



Summary Minutes

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

7 September 2018

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting No.6 of 2018 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at the Irwin Rec, 1 Ridley Street, Port Denison WA 6525, on Friday 7 September 2018, commenced at 11:05am.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance, Apologies, Deputies, Guests and Announcements

Members	Deputy President of WALGA, North Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Tracey Roberts
	Avon-Midland Country Zone	Cr Jan Court JP
	Central Country Zone	President Cr Phillip Blight
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Jenna Ledgerwood
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Paul Kelly
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Brooke O'Donnell
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Kate Driver
	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	President Cr Malcolm Cullen
	Gascoyne Country Zone	President Cr Cheryl Cowell
	Great Eastern Country Zone	President Cr Stephen Strange
	Great Southern Country Zone	President Cr Keith House JP
	Murchison Country Zone	Cr Les Price
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Giovanni Italiano JP
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Russ Fishwick JP
	Northern Country Zone	President Cr Karen Chappel JP
	Peel Country Zone	President Cr Michelle Rich
	Cr Jon Strachan	South Metropolitan Zone (Deputy)
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Julie Brown
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Brian Oliver
	South West Country Zone	President Cr Tony Dean
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer	Ms Ricky Burges
	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Mr Wayne Scheggia
	EM Environment & Waste	Mr Mark Batty
	EM Governance & Organisational Services	Mr Tony Brown
	EM Finance & Marketing	Mr Zac Donovan
	EM People and Place	Ms Jo Burges
	EM Infrastructure	Mr Ian Duncan
	Executive Officer Governance	Ms Margaret Degebrodt

APOLOGIES

•	Cr Lynne Craigie,	WALGA President
•	Cr Doug Thompson	South Metropolitan Zone (attending WALGA Waste and Recycling Conference as MWAC Chair)
•	Mayor Logan Howlett JP	South Metropolitan Zone
•	Mayor Carol Adams	South Metropolitan Zone
•	Cr Chris Mitchell JP	Kimberley Country Zone
•	Cr Kerry White	Pilbara Country Zone
•	Mr Ian Cowie	Local Government Professionals
•	Mr John Filippone	Executive Manager Business Solutions

DEPUTIES

Cr Jon Strachan JP South Metropolitan Zone

GUESTS

- Mr Jonathan Seth, Chief Executive Officer LGIS
- Mr Howard King, LGIS Chair
- Members of the Northern Country Zone

Deputy President, Mayor Tracey Roberts opened the meeting at 11:05am

- **Acknowledgement of Country**

I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners, the Amangu Nyoongar People as the Traditional Custodians of this land in which we are meeting on today and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

- Welcome to State Councillors, WALGA secretariat and guests.

MEETING ASSESSMENT

The Chair invited Cr Russ Fishwick to undertake a meeting assessment at the conclusion of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Presentation – Local Government Insurance Services (LGIS)

Mr Howard King, Chair, LGIS and Mr Jonathan Seth, Chief Executive Officer, LGIS, addressed the meeting.

Noted

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of Ordinary State Council Meeting 4 July 2018

Moved: Cr Giovanni Italiano JP

Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council Meeting held on 4 July 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 100.6/2018

CARRIED

2.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of 4 July 2018

2.2.1 Mining Camp Rating

Cr Cullen enquired on the progress of the following item:

“That the Pilbara Zone requests mining camp rating be added to the State Council Agenda to consider the impact of this form of rate capping”.

Secretariat Comment

The item has been referred to the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team and will also be considered in the Local Government Act Review process.

Information will come forward through the Governance and Organisational Key Activity Report.

Noted

1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, State Councillors must declare to the Chair any potential conflict of interest they have in a matter before State Council as soon as they become aware of it.

I note that there are several State Councillors and deputies that may be directly or indirectly associated with the recommendations of the Selection Committee. I ask that if you are affected by these recommendations, that you excuse yourself from the meeting and do not participate in deliberations.

Cr Oliver declared an impartiality interest in item 5.4

PAPERS

State Councillors have been distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- President's Report (previously emailed to your Zone meeting)
- Item 5.11- Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
 - Financial Statements
 - Corporate Governance Charter
- Item 5.12 Selection Committee Minutes;
 - Flying Minute
 - Elected Member Advisor Program
- LGIS Report and Minutes
- CEO' s report to State Council

4. EMERGING ISSUES

4.1 Vexatious Appeals against the Issuing of Native Vegetation Clearing Permits

Great Southern Country Zone, Cr Keith House

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight

Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That the emerging issue on Vexatious Appeals against the Issuing of Native Vegetation Clearing Permits be considered by the meeting.

