Kununurra 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025**

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**Subject:** RE: Congratulations

Hi Michelle,

Thank you for the email below & attached letter from Cr David Menzel to Senator Slade Brockman. The congratulations & meeting request.

Senator Brockman is planning on being up in Kununurra on August 11 for an event that morning.

We don't have a travel schedule as yet, but we thought that would be an opportunity for a meeting & / or any site visits.

Would this be a possibility??

Thank you again Michelle,  
Sonya

**Attachment 9 Correspondence In: Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA; Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; International and Tertiary Education; Multicultural Interests; Community Safety and Crime Prevention**

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**Subject:** 80-21514 - Community Safety and Crime Prevention - Kimberley Regional Group

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Dear Michelle

On behalf of the Hon Dr Tony Buti MLA, thank you for your email requesting a meeting.

Thank you for your patience, the Minister has been inundated with new appointment requests.

The Minister is available to meet with Kimberley Regional Group on **Monday 21 July 2025 from 2:15pm to 2:45pm** at his Ministerial Office located at Level 10 Dumas House, 2 Havelock Street, West Perth.

Please confirm if the suggested date and time is suitable as well as the names and titles of the attendees.

Many thanks

**LISA CURRIE** A/Appointments Secretary

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Attachment 10 Correspondence Out: Hon Hannah Beazley MLA; Minister for Local Government; Disability; Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne; Community Safety and Crime Prevention *Note: Refer above for full list of recipients*



The Hon Hannah Beazley MLA  
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Via email [Minister.Beazley@dpc.wa.gov.au](mailto:Minister.Beazley@dpc.wa.gov.au)

8 May 2025

Dear Hannah

**Securing Our Communities, A Kimberley Community Safety and Crime Prevention Package**

To unlock the social and economic potential of the Kimberley we need communities where residents, businesses and visitors feel safe, connected and can enjoy a good quality life.

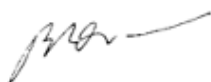
In response to significant community safety issues facing our communities the Kimberley Regional Group has produced Securing Our Communities, A Kimberley Community Safety and Crime Prevention Package. This report is an evidence based response which addresses criminogenic factors, and harnesses crime prevention through environmental design (CPTED) principles and strong partnerships.

Taking a strength based approach, the package builds on and accelerates the rate of positive initiatives that have been developed by the community, local and State Government. The initiatives in this report were developed through engagement with key stakeholders including the Kimberley Police Superintendent and Officers in Charge of police stations, local communities and the Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Please find attached a copy of the full report along with an executive summary. The report and summary document are available on the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) website at <https://kimberleyrg.com.au/document-library>.

We would welcome the opportunity to brief you on this report and how we can work together to create safer and more connected places where people feel safe and proud to live. Our Executive Assistant will be in touch to progress a time for us to meet.

Your sincerely



Paul Rosair  
Executive Officer  
*Attach*

Attachment 11 Correspondence Out: Shannon Wood; Manager Board Governance and Reporting; WA Grants Commission; DLGSC; Submission to the WA Grants Commission



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21 May 2025

Dear Shannon

**Submission to the WA Grants Commission – Review of Financial Assistance Grants**

Please find attached research commissioned by the Kimberley Regional Group on the Financial Assistance Grants.

Financial Assistance Grants are an important source of revenue for many rural and regional local governments due to their limited rate base, remote location, and dispersed populations.

As the value of the Financial Assistance Grants continue to diminish, the costs and responsibilities of local government have risen sharply. This has a direct impact on the amenity and liveability of rural and regional towns and communities. The research that we commissioned examined the grant methodology. It has put forward a suite of recommendations for the State and Federal government in terms of the pool of funding and its distribution in order to improve the grant model and deliver better outcomes. A copy of this research along with our Position Paper is attached for your consideration.

The Kimberley Regional Group would welcome the opportunity to brief you and the grants commission on this research and the recommendations. Mr. Paul Rosair, our Executive Officer, will be in touch to progress a time for us to meet.

Your sincerely



Cr David Menzel  
Chair  
Kimberley Regional Group  
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*C Cr Chris Mitchell, Deputy Country Rural Member*

Attachment 12 Correspondence Out: Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA; Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sports and Recreation; WA Budget



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22 May 2025

Dear Treasurer

**WA Budget**

Thank you for the election commitments for new investment in the Kimberley. The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) was pleased to see a pipeline of investment to enable the Kimberley to reach its full potential. This investment in economic infrastructure including water, ports, roads, energy, education, arts and culture and health is critical for the development of our region and our State.

We were delighted to see new investment allocated to the Water Lily Place Housing Project in Kununurra, a Playground and Water Park in Halls Creek, a Multi-purpose Centre at Fitzroy Crossing and a safe night space in Kununurra. These will make a significant difference to the amenity and liveability of these communities.

Building on these initiatives, we present for consideration further opportunities to create jobs, keep our economy strong and contribute towards Closing the Gap. These projects are designed to accelerate the scale and pace of positive change across the Kimberley, delivering enduring value for our region, its people and the State. Attached is a copy of our budget submission that outlines these opportunities. In summary they include -

**Kimberley Housing Pipeline** – A 5-year \$244M program to deliver 311 new homes and release 950 residential lots across the Kimberley, leveraging land and private investment.

**Kimberley Community Safety and Crime Prevention Package** – A 3-year \$51,417,500 program of initiatives to prevent crime, keep our communities safe and to make our communities a more attractive place for business investment and tourism.

**Investment in place-based initiatives** - Investment in sixteen place-based initiatives that will drive social and economic development and support the livability of Kimberley towns. This investment will unlock value, leveraging investment from government and the private sector. Investment includes \$700K for a Tanami Road Activation Plan, \$21.4M to upgrade the Broome Regional Aquatic and Recreation Centre and \$20M for a Welcome to WA Centre in Kununurra.





The KRG urges you to consider these initiatives as you finalise the WA Budget. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss these projects with you and how together we can deliver new investment to support our region to develop and thrive.

We look forward to working with you to deliver positive outcomes across our region and the State.

Your sincerely



Cr David Menzel  
Chair  
*Attach.*

*c. Divina D'Anna MLA Kimberley*

Attachment 13 Correspondence Out: Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC; Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley; Kimberley Housing



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Medical Research; Kimberley  
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21 May 2025

Dear Minister

Access to safe, affordable and accessible housing is critical if our region is to thrive. The Kimberley Regional Group would like to bring to your attention key housing issues that are impacting on our region's social and economic development.

**Housing Access**

Access to housing remains a critical issue. In response, the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) held a Housing Roundtable in July 2024 to discuss housing challenges and importantly to develop solutions to rapidly increase housing supply. An outcome of the Roundtable is the development of a Kimberley Housing Pipeline, a new way of delivering supply through a co-ordinated package of works over the next five years. Key to the pipeline's development is constructing homes on vacant parcels of residential land owned by the Shires, non-government and government agencies. I have enclosed a copy of the Roundtable Report for your reference.

**Government Regional Officer Housing (GROH)**

The provision of GROH housing is critical to alleviate pressure on the private rental market. Without adequate GROH housing the government leases private rental homes reducing the number of rental homes for workers in the non-government and business sector. Whilst the KRG has visibility on the number of GROH houses in each Shire, unfortunately we don't have visibility on the number of homes that are rented by WA Government agencies on the private market, or on the government's forward works program to construct new GROH homes.

**Maintenance of Social housing.**

The status of much social housing across the region is poor due to a lack of cyclical, preventative and responsive maintenance. Local government has requirements under the Public Health Act, Health Local Laws, the Local Government Act, and the Emergency Management Act in relation to serious and material public health risks, and habitable homes. Once Shires are aware of significant risks they are required to act. You may have seen recent media regarding an Aboriginal family in Broome who became homeless after the Shire of Broome had to condemn a home owned by the Department of Communities.



The Department of Communities is accountable for the management and maintenance of public housing, and ensuring homes are compliant with fire and cyclone requirements. However, the lack of investment to address cyclone, fire and public health risks means that Councils have to pick up these costs. From an emergency management perspective there remains significant and ongoing issues around cyclone clean-up for social housing due to the amount of accumulated rubbish, and the state of disrepair and lack of maintenance of homes. Whilst Shires undertake fire breaks, cyclone clean ups and rubbish collection, the lack of investment to ensure that the homes are safe and habitable pushes costs onto local government.

#### **Social and affordable housing**

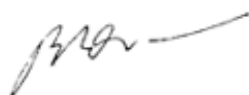
Current data indicates that there are 1289 applications on the Kimberley public housing waitlist with 2264 people to be housed<sup>1</sup>. This includes over 328 priority applications. Housing is a social determinant of health, impacting on people's physical and mental health. The adverse health impacts of living in poorly maintained and overcrowded homes have been well documented<sup>2</sup>. There is a critical need for increased investment to build more social homes across the Kimberley.

#### **Access to data for shared decision making**

The Kimberley Development Commission must be congratulated for the production of the Kimberley Residential Land and Housing Snapshot 2023, and publication of housing data on their website. This data enables all stakeholders to better understand and respond to housing issues. The Kimberley Regional Group continues to seek data from the Department of Communities, to understand their forward capital works programme to build new social and affordable homes, GROH housing, and to refurbish their housing stock across the Kimberley.

The Kimberley Regional Group looks forward to working with the WA Government to drive solutions to address our region's housing challenges. Key to this is access to data, along with increased housing investment. We would welcome the opportunity to brief you on the Kimberley Housing Pipeline and to discuss how together we can drive solutions to the Kimberley's housing challenges. Our Executive Assistance will be in touch with your office to arrange a time for us to meet.

Your sincerely



Paul Rosair  
Executive Officer  
*Attach*

*C Divina D'Anna, MLA Kimberley*

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.kdc.wa.gov.au/our-region/live-in-the-kimberley/housing/>

<sup>2</sup> Recent research includes Stuck in the Heat: Lived Experience of Public Housing Tenants in the Kimberley, 2023, Kimberley Community Legal Service; Reimagining Indigenous Housing, Health and Wealth, (2021) Kerry Arabena, Chris Holland and Shane Hamilton.

Attachment 14 Correspondence Out: Mike Rowe; Director General; Department of Communities; Kimberley Housing



Mr Mike Rowe  
Director General  
Department of Communities

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23 May 2025

Dear Mike

**Kimberley Housing**

I write to bring to your attention two housing issues; the development of the Kimberley Regional Housing Plan and local government access to housing data.

**Kimberley Regional Housing Plan**

Congratulations on the progression of the regional housing plans as recommended by Infrastructure WA in the State Infrastructure Strategy: Foundations for a Stronger Tomorrow.

We were advised at the Kimberley engagement workshops that the data to inform the Kimberley Housing Plan will not be shared, the notes from the workshops will not be made available to participants and that there will be no opportunity to review the draft Kimberley Housing Plan prior to government endorsement.

