



STATE COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES

July 2014

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting No. 3 of 2014 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at WALGA, 170 Railway Parade West Leederville on Wednesday 2 July 2014 beginning at 4:00pm.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Chairman	President of WALGA Deputy President of WALGA Pilbara Country Zone	Mayor Troy Pickard Cr Lynne Craigie
Members	Avon-Midland Country Zone Central Country Zone Central Metropolitan Zone East Metropolitan Zone Goldfields Esperance Country Zone Gascoyne Country Zone Great Eastern Country Zone Great Southern Country Zone Kimberley Country Zone Murchison Country Zone North Metropolitan Zone Northern Country Zone Peel Country Zone South East Metropolitan Zone South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Lawrie Short President Cr Philip Blight Cr Janet Davidson JP Mayor Heather Henderson Cr Steve Wolff Cr Mick Wainwright Mayor Ron Yuryevich AM RFD Cr Ross Winzer President Cr Eileen O'Connell President Cr Ken Clements Cr Chris Mitchell Cr Simon Broad Mayor Tracey Roberts JP Cr Geoff Amphlett JP Cr David Michael President Cr Karen Chappel President Cr Wally Barrett Mayor Cr Henry Zelones JP Cr Fiona Reid Mayor Carol Adams Cr Doug Thompson Mayor Logan Howlett Cr Wayne Sanford Mr Jonathon Throssell
Ex-Officio	South West Country Zone Local Government Managers Australia	Cr Wayne Sanford Mr Jonathon Throssell
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer Deputy Chief Executive Officer EM Governance & Corporate Services EM Marketing & Communications EM Planning & Community Development EM Infrastructure EM Business Solutions A/EM Environment & Waste Manager Governance Finance Manager	Ms Ricky Burges Mr Wayne Scheggia Mr Tony Brown Mr Zac Donovan Ms Allison Hailes Mr Ian Duncan Mr Nick Wood Ms Julia Beijeman Mr James McGovern Mrs Tina Moss crop

1.2 Apologies

The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of the City of Perth	Ms Lisa Scaffidi
Local Government Managers Australia	Mr Mark Chester
North Metropolitan Zone	Cr David Michael
EM Environment & Waste	Mr Mark Batty
EO Governance and Strategy	Ms Ana Fernandez

OBSERVERS

Nil

MEETING ASSESSMENT

Mayor Heather Henderson to undertake a meeting assessment at the conclusion of the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nil

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of May 2014 State Council Meeting

Moved: Cr W Barrett
Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council Meeting held on 9th May 2014 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 53.3/2014

CARRIED

2.1.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of May 2014.

Nil

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, the following State Councillors declared an interest for Item 5.13 Honours Panel Committee Minutes, to the Chairman:

- Mayor Henry Zelones
- Cr Wally Barrett
- Cr Mick Wainwright

4. EMERGING ISSUES

Special Urgent Business

Item 8 of Standing Orders

Moved Cr F Reid

Seconded Mayor H Zelones

That Motion of Special Urgent Business to consider a South East Metropolitan Zone motion in respect to Metropolitan Reform be put.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved Cr W Barrett

Seconded Mayor C Adams

That the motion be put.

RESOLUTION 54.3/2014

CARRIED

The motion of special urgent business was put and

Lost for want of a two thirds majority

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Local Government Reform and Poll Provisions (05-034-01-0018 TB)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and
2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that:
 - a. Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a fifty percent variation in:
 - i. Population; or,
 - ii. Rateable properties; or,
 - iii. Revenue.
 - b. Votes in polls are conducted by combining the votes of electors in all affected districts.

Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Not Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

That the Avon Midland Country Zone;

- Support Part 1 of the recommendation
- Support Part 2 (a) but does not support Part 2 (b)

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE

That the Great Eastern Country Zone does not support the WALGA recommendation as it relates to Agenda Item 5.1 because whilst it supports the WALGA policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform there has been no consultation with the Zones with respect to any changes in policy with respect to the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995*.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That WALGA:

1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and
2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a fifty percent variation in:

- i. Population; or,
- ii. Rateable properties; or
- iii. Revenue.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA:

1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and mergers and supporting voluntary reform; and
2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that:
 - a. Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal.