CARRIED

BACKGROUND

The Great Southern Zone has expressed its concern at the amount of seemingly vexatious appeals against the issuing of native vegetation clearing permits occurring across the Zone.

The Zone is deeply concerned that the environmental protection act has no mechanism to deter such vexatious claims.

This is having a material impact on the ability of Local Governments to maintain a safe and trafficable road network in a timely and cost effective manner.

The Zone seeks WALGAs assistance to reduce such vexatious actions and to advocate for changes to the act to insure any third party appeals are genuine (for example, requiring a refundable bond, payable by an appellant, on the lodgement of a third party appeal).

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA is aware of the issue, and understands that the Department of Water and Environmental Regulations (DWER) is currently receiving legal advice as to how to minimise the occurrence of vexatious appeals. WALGA is meeting with the DWER on an ongoing basis to seek a resolution to the issue.

It would be appropriate for the item to be referred to the Environment & Waste and Infrastructure Policy Teams for their consideration.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Keith House JP

Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

That this item be referred to the relevant Policy Teams to consider WALGA's advocacy for changes to the act to insure any third party appeals are genuine.

RESOLUTION 101.6/2018

CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Local Government Act Review (05-034-01-0001 TB/JM)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services, and James McGovern, Manager Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Support the policy positions announced by the Minister for Local Government relating to phase 1 of the Local Government Act review process in relation to:
 - a. Acceptance and declaration of gifts;
 - b. Universal training;
 - c. Standards of behaviour;
 - d. CEO Recruitment and Performance;
 - e. Public notices and access to information; and,
 - f. Administrative efficiencies.
2. Seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA and Local Government Professionals WA now actively participate in the legislative drafting process to develop the Local Government Amendment Bill relating to Phase 1 of the Review;
3. Note the process for phase 2 of the Act review process and encourage Local Governments and Zones to provide input; and,
4. Acknowledge the timely progress of the Local Government Act Review and the Minister for Local Government's ongoing prioritisation of the Review within his portfolio of responsibilities.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That item 5.1 for decision within the September 2018 State Council Agenda be supported with the addition of 'Planning' to the skillset to be included as part of the foundational competencies that will form the basis of universal training.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The training courses listed are the Elected Member Skill Set as prescribed under the nationally accredited training for a Diploma in Local Government (Elected member) course. Local

Governments will be required to adopt a continuing professional development policy, and a Local Government that wanted to, could have a provision for Elected Members to carry out training that is not universally required across the entire Local Government sector such as Land Use training.

GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE

Supported with the following amendment:

That WALGA seek clarification on any proposal under Item 5.1 d. to publicly disclose specific details of the Chief Executive Officer's remuneration and contractual entitlements.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The current policy position of the Minister states that the Total Benefits package of the CEO needs to be included in the Annual report. WALGA's interpretation of this, is that it would only include the total amount of the package and not any further detail. WALGA staff will be included in the Parliamentary drafting review and will take a watching brief on this issue to ensure it is in-line with our expectation.

PEEL ZONE

Propose an additional Recommendation 5 to the WALGA recommendation:

5. That universal training be made available to non-elected members through RTO providers. Any person who becomes a Councillor with the appropriate Local Government Elected Member training is to be entitled to a 100% subsidy of costs expended.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA's advocacy is based on there being recognition of prior learning, so any individual who has carried out the training would be exempt from further training requirements.

The availability of training is a decision for each RTO. It would be unusual for the cost of training already incurred to be refunded retrospectively.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

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 - c. Standards of behaviour;
 - d. CEO Recruitment and Performance;
 - e. Public notices and access to information; and,
 - f. Administrative efficiencies.
2. Seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA and Local Government Professionals WA now actively participate in the legislative drafting process to develop the Local Government Amendment Bill relating to Phase 1 of the Review;
3. Note the process for phase 2 of the Act review process and encourage Local Governments and Zones to provide input; and,
4. Acknowledge the timely progress of the Local Government Act Review and the Minister for Local Government's ongoing prioritisation of the Review within his portfolio of responsibilities.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION

Moved President Cr Karen Chappel JP

Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That WALGA:

1. Support the policy positions announced by the Minister for Local Government relating to phase 1 of the Local Government Act review process in relation to:
 - g. Acceptance and declaration of gifts;
 - h. Universal training;
 - i. Standards of behaviour;
 - j. CEO Recruitment and Performance;
 - k. Public notices and access to information; and,
 - l. Administrative efficiencies.
2. Seek a formal commitment from the Minister for Local Government that WALGA and Local Government Professionals WA now actively participate in the legislative drafting process to develop the Local Government Amendment Bill relating to Phase 1 of the Review;
3. Request the Minister for Local Government to extend the initial consultation time frame on phase 2 to 6 months ending by 31 March 2019.
4. Encourage Local Governments and Zones to provide input to phase 2 of the Act Review; and,
5. Acknowledge the timely progress of the Local Government Act Review and the Minister for Local Government's ongoing prioritisation of the Review within his portfolio of responsibilities.

RESOLUTION 102.6/2018

CARRIED

5.2 Stop Puppy Farming – Local Government Consultation (05-034-01-0001 JM)

By James McGovern, Manager Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Welcomes a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments of any new legislation to Stop Puppy Farming;
2. Acknowledges the benefit of mandatory de-sexing of dogs not used for approved breeding purposes;
3. Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government;
4. Supports the introduction of compulsory registration of dog breeders;
5. Supports appropriate legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements; and
6. Supports the transition of pet shops to adoption centres.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

That the recommendation be amended by the addition of another point

7. That sufficient funding be directed to Local Governments to ensure compliance.
Comment

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Zones response supports the cost modelling review and Part 1 of the Composite Recommendation has been amended to recognise the purpose of this review.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA:

1. Confirms any amendments to relevant legislation regulating puppy farming must focus on the welfare of dogs and not transfer any responsibility for enforcement, regulation or associated costs to Local Government;
2. Supports a State Government led education initiative whereby the community is encouraged to purchase puppies from professional registered breeders; and
3. Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

There may be a presumption that puppy farming equates to an animal welfare issue, however this is only the case if neglect and cruelty are evident. The Animal Welfare Act is currently under review by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development with the intention of amending the Act to introduce Standards and Guidelines for the Health and Welfare of Animals including dogs. Community and Local Government sector consultation is planned to begin early next year and Part 7 has been added to the Composite Recommendation in support of the Zones views. Part 8 has been added to the Composite Recommendation in recognition of the Zones request for a State Government-led education initiative.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That Part 2 of the substantive motion be amended to read:

2. Acknowledges the benefit of ~~mandatory~~ de-sexing of dogs not used for approved breeding purposes;

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Striking 'mandatory' from Part 2 of the WALGA recommendation is the status quo and means no change to legislation. WALGA's recommendation acknowledges the benefits of mandatory de-sexing but does not yet support it, as further work is to be conducted by the Stop Puppy Farming Working Group on the complex issues of de-sexing as it relates to breed types and dog behaviours. Part 2 of the WALGA recommendation has been amended to clarify this position.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That WALGA:

1. Requests that prior to any changes to the WA Dog Act being implemented, that a full review of compliance to and management of the Animal Welfare Act by those bodies charged with its administration, be conducted;
2. Supports a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments of any changes to the Dog Act and reserves the right to review its position subject to the outcome of this review and of the above review of the Welfare Act;
3. Acknowledges the benefit of de-sexing of dogs;
4. Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government;
5. Does not support the introduction of compulsory registration of dog breeders. Given the impossible task of policing this in the vast tracts of regional WA;
6. Supports appropriate legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements;
7. Does not support the transition of pet shops to adoption centres; and
8. Requests that working group desist from using the word farming in a derogatory manner.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