The Kimberley Regional Group strongly urges that you reconsider this approach. Attendees at the workshops should have the opportunity to review their contribution. Also, the four Kimberley Shires, as key stakeholders, and contributors to the plan, should have the opportunity to review a draft prior to endorsement by government. We believe that this will assist to deliver a more relevant and fit for purpose plan for our region. It would be appreciated if you could advise if this will be possible.

**Housing Data**

The Kimberley Regional Group held a Housing Roundtable in July 2024 to bring together key agencies to discuss how we can work together to increase housing supply. A key outcome of the Roundtable is the development of a Kimberley Housing Project Pipeline, a co-ordinated package of works for new homes across the region. We are progressing this pipeline in consultation with local communities and government and would welcome the opportunity to brief you on this piece of work.

Housing demand data is critical to inform the pipeline. Given the high percentage of homes that the Department of Communities owns across our region, to understand demand we need to understand current housing challenges and the Department's planned program of works to address these.

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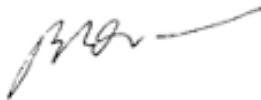
It would be appreciated if you could provide us with the following information for the Kimberley:

- The latest Kimberley social housing waitlist data by Shire
- The vacancy rate of social, affordable and GROH housing by Shire
- The void rate for social, affordable and GROH housing by Shire
- The number of rental properties leased by the Department for government employees and the percentage that private rentals contribute to GROH housing by Shire
- The Department's works program over the next five years, by Shire for new housing builds by tenure type – i.e. for social housing, affordable housing, and GROH housing
- The Department's works program to refurbish homes over the next five years by Shire and tenure type
- The housing data, including future demand data, that is being used to inform the Kimberley Housing Plan

It is only through strong partnerships that we can address the housing challenges facing the Kimberley. We look forward to working with your department to deliver good evidence-based housing solutions across our region.

If you have any queries on this request, please contact me on 0419 930 467 or [paul@naja.com.au](mailto:paul@naja.com.au).

Your sincerely



Paul Rosair  
Executive Officer

*c. CEO, Kimberley Development Commission*



Attachment 15 Correspondence Out: Eddie Smith; President; Shire of Carnarvon; Vote of no confidence in the State and Federal Government in supporting youth at risk



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13 May 2025

Dear Eddie

**Vote of no confidence in the State and Federal Government in supporting youth at risk**

Thank you for sharing information from the Shire of Carnarvon's Ordinary Council meeting, February 2025, regarding a vote of no confidence by the Shire in the government's handling of children at risk.

This was discussed by the Kimberley Regional Group at our April 2025 meeting. We would like to thank the Shire for bringing this issue to our attention. We agree with your Shire that there is a critical need for increased investment and for appropriate resources for frontline services for youth at risk in regional areas, including the Kimberley.

To inform our work and our collective advocacy the Kimberley Regional Group has developed two position papers – Juvenile Justice and Community Safety and Crime Prevention. I have attached a copy of these papers for your reference.

I would like to wish the Shire all the best in addressing the youth issues raised by your Council and in obtaining the necessary resources for your community to support young people and their families to thrive.

Your sincerely



David Menzel  
Chair  
Kimberley Regional Group

Attach.

Attachment 16 Correspondence Out: Hon Dr Anne Aly MP; Minister for Small Business; International Development; Multicultural Affairs; Congratulations *Note: Refer above for full list of recipients*



Hon Dr Anne Aly MP  
Minister for Small Business; International Development; Multicultural Affairs  
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House of Representatives  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Via Email - [Anne.Aly.MP@aph.gov.au](mailto:Anne.Aly.MP@aph.gov.au)

21 May 2025

Dear Minister

**Congratulations**

On behalf of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) of Local Governments, I would like to congratulate you on your re-election and your appointment as Minister for Small Business; International Development and Multicultural Affairs.

We are delighted with your appointment to Federal Cabinet, and the important West Australian perspectives that you will bring to national discussions.

The KRG looks forward to working with you to deliver positive social and economic outcomes across the Kimberley region.

Your sincerely



Cr David Menzel  
Chair  
Kimberley Regional Group

Attachment 17 Correspondence Out: Michele Pucci; A/CEO; Kimberley Development Commission; Planning to activate opportunities with the sealing of the Tanami Road



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Kimberley Development Commission  
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Kununurra WA 6743

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18 June 2025

Dear Michele

**Planning to activate opportunities with the sealing of the Tanami Road**

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) would like to bring to your attention the critical need for whole of government and community planning and co-ordination to harness the enormous regional social and economic potential of the sealing of the Tanami Road.

As you are aware, \$542.8 million has been allocated to Main Roads to seal a 313 kilometre section of the Tanami Road from Halls Creek to the Northern Territory border. At the same time, the Northern Territory government is sealing the Tanami Road from Alice Springs to the Western Australia border. Sealing of the road is due for completion in 2031/2032 with almost 25 kilometres of the WA section of the Tanami Road sealed and open to traffic as of December 2024. Main Roads WA provides updates on the progress of this project on a dedicated website.

The Shire of Halls Creek (the Shire) is taking the lead within the KRG on this new inland route which the Shire refers to as the Central Australia Corridor. The Shire must be congratulated for their proactive approach in identifying the critical economic infrastructure and services required within the Shire to support increased traffic.

The establishment of this Central Australia corridor from Adelaide via Alice Springs to Halls Creek will assist with transformation of the Shire of Halls Creek and broader Kimberley. With a significant reduction in travel times, this corridor will provide an alternative route into the Kimberley and onto Broome and Wyndham Ports with the potential reduction in the cost of goods and services. In addition, the central Australia corridor will:

- provide year round road access to and from the remote communities around Halls Creek into Halls Creek;
- provide a critical strategic boost to the Australian Defence Force's logistical and mobilisation capacity; and
- generate long term returns through freight, logistics, eco-tourism, and aviation.

If planned well, this will provide opportunities for the Shire of Halls Creek to diversify and grow its economy by creating jobs for residents as well as attracting new industries to enhance productivity. Also, it will empower First Nations people by creating new employment and business development opportunities, placing them at the centre of a new economic ecosystem.

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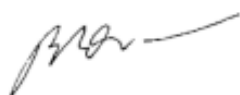
The Shire of Halls Creek has identified a range of opportunities including the development of a Tanami Business Park, an Enterprise Competitiveness Program to support regional business and employment, a sustainable water solution, upgrade and expansion of airport and aviation services and establishment of a new eco-tourism park. A copy of their briefing document is attached. In addition to these initiatives, with good planning the opportunities of the road sealing can be capitalised across the Kimberley as freight travels onto the Wyndham and Broome ports and tourists use this new inland route as the gateway to enter the Kimberley.

Harnessing the prospects that come with the sealing of the Tanami Road requires careful planning, co-ordination and timely decision making by all spheres of government, industry, businesses, and Aboriginal Corporations. To that end, the KRG would like to propose that the Kimberley Development Commission is resourced to establish a robust governance structure to overarch the program of activities including a Tanami Road Alliance and associated working groups, with representatives from State, Federal and local government, business, prescribed body corporates and remote communities. This Alliance would engage with stakeholders to identify needs and will take a whole of government and community approach to facilitate the critical infrastructure and services required to support increased freight and visitor numbers into the region with a focus on building local employment and business capability and capacity.

We believe that this approach, with the Shire of Halls Creek, as a lead agency, will ensure alignment of purpose and effort, so that the sealing of the Tanami Road is the catalyst for social, economic environmental and cultural transformation of the Kimberley.

We would welcome the opportunity to brief you on the opportunities presented by the sealing of the Tanami Road and hope that you will look favourably on this request.

Your sincerely



Mr Paul Rosair  
Executive Officer  
Kimberley Regional Group

## 6. Financial Report

### Item for Noting

**Submitted by: Vernon Lawrence, KRG Secretariat**

**Attachment 18: Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Report to 31 May 2025**

### Purpose

To update the KRG members on the financial position of the Group.

### In summary

This report presents the Kimberley Regional Group Interim Financial Activity Statement for the period ended 31 May 2025. The report recommends that the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) receives the Financial Activity Statement.

### Background

#### *Previous Considerations*

The KRG adopted its annual budget for the 2024/25 Financial year at the meeting on 23 August 2024. At this meeting an interim report relating to the finances for the financial year to 30 June 2024 was approved by the KRG. A revised opening cash position was presented to the KRG at its meeting on 21 February 2025 where the surplus was revised up from \$67,513 to \$80,802 and a cash balance up from \$329,989 to \$343,278 due to increased interest income.

This report is for the financial activity to 31 May 2025. A report on the full financial year will be tabled at the next meeting of the KRG.

### Comment

The Financial Activity Statement presents a current estimated surplus position of \$282,946 which is represented by a cash balance held in a Reserve with the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. This amount takes into account all costs paid to 31 May 2025, members contributions received and a conservative estimate of interest income amounting to \$8,000.

Operating expenses for the year to date total \$248,322. This includes project work of \$99,837, executive fees of \$109,838 and trip expenses of \$31,594. The Canberra trip expenses includes a contribution by the KRG for members to attend the Regional Australia Institute Conference and associated expenses for the secretariat to attend meetings. It also includes an amount of \$10,490 for members to attend the Developing Northern Australia Conference which will be held in July 2025 in Cairns.

Project expenses for the year to date total \$99,837 and comprise the following:

Benchmarking report	\$ 6,941
Budget Document to Federal Treasury	\$ 1,900
Election Document & Strategy	\$17,009

FA Grants	\$24,188
Fringe Benefits Tax policy paper	\$ 2,000
Community safety	\$30,750
Housing Roundtable	\$17,500

The budget for the financial year for projects is \$50,000. This was determined by estimating the original budget approved for project work of \$65,000 less expenses during the 2023/24 financial year of \$14,371. The \$65,000 was comprised of \$20,000 from the original 2023/24 budget plus an amount of \$45,000 from reserves.

It is clear that the amounts budgeted for project work are not adequate. Four significant projects have been undertaken during the year. The election documentation and strategy for both State and Federal elections, the Housing Roundtable, the Community Safety Project and the FA Grants Project which all total to approximately \$90k. The Community Safety project and the FA Grants projects were subject to a procurement process and awarded to NAJA. Both projects have come in at the quoted amounts.

An additional disbursement from reserves is necessary to fully fund the project work. Total project costs are underfunded by \$49,837 for the financial year relative to the budget provided. The final transfer from the reserve will be determined at the end of the financial year once all other costs have been accounted for and interest income has been accrued. There are no additional project costs expected for the remainder of the financial year.

## CONSULTATION

Nil.

## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

### *Local Government Act 1995*

## Financial Implications

As at the 31 May 2025 the Kimberley Regional Group cash balance is \$282,946 which represents the total of the Members interests at this date.

