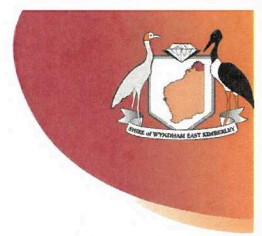


# SHIRE OF WYNDHAM EAST KIMBERLEY



**Our Ref:**  
**Enquiries:** Vernon Lawrence

10 November 2021

Mr Robert Kennedy  
Electoral Commissioner

*By email: Robert.Kennedy@waec.wa.gov.au*

Dear Mr Kennedy

## **Extraordinary Election**

As you know a vacancy for the office of Councillor have arisen following the resignation of Cr Alma Petherick on the 16 October 2021. Councillors are in general agreement that an extraordinary election be held to fill the vacancy.

The Shire has looked at suitable dates for the election and have identified the 12 March 2022 as a suitable date. While this is outside of the 4-month window to fill the vacancy, it should be noted that to hold it sooner will have the complications of the Christmas and New Year public holidays occurring during the process. Furthermore, the Shire has a significant number of residents taking their annual holidays out of the area at this time and this may impact the nomination process and possibly the opportunity to vote. The Shire expects that the Electoral Commission may have similar problems should an earlier date be fixed. In this regard the Shire would be seeking the Electoral Commissioners approval to hold the election after the expiry of 4 months from the date the vacancy occurred.

In terms of the provisions of the Local Government Act, 1995 section 4.9(1) I nominate and fix the date of 12 March 2022 for an extraordinary election to fill one vacancy for the term to 21 October 2023. I further request that the Electoral Commissioner approves this date even though it is 4 months after the vacancy occurred.

Please can you confirm that this is acceptable.

Yours sincerely

David Menzel  
Shire President