With reference to the Zones Item 1, a similar issue was raised by the North Metropolitan Zone and Part 7 has been added to the WALGA recommendation. Items 2 and 3 raised by the Zone are now included in amended Parts 1 and 2 of the Composite Recommendation. With regard to Zone Item 5, the Stop Puppy Farming Working Group does not anticipate that responsible dog breeders will object to compulsory registration as achieving this status ensures they are recognised as lawful dog breeders. In relation to the Zones Item 8, 'puppy mills' is a commonly used phrase to describe unregulated breeding of dogs, both in Australia and internationally and Part 9 has been added to the Composite Recommendation.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Welcomes a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments to ensure sufficient funding be directed to ensure compliance of any new legislation to Stop Puppy Farming;
2. Acknowledges the benefit of mandatory de-sexing of dogs not used for approved breeding purposes, and request further information on the complexities associated with de-sexing of dogs prior to considering supporting the proposal;
3. Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government;
4. Supports the introduction of compulsory registration of dog breeders;
5. Supports appropriate legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements; and
6. Supports the transition of pet shops to adoption centres, and
7. Requests there be a Local Government-specific consultation process in relation to the proposed amendments to the Animal Welfare Act to introduce Standards and Guidelines for the Health and Welfare of Animals including dogs; and
8. Supports a State Government-led education initiative whereby the community is encouraged to purchase puppies from professional registered breeders; and
9. Requests the State Government discontinue the use of the term 'Farming' due to the negative connotation that may be associated with other regulated industries, and consider re-naming the initiative 'Stop Puppy Mills'.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight

Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That WALGA:

1. Welcomes a cost modelling review of the financial impact on Local Governments to ensure that Local Government is able to fully recover costs and not be disadvantaged in ensuring compliance of any new legislation to Stop Puppy Farming;
2. Acknowledges the benefit of ~~mandatory~~ de-sexing of dogs not used for approved breeding purposes, and request further information on the complexities associated with de-sexing of dogs prior to considering supporting the proposal;
3. Supports a centralised dog registration system that is developed, operated and maintained by State Government;
4. Supports appropriate legislative exemptions for livestock working dogs in recognition of their special breeding requirements; and
5. Do not support the transition of pet shops to adoption centres, and
6. Requests there be a Local Government-specific consultation process in relation to the proposed amendments to the Animal Welfare Act to introduce Standards and Guidelines for the Health and Welfare of Animals including dogs; and
7. Supports a State Government-led education initiative whereby the community is encouraged to purchase puppies from professional registered breeders; and
8. Requests the State Government discontinue the use of the term 'Farming' due to the negative connotation that may be associated with other regulated industries, and consider re-naming the initiative 'Stop Puppy Mills'.

RESOLUTION 103.6/2018

CARRIED

5.3 Interim Submission on Green Paper – Modernising WA’s Planning System: Concepts for a Strategically Led System (05-047-02-0015 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Policy Manager, Planning and Improvement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the interim submission to the Independent Planning Reform Team’s Green Paper - *Modernising WA’s Planning System: Concepts for a strategically-led system*, be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the Interim Submission on the Green Paper – *Modernising WA’s Planning System: Concepts for a Strategically Led System* be endorsed with the exception of Proposal 4.2.12.

Zone Comment

The zone raised concern with Proposal 4.2.12 (State Council Agenda pages 69-70) regarding special reports being provided on Development Contribution Plans, noting that there are already provisions in place for annual review of the CAS and DCP Report and 5-yearly comprehensive review of DCPs (the latter is required to be approved by the Minister in any case via a Scheme Amendment). It was considered that this would cause confusion regarding the responsible management of the DCP’s, particularly for land owners and developers

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The WALGA support for special reports requested by the Minister was based on a few rare instances where DCPs have been in operation for over 20 years without any clear accountability, transparency or forward works programs, for those landowners who have contributed to the schemes.

In the WALGA submission, Proposal 4.2.12 was however only supported 'in part' with the following comments made:

No convincing argument has been articulated that explains why amending the P&D Act is the most appropriate mechanism for this new requirement.

These matters could be more adequately addressed through the State Planning Policy, which has been under review for some time. The current SPP fails to adequately address how a DCP operates in the longer term, and a remedy of this, would seem a more practical solution than amending the P&D Act.

WALGA will continue to discuss the review of State Planning Policy for Development Contributions with the State, as it is the more appropriate planning mechanism for managing Development Contributions.

Further comments on this issue can also be made once the White Paper has been produced and released for public comment.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown

Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That WALGA

- 1 Endorse the interim submission to the Independent Planning Reform Team's Green Paper -*Modernising WA's Planning System: Concepts for a strategically-led system*;**
- 2. Continue to discuss the review of State Planning Policy for Development Contributions with the State, as it is the more appropriate planning mechanism for managing Development Contributions.**

RESOLUTION 104.6/2018

CARRIED

5.4 Regional Health Services in Western Australia – Survey of Local Governments (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

By Evie Devitt-Rix, Senior Policy Advisor, Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations of the WALGA *Regional Health Services in Western Australian Survey of Local Governments* be endorsed.