For the period ending 31 May 2025 Expenses of \$248,332 were paid against a year to date budget of \$209,458. No disbursements have been made against a number of expense items. An amount of \$99,837 has been disbursed for Projects against a year to date budget of \$45,833. The reasons for the difference have been detailed above. Two projects undertaken did not have a budget allocation but were undertaken with the consent of the members totalling \$19,500.

The year to date budget income is \$209,458 against actuals of \$227,875.

The year to date actual budget deficit is \$20,457. This will be funded from an appropriation from the Reserve balance determined at the end of the financial year.

## Strategic Implications

### **Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>           People Place Prosperity Performance         </div> <div>           Advocate Partner Promote         </div> <div>           Facilitate Fund Monitor         </div> </div>			
Recommendation/s		Action(s)	
<b>The Kimberley Regional Group noted:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The Interim Financial Report to 31 May 2025;</b></li> <li><b>The \$20,457 year to date budget deficit; and</b></li> <li><b>The total member interests of \$282,946 at 31 May 2025 is represented by cash held in Reserves.</b></li> </ol>		KRG Secretariat to prepare the draft 2025/26 budget for presentation at the August meeting.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	KRG Secretariat
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Due date:</b>	15 August 2025
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		

## 7. Formal Presentations

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To provide a forum for guests to address the KRG on relevant topics.

### Attendees

Time	Name	Position	Organisation
12:15 – 12:35pm	Michele Pucci	A/CEO	Kimberley Development Commission
12:45 – 1:00pm	Janine Hatch	Director	RDA Kimberley

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:			Budget Implications
<b>People</b> Place Prosperity Performance	<b>Advocate</b> Partner Promote	<b>Facilitate</b> Fund Monitor	Nil
Resolution/s			Action(s)
<b>For noting</b>			<p>The Executive Officer to keep KRG members informed about any upcoming meetings with politicians. Members to notify the EO if they wish to attend accordingly.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to liaise with the Acting CEO of KDC to discuss progression of the demand data, and their view on the next steps to progress the Kimberley Housing Pipeline in partnership with the WA Government.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to liaise with RDA Kimberley and the DPIRD Deputy Director General, Industry and Economic Development to understand progress of a potential WA government partnership with</p>

	<p>NAIF and/or the establishment a small loans scheme similar to the Northern Territory.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to draft an insurance position paper for KRG, in light of the RDA Kimberley Insurance Review Report.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to write to the Australian Bureau of Statistics reinforcing the importance of the Kimberley Census of Population and Housing pilot and the KRG's support for this new approach.</p>
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## 8. Kimberley Regional Group Land Tenure Reform Position Paper

### Item for Decision

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 19 Position Paper Land Tenure Reform, July 2025

### Purpose

To approve a Position Paper on Land Tenure Reform.

### In summary

- 95 percent of the Kimberley is comprised of Crown tenure with over 80 percent Unallocated Crown Land.
- Land tenure arrangements are managed by multiple government agencies, making reform options complex. Also, there are inconsistencies between different pieces of WA Legislation and between WA and Commonwealth legislation, further complicating the reform process.
- The outcome is that the economic, social and environmental potential of land is often not realized.
- The Land Tenure Position Paper puts forward a suite of policy priorities to enable complex land tenure arrangements to be better navigated, and to unlock and activate the economic potential of this land.

### Background

- As above

### Details

- As per the attached Land Tenure Reform Position Paper

### Risk

**Reputational:** That the KRG is not engaged in the reform agenda to unlock the economic potential of land in the Kimberley.



Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>           People Place Prosperity Performance         </div> <div>           Advocate Partner Promote         </div> <div>           Facilitate Fund Monitor         </div> </div>		Approximately \$500 to design and print the position paper.	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<b>The KRG noted the progress on the Land Tenure Reform Position Paper, July 2025.</b>		<p>The Executive Officer to send the full report to the Commissioner for the Shire of Derby West Kimberley.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to conduct a further review of the paper to ensure that the rights and opportunities of Native Title holders are contained in the document, and that the position put forward is legally robust and practical.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to seek an update from the Kimberley Development Commission on the status of the PBC Capability Building project.</p>	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		

## Attachment 19: Position Paper Land Tenure Reform, July 2025

## POSITION PAPER

### Land Tenure Reform July 2025

#### ABOUT THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

The Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) is an alliance of the four Kimberley Shires, being the Shire of Broome, the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, the Shire of Halls Creek and the Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley. Our Vision is to maintain and enhance the rich diversity and liveability of the Kimberley for its people and the world. Collaboratively the group seeks to drive positive impact across the region through improved social, economic and cultural outcomes. This paper is designed to highlight the issues as known to Local Government at the time of writing and the potential pathways that are supported.

#### CONTEXT

Over 95 percent of land in the Kimberley is comprised of some form of Crown tenure with over eighty percent of the Kimberley landmass being Unallocated Crown Land (UCL) or land managed under a pastoral lease. Current land tenure arrangements are complex, restrictive, and outdated, limiting the opportunities for Traditional Owners, local government, industry, business and regional stakeholders to unlock the economic, environmental, and social potential of this land. There is a need for land tenure reform that provides a more flexible, transparent, and place-based approach to deliver better land use outcomes. Key issues identified by the Kimberley Regional Group with current land tenure arrangements include -

##### Unaligned legislation

Responsibility for land tenure sits across multiple state agencies. This includes the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage (DPLH), the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD) and the Department of Biodiversity Conservation and Attractions (DBCA). This can make land tenure discussions complex.

For example, the Land Administration Act 1997 (LAA) prioritises land availability and economic use, often without integrating upfront environmental constraints. As a result, land can be allocated under the LAA that later fails or stalls due to environmental concerns raised under the Environmental Protection Act 1986 (EP Act). Also, there are inconsistencies in the clearing of native vegetation between these two acts. Section 51C of the EP Act makes it an offence to clear native vegetation without a permit, unless the clearing is exempt under specific provisions. This applies universally, including on pastoral leases. This leads to a dual regulatory burden as even if a pastoral lessee obtains a diversification permit under the LAA, they must secure a separate clearing permit under the EP Act.

Also, there are inconsistencies between State and Federal legislation. This creates overlapping interests and regulatory uncertainty, making navigating government approvals both complex and time consuming. The LAA treats Crown land as a blank slate for development or allocation, while the Native Title Act requires that any such action must not extinguish or impair native title unless done through formal processes. This leads to legal uncertainty and tension between state planning interests and Indigenous rights.

Also, there is a lack of alignment on how the term 'pastoral purposes' in Section 93 of the LAA relates to and align with the 'primary production' definition in the Commonwealth Native Title Amendment Act 1998; particularly s24GA and s24GB which allow for low-impact primary production activities on non-exclusive agricultural and pastoral leases without constituting a future act that impairs native title, provided certain conditions are met.

An amendment of the definition and application of "pastoral purposes" under Section 93 of the

LAA to align with the scope of “primary production activities” permitted under Section 24GA of the Native Title Act 1993 would enable a broader range of sustainable, low-impact land uses on pastoral leases without triggering tenure change or Indigenous Land Use Agreements (ILUAs), whilst remaining consistent with the protection of Native Title rights. This would remove regulatory duplication, support diversification across the pastoral estate, and empower Traditional Owner leaseholders to pursue economic, cultural, and ecological aspirations.

### **Rigid Pastoral Lease Conditions**

While pastoral leases are administered under the LAA, there are internal contradictions, outdated assumptions, and rigid structures that hinder the full and flexible use of pastoral land.

The LAA's restriction of leases to “pastoral purposes” is defined as: a) the commercial grazing of livestock such as sheep, cattle and goats on native vegetation b) agricultural, horticultural or other supplementary uses of land inseparable from, essential to, or normally carried out in conjunction with the grazing of authorized stock, including the production of stock feed and (c) activities ancillary to the activities mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (b)<sup>1</sup>. This definition is narrow, conditional and inhibits diversification including use of the land use for purposes such as carbon farming, eco and cultural tourism, bush foods and native species horticulture, renewable energy projects or for conservation purposes.

If a proponent wishes to diversify a pastoral lease, there are two avenues – either a Diversification Permit or through the negotiation of long-term leasehold changes or freehold title. Changing the use or tenure often requires complex and time-consuming processes. It is unclear whether under Division 5 of the Land Administration Act 1997 diversification permits are necessary for ‘agricultural, horticultural or other supplementary uses of land inseparable from, essential to, or normally carried out in conjunction with the grazing of authorised stock, including the production of stock feed; and activities ancillary’ – particularly given that the need for permits for activities that form part of accepted pastoral practices which would seem to align with the intent of the lease agreement. So, whether a diversification permit is required often hinges on the interpretation of the Pastoral Lands Board on a case-by-case basis.

### **Inactive and Poorly Managed Unallocated Crown Land**

Under the LAA Unallocated Crown Land means Crown land — (a) in which no interest is known to exist, but in which native title within the meaning of the Native Title Act 1993 of the Commonwealth may or may not exist; and (b) which is not reserved, declared or otherwise dedicated under this Act or any other written law; unmanaged reserve means reserve the care, control and management of which are not placed with a management body<sup>2</sup>.

There are key risks to local government with the current management of Unallocated Crown Land (UCL). UCL is often adjacent to or interspersed between communities, town reserves, and leasehold land, creating land use fragmentation and conflicts. The lack of coordinated tenure planning between government increases risks of duplication or neglect. This leads to local government often bearing a de facto responsibility for managing the impacts of illegal dumping, fires, and trespass.

Also, UCL cannot be developed or rezoned without State Government agreement which can be slow or unresponsive. This impedes the ability of local government and local communities to address community needs such as housing shortages, or support local enterprise,

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.wa.gov.au/organisation/departments/planning-lands-and-heritage/pastoral-land-and-leases>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/prod/filestore.nsf/FileURL/mrcmp\\_42740.pdf/\\$FILE/Land%20Administration%20Act%201997%20Compare%20%5B07-c0-04%5D%20-%20%5B07-d0-00%5D.pdf?OpenElement](https://www.legislation.wa.gov.au/legislation/prod/filestore.nsf/FileURL/mrcmp_42740.pdf/$FILE/Land%20Administration%20Act%201997%20Compare%20%5B07-c0-04%5D%20-%20%5B07-d0-00%5D.pdf?OpenElement)



especially in areas where land availability is constrained. Despite recognition of Native Title, there is no streamlined pathway to transfer or co-manage UCL or leases for Indigenous-led outcomes.

### **Tenure Uncertainty and Investor Risk**

Land tenure complexity can deter investment in housing, tourism, and other enterprises. Due to regulator inconsistency and the involvement of multiple agencies. Native Title, heritage, and planning overlays are often poorly integrated with tenure processes, causing delays and missed opportunities for new investment.

## **OBJECTIVES**

A new land tenure framework that achieves the following objectives:

- Navigability – processes that can be navigated by small-scale project proponents who lack specialist knowledge.
- Preservation of rights – supporting the retention of rights of Traditional Owners and improved process for the negotiation for benefits from land use.
- Improved certainty – process that provides business, industry and investors with improved certainty about their rights and obligations to allow them to strategically manage their investment decisions.
- A reduced regulatory burden – statutory alignment of legislation
- Acceleration – processes that are responsive and flexible enough for time-sensitive projects to achieve certainty regarding tenure to secure investment commitments at the time when they are most lucrative.
- Industry development – processes that facilitate appropriate industry development and diversification in the Kimberley, particularly in the agricultural and tourism industries.
- Outcomes focus – support the development of projects that have beneficial outcomes for all parties i.e. the State, industry, Traditional Owners, environment and the broader community.
- Structured negotiation – support all parties in effective negotiation through the provision of a structured process and provision of tools and templates.
- Procedural remedy – that stalled negotiation can be adjudicated by an independent body to allow for resolution.
- Procedural fairness – that the process gives all parties involved access to a fair and proper process when having their position considered.

## **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

Land tenure reform that -

- improves the sustainability and viability of pastoral leases
- delivers economic and social benefits to Traditional Owners and local communities
- supports positive environmental outcomes
- supports place based economic and social development.

## POLICY PRIORITIES

### Kimberley Tenure Reform Pilot

That a regional tenure reform model is piloted in the Kimberley to trial new models of land use and tenure security in the Kimberley that:

- Aligns with the WA Government's Aboriginal Empowerment Strategy.
- Delivers real land access for housing, enterprise, and conservation.
- Is co-designed with Traditional Owners, local government, and State agencies.
- Reduced land management risks to local government.

### Diversification of Pastoral Leases

- Interpret or reform the application of "pastoral purposes" under s93 of the LAA to align more closely with the broader definition of "primary production" under s24GA of the Native Title Act .
- Introduce a diversified lease category or broaden the definition of "pastoral purposes" to encompass land-based enterprises compatible with sustainable land management such as carbon sequestration, cultural tourism, conservation, bush foods, and renewable energy projects.
- Develop Model codes of accepted pastoral practices that reflect modern land use trends and Traditional Owner aspirations.
- Provide clear pathways for leaseholders and Traditional Owners to convert leases to freehold, leasehold alternatives, or joint management models.

### Activation of Unallocated Crown Land

- A clear definition of the statutory responsibilities for maintenance, public safety, and liability associated with UCL, including delineation of duties between the State and local government.
- Targeted resourcing and administrative support to local governments expected to assume responsibilities for UCL management or tenure conversion.
- Audit and identify strategic parcels of UCL in the Kimberley for transfer to Traditional Owners, local governments, or conservation estates.
- Establishment of delegated authority or local tenure management frameworks to allow faster, place-based decisions on UCL activation for public benefit.

### Streamlined Tenure Pathways

- Creation of a single-entry "regional tenure office" or liaison function to simplify applications, resolve overlaps, and provide certainty.
- Use tenure mapping tools and cross-agency working groups to identify priorities and reduce duplication.

### Resource Local Governments and Aboriginal Corporations for Land Activation

- Provide investment and capacity support for local governments and Prescribed Body Corporates to manage, plan for, and activate tenure reform opportunities

## 9. GrantGuru Proposal

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To present a proposal from GrantGuru for the establishment of a regional grants portal to support participating Kimberley councils in identifying external funding opportunities for their own operations, while also enabling local businesses and community stakeholders to access broader grant funding beyond the capacity of council-provided support.

### In summary

- GrantGuru offers a regional grants portal to help councils and communities access government and philanthropic funding.
- Phil Gibson has proposed a Kimberley-wide portal, with support for setup, training, and reporting.
- Annual cost (ex-GST): \$7,400 total, as either a KRG regional body, or via individual Council funding (council contributions based on size).
- Benefits: Centralised access, tailored alerts, and community support.

### Background

GrantGuru is a specialist grants database and portal platform designed to help councils, regional organisations, businesses, and community stakeholders identify available government and philanthropic funding opportunities. It offers tailored access to thousands of funding programs, including real-time updates and filtering tools suited to specific user profiles. For councils, it can also provide administrative support tools, engagement insights, and usage reporting.

In discussions with the Shire of Halls Creek regarding grant funding opportunities, Phil Gibson, Manager Partnerships – Government at GrantGuru, became aware of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG).

Given GrantGuru's experience in providing regional portals for RDAs and similar organisations, he subsequently contacted the KRG executive team to propose the establishment of a regional grants portal for the Kimberley.

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## Details

GrantGuru have provided a proposal for the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) to participate in a regional subscription to a Kimberley-wide GrantGuru portal. This portal would enable participating councils to:

- Source external grants for local government initiatives.
- Support local businesses and community groups in identifying funding opportunities beyond what councils can directly provide. The portal offers them access to the same breadth of grant opportunities available to local governments, with the added benefit of tailored notifications. This replaces the need for councils to direct stakeholders to multiple external sites—some of which may require paid access—by providing a central, no-cost resource for the community.

The offering includes:

- A shared regional GrantGuru portal, with participating councils linked via their own websites.
- Monthly usage reports showing registrations and search activity, including data on residents by local government area.
- An annual report (also available monthly) offering insights into user interests, grant searches, and engagement with educational content.

Examples of existing free regional portals in WA include:

- RDA Wheatbelt / Mid-West & Gascoyne: Funding webpage - [Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt](#), Regional portal link - [RDA WA Funding and Grants Hub](#)
- RDA Pilbara: Funding webpage - [GRANT HUB | RDA Pilbara](#), Regional portal link - [RDA Pilbara Grants Hub](#)
- Great Southern Development Commission: Funding webpage - [Grants Hub - GSDC](#), Portal link - [GSDC Grants Hub](#)
- RDA Kimberley – list current grants and funding opportunities on their website <https://www.rdakimberley.com.au/grants/find-a-grant>.

The WA Government has a free portal GrantConnect which provides centralised publication of forecast and current Australian grant opportunities. <https://www.grants.gov.au>. Also, they have a free Community Grants Hub where you can subscribe for daily updates on government grants.

In addition to Grant Guru, there are a number of other Australian commercial products on the market to assist local government and non-government agencies find grants. This includes the Grants Hub which has a Team subscription for \$912 per annum with 10 user accounts. <https://www.thegrantshub.com.au/>. This is good for local governments use, but could not be extrapolated to community groups for use.

### Grant Guru Pricing and Participation

A 20% discount has been applied to the regional portal subscription. The proposed contributions for each KRG member council, allocated as per population, are as follows (all ex-GST):

- Shire of Broome: \$2,200
- Shire of Derby–West Kimberley: \$2,200
- Shire of Wyndham–East Kimberley: \$2,200
- Shire of Halls Creek: \$800

Or, alternatively, the KRG could pay a total Regional Subscription (Annual): \$7,400 (ex-GST).

### Implementation and Support

- GrantGuru will coordinate the initial set-up through a draft portal for approval.
- Councils receive guidance and templates for launch communications.
- Comprehensive training is included for nominated staff.
- Councils are encouraged to promote the portal through their websites and community channels.
- Participating councils can be recognised on a shared 'Contributors' page within the portal.

### Risk

**Reputational:** If the portal is not well understood or expectations are not managed (e.g. it does not assist in writing or winning grants), councils or community users may express dissatisfaction.

**Financial:** Annual costs may become burdensome. Also, no cost comparison has been undertaken to determine if this product is competitive or good value for money.

**Strategic:** If councils do not actively promote or embed the portal into their grant-seeking strategies, usage may remain minimal.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div> <div>Advocate Partner Promote</div> <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>		\$0- \$7,400 plus GST dependent on discussions	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<p><b>That the KRG</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Does not progress an annual GrantGuru regional subscription for \$7,400 (ex-GST); and</b></li> <li><b>Explores the possibility of a single regional subscription for \$2200 if a link can be made available for community groups to access GrantGuru on the KRG Website.</b></li> </ol>		<p>The Executive Officer to discuss with GrantGuru the possibility of a subscription (\$2,200) for the KRG, and the KRG adding a link on the KRG website for use by community groups.</p> <p>Individual Shires to progress discussions with GrantGuru independently.</p>	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Officer / Individual Shires
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		

## 10. WALGA Position – Native Clearing Regulations Advocacy Position

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To discuss WALGA's response to the Kimberley Regional Group's Advocacy Response on Native Clearing Regulations Advocacy Position.

### In summary

- WALGA has updated int Advocacy Position on the Native Clearing Regulations.
- The KRG provided a submission to the advocacy position.
- The KRG was advised at the June WALGA Zone Meeting that the issues raised in the KRG submission in relation to the extraction of gravel were not supported by WALGA, so they have not been incorporated into the WALGA Advocacy Position.

### Background

- Access to gravel is a critical issue for Kimberley local governments.

### Details

The following is a summary of the KRG submission and the WALGA response to the KRG Submission .

Zone Resolution	WALGA Response
<p>Supports the WALGA recommendation on item 8.3 Native Vegetation Clearing regulations advocacy position and provides an additional Zone resolution to be added to the recommendation as per the following</p> <p>That the Kimberley Regional Group of Councils resolves and submits to State Council:</p> <p>In accordance with its submission "<i>Clearing Legislation Review</i>" to WALGA on 18 December 2024, that the State Government:</p> <p><b>Provides Legislative Clarity and Consistency</b> The Western Australian Government undertake a review to resolve the current inconsistencies and overlaps between the <i>Land Administration Act 1997</i>, <i>Environmental Protection Act 1986</i>, and</p>	<p>SECRETARIAT COMMENT</p> <p>The Kimberley Country Zone prepared a paper, which informed its recommendation and that was considered by WALGA in developing the Avocacy Position.</p> <p>Point 1 – The proposed Advocacy Position includes WALGA calls on the Western Australian Government, in consultation with Local Government, to undertake legislative and policy reform to improve the effectiveness, efficiency and transparency of the regulatory system for clearing native vegetation in Western Australia. This aligns with the Kimberley Zone recommendation in relation to having clarity and consistency of regulation.</p>

the *Local Government Act 1995*, particularly where these relate to the clearing of native vegetation and the delivery of public works by local governments.

#### **Enables Streamlined Gravel Extraction for Public Works**

The *Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004* be amended to include an explicit exemption from the requirement for a clearing permit for the extraction of gravel and other basic raw materials from Crown and private land (including in environmentally sensitive areas - in accordance with standard remediation practices), where such materials are required for public works purposes -including road construction, repair, and maintenance - aligning this exemption with the intent and powers already granted under "written law" in the *Land Administration Act 1997* and the *Local Government Act 1995*.

#### **Provides for Safety Exemptions in Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs)**

That the existing clearing permit exemptions under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* for safety-related activities - such as emergency access, hazard reduction, and bushfire management - be clarified and extended to apply within Environmentally Sensitive Areas (ESAs), ensuring that essential public safety and emergency response actions are not impeded by regulatory constraints.