Cr Oliver declared an impartiality interest in item 5.4

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE

That Point 1 of the survey report recommendation contained in State Council Agenda Item 5.4 be amended to read:

1. WALGA to continue to work with affected Local Governments and key stakeholders to address short to medium term solutions including investigating how other states/countries have addressed recruiting and retaining staff, including but not limited to the place of Nurse Practitioners, across diverse landscapes and report back to State Council as progress is made;

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The addition of Nurse Practitioners to this discussion is valued, however suggest that the 'role', rather than 'place' of Nurse Practitioners is included.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the State Council recommendation for Item 5.4 be endorsed, subject to the WALGA Regional Health Services in Western Australia Survey of Local Governments Report recommendation 3 being amended to also include the following agencies for potential partnerships:

- Rural Health West
- WA Primary Health Alliance

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Secretariat welcomes the addition of the potential partnerships of Rural Health West and the WA Primary Health Alliance, however recommend including this within Recommendation 1 to ensure consistency.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That WALGA:

1. Continue to work with affected Local Governments and key stakeholders, including but not limited to Rural Health West and WA Primary Health Alliance, to address short to medium term solutions including investigating how other States / countries have addressed recruiting and retaining staff, including but not limited to the role Nurse Practitioners across diverse landscapes and report back to State Council as progress is made;
2. Continue to work with WA Health to advocate and prioritise regional health and the regional health workforce as a key strategic driver for change to ensure equitable access to health for all Australians;
 - a. To broker partnerships with WACHS, through WA Health, and other key stakeholders identified on the Area of Need database to identify and develop collaborative strategies to mitigate pathways for change; and
3. Develop a strong policy connection with the Australian Local Government Association as a pathway for advocating for stronger regional health service options for specialized regional health workforces.

RESOLUTION 105.6/2018

CARRIED

5.5 WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy (05-031-01-0001 EDR)

By Evie Devitt-Rix, Senior Policy Advisor, Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the WA Food-borne Illness Reduction Strategy be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the WA Foodborne Illness Reduction Strategy not be endorsed because the strategy lack details required to enable an understanding of the cost implications for Local Government.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The ongoing negotiation identified in the report will include discussion on cost implications for the sector.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the WA Food-borne Illness Reduction Strategy be endorsed.

ALTERNATE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded Cr Brian Oliver

That the WA Food borne Illness Reduction Strategy not be endorsed until the roles and responsibilities proposed for Local Government are known and cost to the sector of any additional responsibilities are understood.

RESOLUTION 106.6/2018

CARRIED

5.6 Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission (05-086-03-0004 KD)

By Kirstie Davis, Policy Manager Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the recommendations of the WALGA *Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission* be endorsed.

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Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Brooke O'Donnell

Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the recommendations of the WALGA *Developing a National Plan on Elder Abuse – Interim Submission* be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 107.6/2018

CARRIED

5.7 Vehicle Emissions (05-028-03-0004 MM)

By Marissa MacDonald, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Supports the consideration, where possible, of vehicle emissions during planning, designing and construction of large scale infrastructure projects.
2. Supports the consideration of vehicle emissions during the process of purchasing new fleet, in addition to fleet policies.
3. Supports the consideration of policies that facilitate the adoption of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
4. Advocates to the proposed Infrastructure Western Australia body, when it is established by the State Government, to consider vehicle emissions as part of the assessment process and cost-benefit analysis for projects.
5. Advocates to Infrastructure Australia to consider vehicle emissions such as particulate matter, other than greenhouse gas emissions, during the assessment of projects.
6. Advocates to State Government for the broader implementation of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation 'CleanRun' roadside emissions monitoring program, as a behaviour change initiative which has the potential to reduce fuel consumption.

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Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

PEEL ZONE

Additional Recommendation 7.

7. Advocate to the State Government for the preparation of planning policies or guidelines for the installation of electronic charging stations within WA.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA accepted the invitation in May 2018 to join an interagency working group chaired by the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation to progress actions identified in the Memorandum of Understanding on sub-national collaboration on electric vehicles to which Western Australia is a signatory. One of the key objectives is to take a coordinated approach to the planning and construction of infrastructure for electric vehicles.

There are several existing and proposed charging technologies that are not inter-operable which makes the development of national, and international standards important. It is also critical that the electricity distribution network is capable of supplying charging stations and parking areas appropriately configured.

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

That the Zone recommends to the WA Local Government Association that consideration be given to lobbying for appropriate charges to be levied on electric vehicles as compensation for the loss of fuel excise.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Eminent studies completed by Infrastructure Australia, Productivity Commission and many others have highlighted that fuel excise is not a sustainable source of revenue for the Federal Government due to the increasing fuel efficiency of the fleet and use of alternative energy sourced including electric and hybrid vehicles. The Federal Government strongly rejects the existence of any link between revenue from fuel excise and funding for roads. Western Australians paid approximately \$1.6 billion in fuel excise in 2016/17. Total Commonwealth transfers to the State and Local Governments for roads were estimated at \$807 million in the same year. Nevertheless, given the dependence of Local Government on transfers from Federal and State Governments in order to fund the road network it is critical that there is a sustainable source of funding.

The counter argument is that electric vehicles have many environmental benefits including reduced air pollution, potentially reduced greenhouse gas emissions and lower noise. Strategically electric powered vehicles eliminate Australia's dependence on imported petroleum products.

Sustainable funding of road infrastructure is a critical issue that is partly considered in State Council Resolutions 249.4/2013 and 65.3/2011 that detail WALGA policy in relation to road user pricing for heavy vehicles.

A wide range of matters need to be considered in order to develop a preferred policy position in relation to charges that may apply to vehicles operating any particular technology.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Jon Strachan

Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

That WALGA:

1. Supports the consideration, where possible, of vehicle emissions during planning, designing and construction of large scale infrastructure projects.
2. Supports the consideration of vehicle emissions during the process of purchasing new fleet, in addition to fleet policies.
3. Supports the consideration of policies that facilitate the adoption of electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging infrastructure.
4. Advocates to the proposed Infrastructure Western Australia body, when it is established by the State Government, to consider vehicle emissions as part of the assessment process and cost-benefit analysis for projects.
5. Advocates to Infrastructure Australia to consider vehicle emissions such as particulate matter, other than greenhouse gas emissions, during the assessment of projects.
6. Advocates to State Government for the broader implementation of the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation 'CleanRun' roadside emissions monitoring program, as a behaviour change initiative which has the potential to reduce fuel consumption.
7. Advocate to the State Government for the preparation of planning policies or guidelines for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations within WA.

RESOLUTION 108.6/2018

CARRIED

5.8 Interim Submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions (05-036-03-0020 NM)

By Nicole Matthews, Environment Policy Manager

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the interim submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Minutes not received
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That the Interim Submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions be endorsed subject to the inclusion of:

1. Further guidance regarding the form of a assurance and adaptive management framework; and
2. Reference to the costs to Local Government of the ongoing management of conservation areas and how decisions the impacts of land use within urban areas will impact on peri-urban areas.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA presented its draft interim submission to the SAPPR Review panel on 4 August, where these issues were also canvassed in detail. While it is unlikely that there will be flow through costs to Local Government, the concerns do need to be signalled to the Review Panel and the Government. Support the inclusion of these recommendations.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Julie Brown

Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel JP

That the Interim Submission to the Independent Review of the Strategic Assessment of the Perth and Peel Regions be endorsed subject to the inclusion of:

1. Further guidance regarding the form of a assurance and adaptive management framework; and
2. Reference to the costs to Local Government of the ongoing management of conservation areas and how decisions the impacts of land use within urban areas will impact on peri-urban areas.

RESOLUTION 109.6/2018

CARRIED

5.9 Interim Submission on Proposed new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines (05-014-01-0002 MD)

By Melanie Davies, Biodiversity and Sustainability Project Officer

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA's interim submission to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions supporting the new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Minutes not received
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

Comment

Zone supports the WALGA recommendation but would like to see some comment to the relevant Minister on the failure to meet the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement requirements.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

WALGA will communicate to the relevant Minister on the consultation requirements as highlighted in the report.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel JP
Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That WALGA's interim submission to the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions supporting the new Biodiversity Conservation Regulations and Ministerial Guidelines be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 110.6/2018

CARRIED

5.10 2018 WALGA Annual General Meeting (01-003-02-0003 TL)

By Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That:

1. The Motions passed by the 2018 Annual General Meeting be noted; and,
2. Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be forwarded to the relevant State Council Policy Teams for action.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Minutes not received
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

2. Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be forwarded to the relevant State Council Policy Teams for action subject to consideration being given to protecting endangered vegetation species in relation to item 4.2 "Roadside Vegetation: Regulatory Amendments".