WALGA sought clarification from the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) regarding whether Local Governments require a clearing permit if extracting gravel under the provisions of the Land Administration or Local Government Act. The Department confirmed that Local Government do need to apply for a clearing permit and the two pieces of legislation give the Local Government the ability to access the gravel but not authorisation to clear native vegetation in order to access it. There is no exemption under Schedule 6 or the Clearing Regulations for the purpose of gravel extraction. No change to the draft Advocacy Position has been made.

Point 2 – For Local Government approximately 2% of Referrals and 5% of Clearing Permits relate to extractive activities, such as gravel pits. In the metropolitan and peri-urban areas, gravel requirements are frequently met by purchasing material from commercial suppliers, rather than the Local Governments own gravel pits. However, in regional areas Local Governments generally source gravel and manage pits and so have to be cognisant of a range of legislation and approvals process including both Environmental (State and Commonwealth) and Aboriginal Heritage. As noted, the provisions in the Local Government Act 1995 and Land Administration Act 1997 do not overrule other legislative requirements and it is not the intent for these Acts to do so. No change has been made to the Draft Advocacy Position.

Point 3 – Environmentally sensitive areas (ESAs) are classes or areas of native vegetation where the exemptions for clearing vegetation under the Environmental Protection (Clearing of Native Vegetation) Regulations 2004 do not apply. However, for clearing assessed and authorised under other statutory processes set out in Schedule 6 of the EP Act a clearing permit is not required, even if it is within an ESA. This exemption includes clearing required under other laws (such as the Land Administration Act 1997, Bush Fires Act 1954 and Fire Brigades Act 1942). It also includes clearing for fire prevention and control on Crown land. As this issue is covered by current exemptions, no change has been made to the draft Advocacy Position.

## Risk

**Financial** – The high cost of purchasing gravel in the Kimberley

**Reputational** – If Kimberley Councils do not protect native vegetation.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div>           Advocate Partner Promote           <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>		Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
That the KRG look at current and future opportunities to advocate for change in line with the KRG advocacy position to Native Clearing Regulations.		<p>The Executive Officer to contact the State Government to confirm if the submission timeframe is still open.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to explore the possibility of making a direct submission to the State's Native Clearing Regulations Review.</p>	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Officer
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		



## 11. Kimberley Housing Pipeline

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 20 Kimberley Housing Pipeline Summary July 2025

### Purpose

To provide an update on the Kimberley Housing Pipeline Project.

### In summary

- The Kimberley Housing Pipeline, a co-ordinated package of works across the Kimberley, is an outcome of the Housing Roundtable held in Broome on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024.
- Housing Australia requested an indicative list of shovel ready Kimberley projects which was provided to them in September 2024
- The project pipeline has been updated to reflect the state election commitment for the Kununurra Water Lily Place and a large project in Fitzroy Crossing by Leedal Pty Ltd.
- The next step is understanding the project schedule and cashflow required across the projects. To that end, a template seeking project time-frame information was sent to Councils seeking project information.
- A submission is in development that includes the context for the pipeline, housing data, a project schedule and cashflow, project governance, risk management and a sample of business cases. Feedback from Housing Australia and the WA Housing Supply Unit is that there is a need for demand data to be included in the submission including projected population growth scenarios and how this informs housing demand.
- After discussion with the Kimberley Development Commission (KDC) at the April KRG meeting, a Scope of Works was prepared to develop this demand data.
- The Scope of Works was provided to the KDC and RDA Kimberley for input. The KDC have advised that they will manage this project, wrapping the scope of works for demand data into an update of their Kimberley Residential Housing and Land Snapshot 2023.

### Background

- As above

### Details

- As above

### Risk

- **Reputational:** If there are no outcomes from the Kimberley Housing Roundtable
- **Financial:** If opportunity to capitalize on government housing investment is not realized

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> People Place Prosperity Performance </div> <div> Advocate Partner Promote </div> <div> Facilitate Fund Monitor </div> </div>		Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<b>The KRG noted progress of the Kimberley Housing Pipeline Project.</b>		<p>The Executive Officer to brief the Commissioner Shire of Derby West Kimberley on the work done to date on housing.</p> <p>The Executive Officer provide information on the level of government subsidy required to unlock housing investment in the Kimberley</p> <p>Councils to provide their project timeframes and cashflow requirements to the Executive Officer.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to liaise with the Acting CEO of KDC to discuss progression of the demand data, and their view on the next steps to progress the Kimberley Housing Pipeline in partnership with the WA Government.</p>	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Team / KRG Members
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	As appropriate
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		

## Attachment 20: Kimberley Housing Pipeline Summary July 2025

Indicative Kimberley Housing Pipeline by Town July 2025							
Proponent	Project	Lots	Homes	Project Status	Proponent Contribution	Investment sought Lots	Investment sought Homes
<b>Broome</b>							
Shire of Broome	Sanctuary Village – affordable homes	0	91	Shovel ready	\$7.6M		\$ 25,000,000.00
Shire of Broome	McMahon Estate – 120 Affordable/Social/Private	120	48	Subdivision, headworks and 48 affordable and key worker homes	Brokering Land		\$ 36,200,000.00
Shire of Broome	Key worker housing	0	14	Shovel ready	\$3.5M		\$ 8,600,000.00
Nyamba Buru Yawuru	Birragun Buru Estate Stage 2	0	12	Shovel ready	Land		\$ 7,000,000.00
Nyamba Buru Yawuru	Lot 502 Gubinge Road	750	0	Planning and headworks	Land	\$ 15,000,000.00	\$ -
Nyamba Buru Yawuru	Specialist Disability Accommodation	0	10	Shovel ready	Land		\$ 6,500,000.00
<b>Derby and Fitzroy Crossing</b>							
Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Service Worker Units	0	30	Planning and construction	Brokering Land		\$ 25,000,000.00
Leedal Pty Ltd	33 Forrest Road Fitzroy Crossing - 4x staff homes, 47 key worker homes - 32 x 1 bedroom & 15 x 2 bedroom	0	51	Planning phase	Land		\$ 35,528,000.00
<b>Halls Creek</b>							
Shire of Halls Creek	Stage one infill social housing		30	Shovel ready	Brokering Land		\$ 30,000,000.00
Shire of Halls Creek	Affordable rentals - staff		9	Shovel ready	Land		\$ 8,500,000.00
Shire of Halls Creek	New land release – Social, affordable, for purchase	80	0	Planning and Headworks	Brokering land	\$ 40,000,000.00	\$ -
Kimberley Language Resource Centre	Affordable rentals - staff	0	4	Shovel ready	Land		\$ 3,600,000.00
Yarliyil Arts Centre	Affordable rentals - staff	0	2	Planning and construction	Land		\$ 3,000,000.00
Jungarni Jutiya	Affordable rentals -staff	0	3	Planning and construction	Land		\$ 3,500,000.00
<b>Kununurra</b>							
Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Crossing Falls - 10 x 1.8Ha rural residential blocks for sale	10	0	Planning	\$152K - income generated through land sale	\$ 220,000.00	
Wunan Aboriginal Corporation	Bloodwood Drive- affordable homes	0	42	Planning and construction	Land		\$ 24,700,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>960</b>	<b>346</b>			<b>\$ 55,220,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 217,128,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 272,348,000.00</b>						
<b>Investment sought</b>							
<b>Cost per home</b>	<b>\$ 627,537.57</b>						
<b>Cost per lot</b>	<b>\$ 57,520.83</b>						

## 12. State Budget Implications

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To summarise the State Government 2025–26 Budget, with particular regard to funding initiatives in the Kimberley region and with reference to the projects outlined in the Kimberley Regional Group's (KRG) submission *Unlocking the Rich Diversity & Liveability of the Kimberley: Federal and State Budget Submission*. The paper identifies initiatives that align with the submission, those that remain unfunded, and highlights additional unanticipated investments of benefit to the region.

### In summary

- The 2025–26 WA State Budget has been reviewed against the KRG's submission *Unlocking the Rich Diversity & Liveability of the Kimberley*.
- Several people-focused priorities received funding, including housing, health, education, youth services, and community safety.
- Key infrastructure proposals—such as the Broome Boating Facility, regional airports, and cultural/tourism centres—were not funded.
- A number of initiatives were funded outside of the KRG submission, potentially as a result of direct advocacy by individual Shires.
- Some unfunded projects were not shovel-ready or are more suited to future Federal or multi-year funding pathways.
- The analysis informs continued advocacy efforts and highlights the need for priority projects to be investment-ready.

### Background

The Kimberley Regional Group developed and widely circulated a detailed budget submission titled *Unlocking the Rich Diversity & Liveability of the Kimberley: Federal and State Budget Submission*. This document outlined strategic projects and investment priorities across housing, infrastructure, community safety, tourism, economic development, and climate resilience. It was formally provided to Ministers and Heads of Departments and was followed by targeted meetings and advocacy efforts throughout 2024 and early 2025.

The submission sought to align Kimberley priorities with State and Federal policy frameworks and deliver on Closing the Gap targets, regional economic diversification, and infrastructure resilience.

### Details

A comparison of the budget “asks” outlined in the Kimberley Regional Group's submission *Unlocking the Rich Diversity & Liveability of the Kimberley* and the deliverables in the 2025–26 WA State Budget is tabled below. It should be noted that some of the listed projects were targeted more appropriately for Federal Government funding, while others were still in early stages of development and not yet shovel ready. It is also acknowledged that budget constraints and competing State priorities mean not all regional proposals could be funded in this cycle.

Nonetheless, the table provides a useful overview of alignment between KRG's priorities and current government investment, and highlights opportunities for continued advocacy and refinement of future project proposals.

Shire	KRG Submission Project	Funding Status	Comments / Budget Item
<b>Broome</b>	Kimberley Housing Pipeline (multiple projects)	Partially funded	Several Broome-specific projects listed, but no dedicated line-item in budget. Some support via GROH and Keystart.
	Broome Recreation and Aquatic Centre	Not funded	\$21.4M requested – no line-item.
	Broome Boating Facility	Not funded	\$42M requested – not funded; separate \$500K cruise terminal business case funded.
<b>Derby–West Kimberley</b>	Fitzroy Crossing Multipurpose Evacuation Centre	✓ Funded	\$10M funded.
	Derby Wharf Masterplan and Redevelopment	✓ Partially funded	\$1.5M funded for barge landing at Derby Port (vs \$2M masterplan request).
	Fitzroy Crossing Airport and Access Road	Not funded	\$30M requested – not funded.
<b>Halls Creek</b>	Civic and Cultural Centre / Evacuation Facility	Not funded	\$50M requested – not funded.
	Halls Creek Splash Pad	✓ Funded	\$4M allocated.
	Halls Creek Old Town Eco Tourist Park	Not funded	\$20M requested – not funded.
	Halls Creek Airport Upgrade & Aviation Expansion	Not funded	\$60M requested – not funded.
	Halls Creek Rec Centre & Oval Upgrade	Not funded	\$30M requested – not funded.
	Tanami Road Activation & Business Park	Not funded	\$140M total request (\$70M road activation, \$70M business park) – not funded.
<b>Wyndham–East Kimberley</b>	Welcome to WA Centre (Kununurra)	Not funded	\$30M requested – not funded.
	East Kimberley Regional Airport new arrivals terminal	Not funded	\$20M requested – not funded.
	Wyndham Splash Park	Not funded	\$3M requested – not funded.
<b>Regional</b>	Kimberley Housing Pipeline (311 homes, 950 lots)	Partially funded	Includes \$5M Water Lily Place (Kununurra); \$5.3M enabling infrastructure; \$103.8M GROH program; \$25M Regional Housing Support Fund.
	Community Safety and Crime Prevention Package (\$51.4M)	Partially funded	Select items funded: CCTV, Night Spaces, PCYC, Safe at Home (Broome), etc.