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Zone's comments will be referred to the relevant Policy Team for their consideration.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the WALGA recommendation be amended to read as follows:

That:

1. The Motions passed by the 2018 Annual General Meeting be noted;
2. Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be forwarded to the relevant State Council Policy Teams for action; and
3. A report on the action taken in respect to Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be presented to a State Council no later than the March 2019 State Council Meeting.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Giovanni Italiano JP

Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That:

1. The Motions passed by the 2018 Annual General Meeting be noted; and,
2. Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be forwarded to the relevant State Council Policy Teams for action.
3. A report on the action taken in respect to Items 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4 be presented to State Council no later than the March 2019 State Council Meeting.

RESOLUTION 111.6/2018

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

5.11 Executive Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB)

Moved: President Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded: President Cr Chappel JP

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held 22 August 2018 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 112.6/2018

CARRIED

5.12 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 MD)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That:

1. The recommendations from the Selection Committee Minutes of 20 August 2018 be endorsed by State Council.
2. The recommendation on the Selection Committee Flying Minute dated 30 August be endorsed.
3. The Selection Committee be authorized to appoint a Panel of Member Advisors as proposed in this report

RESOLUTION 113.6/2018

CARRIED

5.13 LGIS Meeting Report and Minutes

Moved: Cr Giovanni Italiano JP
Seconded Cr Jenna Ledgerwood

That the LGIS Report, Minutes of 28 June and Minutes of 14 August 2018 be received.

RESOLUTION 114.6/2018

CARRIED

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 State and Local Government Partnership Agreement Update (04-001-03-0001 TL)

By Tim Lane, Manager Strategy and Association Governance

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the update on the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Minutes not received
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the Central Country Zone notes the report on the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement and requests that WALGA in future update reports include details of where the intent of the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement has not been met and what action was taken to address the concern.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The inability of the State Government to meet consultation expectations are dealt with by the Association with the relevant Minister at the time of the occurrence and reported to State Council in the item report.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chapple JP

Seconded: Cr Julie Brown

That State Council note the update on the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement and the secretariat continue to advise State Council of any details on where the intent of the partnership agreement has not been met.

RESOLUTION 115.6/2018

CARRIED

6.2 *Strata Titles Amendment Bill 2018 and the Community Titles Bill 2018* (05-047-01-0011 CH)

By Christopher Hossen, Senior Planner, Planning and Improvement

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the Introduction to Parliament of the *Strata Titles Amendment Bill 2018* and the *Community Titles Bill 2018*.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Minutes not received
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North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel JP
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That State Council note the Introduction to Parliament of the *Strata Titles Amendment Bill 2018* and the *Community Titles Bill 2018*.

RESOLUTION 116.6/2018

CARRIED

6.3 Bicycle Share Schemes (05-005-03-0009 MM)

By Marissa MacDonald, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the Bicycle Share Schemes Discussion Paper.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Minutes not received
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Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel JP
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That State Council note the Bicycle Share Schemes Discussion Paper.

RESOLUTION 117.6/2018

CARRIED

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

By Rebecca Brown, Manager, Waste & Recycling

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 27 June meeting.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	Minutes not received
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Pilbara Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel JP
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That State Council note the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 27 June meeting.

RESOLUTION 118.6/2018

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Environment and Waste (01-006-03-0017 MJB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activity Report from the Environment Unit to the September 2018 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 119.6/2018

CARRIED

7.1.2 Report on Key Activities, Governance and Organisational Services (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activity Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the September 2018 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 120.6/2018

CARRIED

7.1.3. Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)
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Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the September 2018 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 121.6/2018

CARRIED

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Planning and Community Development (01-006-03-0014 JB)

Moved: Cr Julie Brown
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Key Activity Report from the People and Place Team to the September 2018 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 122.6/2018

CARRIED

MOTION

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight

Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

That WALGA express its appreciation to the State Government for working together with Local Government for the reinstatement of funds for the School of the Air, CRCs and assistance in accessing federal funding for the Moora Residential College.

RESOLUTION 123.6/2018

CARRIED

7.2 Policy Forum Report (01-006-03-0007 TB)
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Moved: Cr Jenna Ledgerwood

Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the September 2018 State Council Meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 124.6/2018

CARRIED

7.3 President's Report

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel

Seconded: Cr Giovanni Italiano JP

That the President's Report for September 2018 be received.

RESOLUTION 125.6/2018

CARRIED

7.4 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr Les Price

Seconded: Cr Jenna Ledgerwood

That the CEO's Report for September 2018 be received.

RESOLUTION 126.6/2018

CARRIED

7.5 Local Government Professionals (WA) President's Report

Mr Ian Cowie, President, Local Government Professionals is an apology to the meeting and provides the following information;

Local Government Professionals Update

- LG Professionals have adopted a revised Code of Ethics which includes more severe penalties for members who act inappropriately. The new code allows a member to be suspended for life.
- LG Professionals looks forward to working closely with WALGA to respond to Phase 2 of the Local Government Act Review

Moved: Cr Julie Brown

Seconded: Cr Brian Oliver

That the Local Government Professionals Report be received.

RESOLUTION 127.6.2018

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel JP

Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the August/September 2018 round of Zones meetings as follows, be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 128.6/2018

CARRIED

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

Shire of Carnamah – Fixed Standpipes – People and Place

That the Northern Country Zone:

1. Petition Water Corporation to enable community access standpipes in bush fire prone areas to remain 50mm in diameter to ensure adequate flow for firefighting purposes.
2. Request WALGA to advocate on this matter on behalf of the sector.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

Restrictions on Taking Gravel from DBCA Reserves– Environment and Waste

That the South West Zone of WALGA:

1. Request WALGA to seek reconsideration of present DBCA (Parks and Wildlife Service) policy/position of refusing approval and/or prohibiting access by local governments to extract gravel on DBCA reserves and forest areas.
2. Propose a policy to DBCA that protects forests from the spread of dieback while allowing access to gravel for road building by local government authorities

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

Gross Rental Value Assessments – Governance and Organisational Services

That the South East Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to review options for improving the timeliness and accuracy of GRV valuations provided to Local Governments by Landgate for the purposes of rating, with the aim of presenting a preferred option to the State Government.

PEEL ZONE

Fire and Emergency Management Advisor Funded Under Emergency Services Levy – People and Place

That the Zone:

1. Receives the Fire and Emergency Management Advisor Report prepared by the Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale.
2. Requests WALGA to endorse the position proposed by the report, being the employment of Fire and Emergency Management Advisors by Local Governments, fully funded through the Emergency Services Levy.

Support for a Working Group to Review the Administration of Onsite Secondary Sewerage Treatment Units – Environment and Waste

That the Peel Zone support the submission and refers the matter to WALGA State Council to consider the issues and merits of a working group with the capacity to review the current model for the administration of ATU, installations, servicing, maintenance and auditing.

Pet Meat Regulations – People and Place

The Peel Zone consider the issue and request DoH review the attached legal advice, assist with the development of a guidance for pet meat staining and traceability, and report their advice and recommendation to WALGA and Local Governments.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 – People and Place

That the Central Metropolitan Zone requests State Council of Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) to advocate:

- a. Schedule 2, Part 7, Clause 61(1)(e) of the Planning and Development (Local Planning Schemes) Regulations 2015 to allow any local government to remove reference to 'demolition of a single house' from the exemption of requiring development approval.

City of Perth – Building Upgrade Finance – Governance and Organisational Services

That the Central Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA State Council to advocate for amendments to the Local Government Act that enable a Building Upgrade Finance mechanism in Western Australia.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

Department of Water and Environment Regulation Discussion Paper on a Cost Recovery Approach. – Infrastructure

That WALGA be advised that the Central Country Zone is of the view that where a "Purpose Permit" application is from a Local Government and relates to road clearing for a public benefit, the application should be exempt from a fee.

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Cr Russ Fishwick provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Western Australia Local Government Association State Council be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70 Railway Parade, West Leederville, on Wednesday **5 December 2018** commencing 4pm.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1:01pm.