Shire	KRG Submission Project	Funding Status	Comments / Budget Item
	Regional Resource Recovery Park (Broome-based, regional impact)	Not funded	\$21.8M requested – not funded.

A number of initiatives were funded in the 2025–26 WA State Budget that were not specifically requested in the *Unlocking the Rich Diversity & Liveability of the Kimberley* submission, but may have been advocated for directly by individual Shires or through other forums. These include:

Shire	Initiative	Value	Comment
<b>Broome</b>	Janyba Centre for Culture, Story and Arts	\$500K	New cultural tourism asset.
	Cruise terminal business case (Port of Broome)	\$500K	Supports marine tourism growth.
	Housing for Water Corporation employees	\$13.7M (statewide share)	Includes Broome-specific staff housing.
	Broome Sobering Up Centre	\$829K	Targeted AOD and justice response.
	Broome Withdrawal Service (planning)	\$2M	Mental health and substance use planning.
	Broome Senior High upgrades	\$4.4M	Continues prior investment.
	Broome Turf Club upgrades	\$2.6M	Via Regional Racing Fund.
<b>Derby–West Kimberley</b>	Derby Wellness Centre	\$8.8M	New health infrastructure.
	CCTV cameras (Derby, Fitzroy Crossing)	Included in \$2.3M	Statewide initiative with local installs.
	Marra Worra Worra Night Place Youth Hub (Fitzroy Crossing)	\$3M	Basketball court and facility upgrades.
	Fitzroy Crossing dialysis unit (continuing)	\$8.7M	Doubles capacity.
	Fitzroy Turf Club upgrades	Included in Racing Fund	Not explicitly listed but likely minor share.
<b>Halls Creek</b>	Halls Creek Splash Pad	\$4M	Fully funded KRG priority.
	CCTV and financial counselling	Included in relevant allocations	For towns including Halls Creek.
<b>Wyndham–East Kimberley</b>	Wyndham Port upgrade – First Point of Entry	\$14M	Strategic regional infrastructure.
	Kununurra CCTV and financial counselling	Included in relevant allocations	Part of broader safety and wellbeing measures.



Shire	Initiative	Value	Comment
	Kununurra Night Space	\$5.9M	Youth engagement and safety.
	Kununurra Race Club upgrades	\$45K	Minor works via Regional Racing Fund.
<b>Regional</b>	Aboriginal Ranger Program expansion	\$20M	Broad regional applicability.
	Cost of Living – Regional Pensioner Travel Card uplift	\$25.7M	All regions, including Kimberley.
	Residential Battery Scheme (Horizon Power regions)	\$337M (statewide)	Kimberley eligible for up to \$7.5K + no-interest loan.
	Regional Airfare Cap (continuing)	Ongoing	\$299 cap for Broome & Kununurra to Perth.
	Safe at Home expansion to Broome	\$11.5M (statewide)	Family violence support.
	GP ASK, Virtual CAMHS Hub, PATS increase	\$8.2M–\$18.5M range	Accessible to Kimberley residents.
	Fee-free regional TAFE, canteen grants, Before & After School Care	~\$100M+ combined	Includes new courses and supports for Kimberley schools.
	School of Isolated & Distance Education, Breakfast Program	\$30.3M and \$28M	Enhancing rural and remote education access.

The budget demonstrates a focus on people-centred investment—particularly in housing, health, education, and community safety which have been key issues for the Kimberley. These are foundational to long-term regional wellbeing and are welcomed. However, there are some major infrastructure exclusions, suggesting a need for continued advocacy at both State and Federal Government.

## Risk

**Reputational:** If projects are not sufficiently advanced or investment-ready, the Kimberley Regional Group may be perceived as unprepared or lacking in delivery capability in future budget cycles.

**Financial:** Projects not funded in this budget cycle may face increased delivery costs in future due to inflation, cost escalation or environmental events.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div> <div>Advocate Partner Promote</div> <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>		Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<b>The KRG noted the information regarding the State Budget announcement</b>		TBD	
Moved:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Responsible:	
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	3/0		

## 13. Developing Northern Australia Conference

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To provide an update on the 2025 Developing Northern Australia Conference from the 22-24 July 2025 in Cairns, QLD.

### In summary

- The Executive Officer has worked closely with the DNA Conference Manager to secure a bespoke partnership package. This includes a reduced three-day delegate registration for two representatives from each KRG member Shire.
- Regional Development Australia Kimberley have joined in on the partnership package and will be sending a number of delegates to the conference.
- **Delegate Confirmation Status:** Derby is to confirm two delegates, and Halls Creek is to confirm one delegate.
- The KRG logo is displayed on the DNA website (<https://northaust.org.au/>) under the *Alliances Partnership* section, with a hyperlink directing users to the KRG website.
- A full-page advertisement promoting the KRG has been included in the official conference handbook.
- The Executive Officer and the KRG Secretary and CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley will deliver a 20-minute presentation focused on the formation and operation of the KRG, highlighting its role in influencing both state and federal policy.
- On 22 April, members were emailed details regarding accommodation arrangements. This correspondence included a spreadsheet to be completed and returned to [conference@northaust.org.au](mailto:conference@northaust.org.au).
- A separate email was sent on 5 May asking whether two delegates from each Shire would like to attend the conference dinner scheduled for Wednesday, 23 July 2025 (Day Two of the conference). Event details are provided below:

### Conference Dinner Details

**Location:** The Tanks Arts Centre, 46 Collins Avenue, Edge Hill

**Date:** Wednesday, 23 July 2025

**Time:** 5:45pm – 9:30pm

**Cost:** \$249.00 (incl. GST)

**Inclusions:** Canapés on arrival, three-course dinner, three-hour beverage package, and live entertainment

### Background

As above.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div> <b>People</b> Place Prosperity Performance         </div> <div> <b>Advocate</b> <b>Partner</b> <b>Promote</b> </div> <div> <b>Facilitate</b> Fund Monitor         </div> </div>			
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
<b>The KRG:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Noted that each Shire is required to arrange their own accommodation using the spreadsheet previously provided.</b></li> <li><b>Noted that members are to advise the Executive Team if they wish to attend the Conference Dinner as soon as possible.</b></li> <li><b>Confirmed the number of delegates attending from the Shire of Halls Creek.</b></li> </ol>		The Executive Officer and KRG Secretariat to finalise the KRG Presentation for the Developing Northern Australia Conference.	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Responsible:</b>	Executive Officer / KRG Secretariat
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	22 July 2025
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		

## 14. Government Forum

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To advise the members of the agenda, speakers and proposed speaking points, and other notable attendees for the Government Forum.

### In summary

- The KRG and RCAWA will co-host the 2025 Government Forum, continuing their joint effort from previous years to engage across all levels of government.
- The revised format includes fewer speakers and a networking session after formal presentations to allow more meaningful engagement.
- The theme is “*Growing the Regions – the role of Local Government*”, with confirmed speakers from Federal and State Government, WALGA, and the KRG.
- Speaker briefs and an attendee list have been provided to members as part of their information packs.

### Background

The KRG has partnered with the Regional Capitals Alliance of WA (RCAWA) over the past two years to deliver a Government Forum, attracting high-level participation from Federal, State, and Local Government, including Ministers, Director Generals, Executive Directors, and agency representatives. Following the 2024 Forum, it was agreed to continue the event in 2025 with a revised structure: reducing the number of speakers to allow more depth of discussion and moving the networking component to follow the formal presentations—enabling more time for engagement and questions.

### Details

The theme of the Forum is “Growing the Regions – the role of Local Government”. The agenda for the Forum is as follows:

**3:00 – 4:30 Government Forum,  
4:30 – 6:00 Networking and Refreshments**

**3.00 - 3:05 Mayor Alison Xamon, City of Vincent:** Welcome to City of Vincent and Acknowledgement of Country

**3:05 - 3:10 RCAWA Chair, Jaysen De San Miguel:** Welcome to the forum and launch of 2025 MACWA Awards

### Federal Government

**3:10 – 3:30 Hon. Patrick Gorman MP Assistant Minister to the Prime Minister, Assistant Minister for the Public Service, Assistant Minister for Employment and Workplace Relations:**

“Future made in Australia” and the Federal Government’s Agenda for Regional Development.

## State Government

**3:30 - 3:50 Hon. Stephen Dawson MLC Minister for Regional Development; Ports; Science and Innovation; Medical Research; Kimberley and representing the Premier of Western Australia.**

Regional Development in Focus: The Role of Ministers and Local Government in Building Stronger Communities

## Local Government

**3:50- 4:10 Karen Chappel, President Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA)**

The Power of Local: Strengthening Regional Communities Through Local Government Leadership

**4:10 – 4:25 Candy Choo, CEO Local Government Professionals Inc**

Direction and Opportunities for Local Government Professionals

**4:25 – 4:30 KRG Chair, David Menzel:** Acknowledgments, vote of thanks and invitation for everyone to stay for informal networking

**4:30 – 6:00 Informal networking and refreshments**

Speakers were provided suggested speaking points, along with logistics information. These were also distributed to KRG members as part of their information pack, which also includes a list of departmental representatives and other attendees.

**6.15 Dinner Le Vivant, 489 Beaufort St, Highgate WA 6003,**

## Risk

**Reputational:** Ability to hold a forum with meaningful outcomes, attended by high profile, key stakeholders

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div><div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div><div><div>Advocate Partner Promote</div><div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div></div></div>		TBD	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
The KRG noted the information regarding the Government Forum.		Nil	
Moved:	Shire of Halls Creek	Responsible:	
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	3/0		



## 15. Election Strategy Update

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

To provide an update on the outcomes of the Kimberley Regional Group State Election Strategy and to provide an update on the Federal government election strategy.

### In summary

- The KRG endorsed an election strategy in November 2023 with the aim of gaining election commitments for investment in Kimberley infrastructure and services.
- Up to \$7,600 was allocated by the KRG towards this strategy.
- An Election Advocacy, Communications and Engagement Plan was endorsed in June 2024.
- Stakeholder engagement was discussed at the KRG October 2024 workshop.
- A State and Federal Budget Submission was developed and used to drive election advocacy.
- A number of requests in our budget submission have been funded in the WA post-election budget which was handed down on the 19 June 2025.

### Background

The overall aim of the election strategy was to obtain election commitments from major parties for new investment in the Kimberley. To do this an advocacy and communications strategy was adopted to drive the activities to deliver the commitments.

### Details

#### Election Strategy Outcomes

##### **\$80.502M – WA government election commitments**

- Whole of Kimberley - Total \$23.997M
- Shire of Derby West Kimberley - \$24.260M
- Shire of Broome - \$16.070M
- Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley - \$12.665M
- Shire of Halls Creek - \$4.115M

The following projects which are in the KRG Investment Prospectus, and the Election Submission have been funded.

Project	Funded/Commitment
Wyndham Boat Launching Facility	Federal funding
Walmanyjum Cable Beach Foreshore Redevelopment	State funding
Fitzroy Eastern Flood and Fire Resilience Hub	Federal funding
\$19.6M - Wyndham Multi-Purpose Community Hub in East Kimberley,	Federal
\$13.2M - Wyndham Community Boat Launching Facility	Federal

Fitzroy Crossing Multipurpose Complex and Evacuation Centre	WA Labor Commitment
Zero Depth Water Splash Pad, Halls Creek	WA Labor Commitment
Upgrade Derby and Wyndham Ports (15.5M)	WA Labor Commitment
\$407K 20 additional CCTV - Broome (6) Kununurra (4) Halls Creek (4) Fitzroy Crossing (3)	WA Labor Commitment

### Election Advocacy Documents

Advocacy Folder containing a suite of documents including -

- KRG Summary Document
- KRG Investment Prospectus 2025
- KRG State and Federal Budget Submission 2025/26
- Local Government Community Safety and Crime Prevention Package
- KRG Review of Financial Assistance Grants
- Ten Position Papers

### Advocacy

- Launch of the Investment Prospectus at the Kimberley Economic Forum 2024
- Letters and selected advocacy documents emailed to 29 State and Federal members of parliament and people seeking election.

### Meetings

Advocacy meetings were held with the following members of parliament, people contesting the state and federal elections and advisors.

- 2024 KRG / RCAWA Government Forum – meetings with members of parliament
- Canberra – stakeholder meetings
  - Melissa Price MP
  - Senator Matt O'Sullivan
  - Senator Glenn Sterle
  - Senator Perin Davey
  - Senator Susan McDonald
  - Hon Michael Sukkar MP
  - Hon Catherine King MP
  - Hon Patrick Gorman MP
  - Phoebe Drake, Advisory to the Prime Minister
  - Kate Gurbiel and Celia Tan, Advisors to Madeleine King MP
  - Yasmin Truong, Advisor to Dr Anne Aly MP
  - Kamil Nguyen, Advisor to Clare O'Neil MP

Advocacy meetings in Western Australia

- Neil Thomson MLC
- Shane Love, MLA
- Don Punch, MLA
- Hon Stephen Dawson MLC
- Hon Hannah Beazley MLA
- Hon John Carey MLA
- Divina D'Anna MLA
- Melissa Price MP
- Karen Wheatland, WA Labor Candidate Durack
- Millie Hills, National Party Candidate Durack

### Media Stories

- The Kimberley Echo and Broome Advertiser ran feature stories on the budget submission and community safety and crime prevention package.
- Radio interviews were held on ABC Kimberley and ABC Perth.
- Feature stories on the KRG Budget Submission and Community Safety and Crime Prevention Package were contained in the Broome Chamber of Commerce and Industry and East Kimberley Chamber of Commerce and Industry Newsletters.

### Social media posts

- Linked In – 15 posts. Average post impression 1548, with 60 page reposts
- Page growth has increased to 701 page followers. The followers include 4 Federal members and 3 WA members of parliament and 4 WA Directors General along with key Kimberley and other stakeholders in government, business, industry and the non-government sector

### Risk

- **Operational and Reputational:** without the execution of an election strategy, opportunities to drive the KRG's policy and advocacy agenda may have been missed.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div> <div>Advocate Partner Promote</div> <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>		Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
The KRG noted the outcome of the State Election Strategy.			
Moved:	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Halls Creek	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	3/0		

## 16. Around the Grounds

### Item for Discussion

Submitted by: Executive Team

### Purpose

This session provides an opportunity for members to share information of a local or regional nature that may provide opportunities for collaboration or may serve the purposes of sharing a learning that could impact the region as a whole.

### In summary

- Since the inception of this agenda item in February 2023, two events were deemed major enough to steer discussion: the Kimberley floods and the Canberra visit.
- For this meeting, it has been left to each Shire to introduce a topic/s of their choice that they deem relevant for the group. It is the intention that each Shire can hold the floor for up to 5 minutes, after which the item can either be followed up out of session or raised as an agenda item for the next meeting.

### Background

As above.

### Risk

**Operational and reputational:** if key issues facing KRG members are not understood by the KRG.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People Place Prosperity Performance</div> <div> <div>Advocate Partner Promote</div> <div>Facilitate Fund Monitor</div> </div> </div>		Nil	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
As per discussion.		The Executive Officer to place Regional Waste Management on the August KRG agenda with the focus - What aspect of Waste Management does it make sense for the 4 Kimberley Shires to cooperate on.	
Moved:	Shire of Halls Creek	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	3/0		

## 17. Kimberley Regional Group Priority Action List

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Team

Attachment 21: Status Report, KRG Prioritised Action List

### Purpose

To provide a status update on action items.

### In summary

- The Priority Action List 2023/24, developed November 2022, is a standing agenda item.
- Priority Actions do not preclude other activities or seizing opportunities as they arise.
- This list will be updated when the new business plan is developed.

### Background

- As above

### Details

- As per the attached action list

### Risk

**Operational:** Without agreement on the priority work opportunities may be missed.

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
<div> <div>People</div> <div>Place</div> <div>Prosperity</div> <div>Performance</div> </div>	<div> <div>Advocate</div> <div>Partner</div> <div>Promote</div> </div> <div> <div>Facilitate</div> <div>Fund</div> <div>Monitor</div> </div>	Additional funding to progress agreed after a scope of works is presented for endorsement	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
The KRG noted the priority action list progress.			
Moved:	Shire of Halls Creek	Responsible:	Executive Team
Seconded:	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Due date:	As appropriate
Carried:	3/0		

## Attachment 21: KRG Prioritised Action List Status July 2025

## Legend

Ongoing		Complete	On track	Pending	Behind
Type of Activity	Actions		Within contract scope	Status Update	
Facilitate and partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a collective Kimberley Housing Investment Strategy</li> </ul>		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Advocacy Strategy endorsed November 2023</li> <li>Discussion with Housing Australia to develop of a 5-year Kimberley Housing Pipeline</li> <li>Discussion with the WA Treasury Housing Supply Unit who support the pipeline approach</li> <li>Pipeline projects identified by each Shire.</li> <li>Submission in development which incorporates information requested by government including population projections, demand data, the pipeline and investment schedule, project governance and risk.</li> <li>Scope of Works written for housing demand data for the Kimberley and the major towns in each Shire. The KDC is incorporating this scope of works in their review of their Residential Housing and Land Snapshot 2023.</li> </ul>	
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Housing Maintenance Advocacy Strategy</li> </ul>		Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Letter written to Minister Dawson outlining key issues</li> <li>Strategy to be developed for KRG endorsement</li> </ul>	
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review KRG land policy and strategy</li> <li>Advocate for policy changes to the transfer of Crown land to freehold for the provision of housing, with savings allocated for headworks or other activities to facilitate development.</li> </ul>		Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paper in July 2025 meeting for endorsement</li> </ul>	
Improve performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improving performance by learning from others (Benchmarking Project)</li> </ul>		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Benchmarking project endorsed November 2023 meeting.</li> <li>Templates provided to Councils for input and awaiting a response</li> <li>This project was paused at the February 2025 meeting to incorporate 2024/25 Shire data.</li> </ul>	
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore Shared Services Opportunities</li> </ul>		No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CEOs met 30<sup>th</sup> July</li> <li>A meeting scheduled for July 2025</li> </ul>	
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of mental health services.</li> <li>Expansion of family and domestic violence services.</li> </ul>		Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An opportunity to lead joint advocacy with NGO sector</li> </ul>	



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expansion of aged care services.</li> <li>Health facilities that are fit for purpose in Aboriginal communities.</li> </ul>		
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for whole of family approach and wrap around services to be located in the Kimberley.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rolled into election strategy. Benchmarking exercise to assist with this.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop advocacy strategies to encourage economic diversification including mining; tourism; agriculture; defence; creative Industries; small business; Indigenous business growth</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing advocacy and engagement</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocate for MOG initiatives around better place based regional service delivery to be progressed.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ongoing advocacy and engagement.</li> <li>MOG reform in WA underway post 2025 Election.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission to the Federal Inquiry into Local Government Sustainability.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission Framework on the April 2024 agenda for discussion and input.</li> <li>Submission lodged 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024</li> <li>Attended public hearing August 2024.</li> </ul>
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gather government election priorities</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reviewed government commitments</li> </ul>
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Investment Prospectus 2023</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete</li> </ul>
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create Investment Prospectus 2024</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop pre-election summary document</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete</li> </ul>
Advocate Facilitate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop communication and advocacy plan</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Key messages / key stakeholders</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop White Paper with clear positions</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete – Instead of White Paper Position Papers developed on the following issues - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prosperous and Diverse Economy</li> <li>Housing</li> <li>Management of Alcohol and Other Drugs</li> <li>Juvenile Justice</li> <li>Community Safety and Crime Prevention</li> <li>Provision of Government Services</li> <li>Emergency Management</li> <li>Financial Assistance Grants</li> <li>Fringe Benefits Tax Housing</li> <li>Rates Exemptions</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase support for mitigation measures, infrastructure replacement to be more resilient.</li> <li>• Removal of the distinction between ordinary and additional costs in NDR payments.</li> <li>• Streamlined contracting and procurement processes, surety to payments, and immediate access to NDR funds.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Independent Review of Commonwealth Disaster Funding Submission endorsed and submitted.</li> <li>• Senate Inquiry submission submitted.</li> <li>• EM Policy Paper submitted.</li> </ul> <p>These points included in submissions and EM Policy Paper.</p>
Facilitate and Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop strong relationships with NHFIC (National Housing Finance Investment Corporation), Development WA and the Department of Communities – invite CEOs to KRG meeting to discuss partnership opportunities.</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NHFIC, now Housing Australia, attended November 2023 meeting.</li> <li>• Are engaged through Housing Advocacy Strategy and the Kimberley Housing Pipeline.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<p>Develop a stakeholder engagement and communications plan, and advocacy strategy, to drive the actions identified in the Housing Policy Position, i.e.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State and federal social and affordable housing investment programs target the Kimberley</li> <li>• Community housing partnerships.</li> <li>• The DPLH support Shires to review housing needs in each town.</li> <li>• Changes to Government Regional Officer Housing and Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme policies</li> <li>• Government incentives for new supply</li> <li>• Changes to finance lending practices for home purchase</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Endorsed November 2023 meeting</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission to Aviation Green Paper</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission endorsed at November 2023 meeting and submitted</li> </ul>
Performance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review KRG Governance Documents</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance documents endorsed at November 2023 meeting.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission to National Housing and Homelessness Plan</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submission lodged based on Housing Policy Position</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Port of Entry Status</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters sent to State and Federal Government Ministers – continued to be raised in meetings with government.</li> <li>• Expanded FPOE status progressed for Broome</li> <li>• Wyndham First Port of Entry Status Federally approved 17 January 2025</li> <li>• Funding allocated in the 2025 WA Budget</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defence and Border Security</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Letters to Ministers</li> <li>• Support for North West Defence Alliance</li> </ul>

Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alcohol Management – Letters and submissions on the Banned Drinkers Register</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submissions made on proposed changes to the Banned Drinkers Register</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential summit with Regional Australia Institute, 14-15 August, Canberra</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NAJA negotiated reduced conference package and opportunities</li> <li>KRG sponsor of National Summit recognised through branding and dedicated session.</li> </ul>
Facilitate and Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Host a Kimberley Housing Roundtable</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Held in Broome July 2024.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Launch Pre-election document</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Formal launch at August 2024 Kimberley Economic Forum.</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tanami Activation Strategy</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Application lodged by KDC for precinct funding under rPPP was not successful</li> <li>Activation strategy is included in the Investment Prospectus and Election Strategy</li> <li>Correspondence to the KDC requesting whole of government governance arrangements to facilitate project development</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Financial Assistance Grants</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research report endorsed Feb 2025</li> <li>Report provided to key stakeholders</li> <li>Submission lodged with the WA Grants Commission 21 May 2025</li> </ul>
Partner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a joint project to quantify shire expenditure on vandalism/property crime.</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Safety and Crime Prevention Package complete</li> </ul>
Monitor and Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research on the Financial Assistance Grants (FA Grants) methodology with recommendations for changes to the funding allocation.</li> </ul>	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scope of works endorsed at November 2023 meeting.</li> <li>Review completed</li> <li>Review circulated to key stakeholders</li> <li>Submission made to WA Grant Commission May 2025</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a stakeholder engagement, communications and advocacy strategy in line with the Policy Papers</li> </ul>	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete</li> </ul>
Advocate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertake Pre-election Advocacy</li> </ul>	Yes (unless Canberra)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete</li> </ul>

## 18. Executive Officer Report

### Item for Noting

Submitted by: Executive Officer

Attachment 22: EO Report June 2025

### Purpose

To update the KRG on the Executive Officer services provided for the period June 2025 inclusive.

### Background

The attached report provides information about the services provided, activities undertaken and time allocation over the past two months.

### Details

As in included attachment.

### Risk

Nil

Link to Key Pillar/s and Strategies:		Budget Implications	
People Place Prosperity <b>Performance</b>	<b>Advocate</b> Partner <b>Promote</b>	<b>Facilitate</b> Fund <b>Monitor</b>	
Resolution/s		Action(s)	
The Executive Officers Report was received and endorsed		As per Outstanding Actions	
<b>Moved:</b>	Shire of Halls Creek	<b>Responsible:</b>	
<b>Seconded:</b>	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	<b>Due date:</b>	
<b>Carried:</b>	3/0		

## Attachment 22: EO Report June 2025

## Project Work / Activity

Refer to business arising and KRG action lists for all activities the Executive is working on.

Project / Activity	Status	Item
Administrative Matters and Meetings	Ongoing	-
Website and social media	LinkedIn posts continuing	-
Strategic Planning	Implementation of the KRG Prioritised Action List	17
Advocacy Strategy Management of Social Housing	In Progress	-
Kimberley Housing Pipeline	In Progress	11
General Stakeholder Engagement	Ongoing – see Stakeholder list	18
KRG Government Forum	In Progress. Being held on 3 July 2025	14
Election Strategy	Ongoing	15

## Stakeholders

Stakeholders	Purpose
KRG members	Developing Northern Australia Conference 22-24 July 2025 Cairns, Government Forum, Minister. Meetings, Halls Creek Meeting and Visit
KRG Secretariat	Agenda items, advocacy discussions, finance administrative matters
Executive Team	Workshop to review the priority action list
Department of Communities	Kimberley Region Housing Workshops
Justine White, Conference Manager, 2025 Developing Northern Australia Conference	Developing Northern Australia Conference 22-24 July 2025 Cairns
Housing Australia	Kimberley Housing Pipeline
Janine Hatch, Director RDA Kimberley, and Michele Pucci, A/CEO Kimberley Development Commission	Development of a Scope of Works to understand housing demand data for the Kimberley Housing Pipeline

Stakeholders	Purpose
Shannon Wood, Manager Board Governance and Reporting WA Grants Commission	Submission to WALGGC on Financial Assistance Grants.
Garrick Allen Executive Director Strategy Housing & Asset Policy and Andrew Sutton GROH Program Manager, Department of Communities	Update on the WA Government Home Ownership Subsidy Scheme (HOSS) review vis a vis GROH policy.
Mike Rowe, DG Department of Communities	Kimberley Housing Plan and Housing Data
Stephen Dawson MLA, Minister for Regional Development	Housing issues in the Kimberley
Michele Pucci, A/CEO Kimberley Development Commission	Whole of government arrangements to drive Tanami Road Activation
Newly Elected WA Federal Senators and other Members of Parliament	Letters of Congratulations <i>Refer correspondence for full recipient list</i>
Anthony Albanese MP, Prime Minister	Letter of Congratulations
Cr Eddie Smith, President Shire of Carnarvon	Letter regarding their advocacy on child and youth safety with the Department of Communities.
Federal, State and Local Government	Government Forum Invitation to Speak / Attend
WALGA	Sponsorship for the Government Forum
Hon. Hannah Beazley MLA; Minister for Local Government; Disability; Services; Volunteering; Youth; Gascoyne	Community Safety and Crime Prevention <i>Refer correspondence for full recipient list</i>
Hon. Rita Saffioti MLA; Deputy Premier; Treasurer; Minister for Transport; Sports and Recreation	WA Budget
Hon. Dr Tony Buti MLA; Attorney General; Minister for Commerce; International and Tertiary Education; Multicultural Interests	Community Safety and Crime Prevention and Meeting
Senator Slade Brockman; Senator for WA	Meeting
Manuela McKahey, EA to the CEO; City of Vincent	KRG Government Forum
Hon. John Carey MLA; Minister for Planning and Lands; Housing and Works; Health Infrastructure	Meeting



Stakeholders	Purpose
Hon. Don Punch MLA; Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; Water; Climate Resilience; South West	Meeting
David MacLennan, CEO, City of Vincent	Discussions around KRG Government Forum

## Time Allocation

### Historic Contract: September 2022 – August 2024

Name	Contract Hrs.	Actual Hrs.
Paul Rosair	670	663.5
Michelle Mackenzie	462	441.25
Jane Lewis	564	499
Support	92	131

### Current Contract: September 2024 – August 2025

Total 1-Year Contract: 864 Hours: Monthly from 8<sup>th</sup> of the month to 7<sup>th</sup> of the next month

Paul Rosair			Michelle Mackenzie		Jane Lewis		Support	
	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual	Contract	Actual
Sep 24	25	32	22	23	26	7	5	8
Oct 24	25	37.5	22	24.75	26	46	5	10
Nov 24	25	36.5	22	9.5	26	10	5	12
Dec 24	15	15.5	11	11	14	3	2	3
Jan 25	15	19.5	11	47.50	14	49.5	2	3
Feb 25	25	24.5	22	19.25	26	3	5	10
Mar 25	25	25	22	18.25	26	4	5	11
Apr 25	25	40	22	18.50	26	13	5	6
May 25	25	15	22	21.75	26	10	5	10
June 25	25		22		26		5	
July 25	25		22		26		5	
Aug 25	25		22		26		5	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>245.5</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>193.5</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>145.5</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>OVERALL CONTRACT: 630 ACTUALS: 657.5</b>								

Note: A one-off payment was made by the KRG to reconcile outstanding hours to the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

## 19. General Business

Item	Responsible	Comments /Actions Arising
KRG Canberra Trip(s)	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	The Executive Officer to work with the Secretariat to identify potential dates for Canberra trip(s) in 2025 and to canvas availability with members following initial discussions.
Shared Services	Executive Officer	Briefing on the 3 July CEO meeting. The Executive Officer to share the presentation with the KRG
North West Defence Alliance - KRG Representative	CEO, Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Geoff Haerewa, as a Councillor of the Shire of Derby West Kimberley, is the nominated KRG representative for the Alliance. The KRG requires an elected member as the representative. Confirmation of the KRG representative is needed.
Request from Sara Peacock, Senior Policy and Project Officer Freight, Ports, Aviation and Reform, Department of Transport	Executive Officer	<p>Members to advise how they would like to engage with the Department of Transport: Request as follows:</p> <p>As discussed, I work with the Department of Transport's Aviation Division. Part of my role involves exploring how regional aviation can support economic development in the regions with a particular focus on regions where we have completed or are in the process of completing upgrades to airfields.</p> <p>This is a broad and dynamic area, and I'm keen to engage with regional groups and individuals to better understand both the opportunities and challenges they face. One township we are particularly interested in is Kununurra. With the recent airport upgrades, we believe there is a strong opportunity to explore new possibilities for the region.</p> <p>We would greatly value the opportunity to meet with the Kimberley Regional Group to hear your perspectives and ideas. If convenient we would like to attend the group's September meeting.</p> <p>The Executive Officer to arrange a meeting with Sara Peacock and notify members once confirmed.</p>

## Attachment 23: 2025 Meeting dates

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location
August	CEO Ringaround	8/8/25	8:30am – 9:00am	Zoom
	Kimberley Zone	15/8/25	9am – 9:45am	Zoom
	KRG		10:00 – 12:30pm	
September	State Council meeting	4-5/9/25	-	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone
	CEO Ringaround	18/9/25	8:30am - 9:00am	Zoom
	WALGA Local Gov Convention	22-24/9/25		
	Planning Session plus KRG only meeting	25/9/25	8:30am – 1pm	Perth
	CEO Ringaround	14/11/25	8:30am – 9:00am	Zoom

Month	Meeting	Date	Time	Location
November	Kimberley Zone	21/11/25	9am – 9:45am	Zoom
	KRG		10:00 – 12:30pm	Zoom
December	State Council meeting	3/12/25	-	WALGA

Meeting Closure: 2.37PM