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE

That WALGA:

1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and
2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that:
 - a. Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a twenty percent variation in Population or Rateable properties; or ten percent variation in Revenue.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA:

1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and
2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that:
 - a. Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a fifty percent variation in:
 - i. Population; or,
 - ii. Rateable properties; or,
 - iii. Revenue.
 - b. Votes in polls are conducted in accordance to the same requirements as set out in Schedule 2.1, clause 10(2)(a) and (b) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA:

1. Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and
2. Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that:
 - a. Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal and the details of the criteria to be the subject to further review.
 - b. Votes in polls are conducted by combining the votes of electors in all affected districts.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That item 2b of the WALGA recommendation be deleted.

That item 2a is amended to read as follows:

Adopt and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that:

Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or affected by a boundary change proposal are able to request a poll on the proposal.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

On reviewing all Zones contributions to this item, the following is the summary of the overall position.

- Full support for recommendation 1
- Majority Zone support for recommendation 2a.
There is a number of variations to the definition of 'significantly affected'.
- The majority of Zones oppose recommendation 2b, which equates to supporting the current provisions in respect to how voting in polls is conducted

Moved Cr P Blight

Seconded Cr L Short

That WALGA:

1. **Reaffirm its policy position opposing forced amalgamations and supporting voluntary reform; and**
2. **Adopt, and advocate for, a policy position that the poll provisions contained in the *Local Government Act 1995* should be amended so that Electors of a Local Government where 1 or more Local Governments will be abolished or significantly affected by a boundary change proposal are able to demand a poll on the proposal, with 'significantly affected' being specifically defined as causing a fifty percent variation in:**
 - i. **Population; or,**
 - ii. **Rateable properties; or,**
 - iii. **Revenue.**

RESOLUTION 55.3/2014

CARRIED

5.2 Road Funding Campaign (01-004-06-0001 ZD)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Rescind resolution number 29.2/2014
2. Not proceed with a State wide road funding advertising campaign and continue with political advocacy for increased road funding as per Association policy.

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	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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 (Flying Minute)
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
 Seconded Cr W Sanford

That State Council:

1. Rescind resolution number 29.2/2014
2. Not proceed with a State wide road funding advertising campaign and continue with political advocacy for increased road funding as per Association policy.

RESOLUTION 56.3/2014

CARRIED

5.3 Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Draft Report Submission (05-100-03-0001 PS)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Association's interim submission in response to the Economic Regulation Authority's Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Draft Report be endorsed.

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	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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 (Flying Minute)
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the Central Country Zone endorses the Association's interim submission in response to the Economic Regulation Authority's Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Draft Report subject to the following change:

In ERA recommendation 26 add in part b, after residential transfer duty the words "and rural transfer duty".

Moved: Cr G Amphlett
 Seconded: Cr L Short

That the Association's interim submission in response to the Economic Regulation Authority's Microeconomic Reform Inquiry Draft Report be endorsed subject to the following change:

- In ERA recommendation 26 add in part b, after "residential transfer duty" the words "and rural transfer duty".

RESOLUTION 57.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.4 Draft Submission to the WA Planning Commission: Draft State Planning Policy 3.7 Planning for Bushfire Risk Management (05-024-02-0056CG)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA's submission to the WA Planning Commission regarding the Draft State Planning Policy 3.7 - Planning for Bushfire Risk Management and the Planning for Bushfire Risk Management 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	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported (Flying Minute)
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA give consideration to the findings and recommendations made in the City of Wanneroo's submission to the WAPC and provided to WALGA on the 26 June 2014.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE

That the Great Eastern Country Zone does not support the WALGA recommendations as they relate to Agenda Items 5.4 and 5.5 because they have not been given an opportunity to discuss either issue as previously arranged.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

North Metro comments noted and considered.

All Councils in the Great Eastern Zone have been afforded the same opportunities to provide comment and feedback on the concept paper through a regional workshop, summary briefing paper and survey.

An additional workshop was offered but was not incorporated in the Zones meeting schedule.

Moved: Cr D Thompson
Seconded: Mayor T Roberts

That WALGA's submission to the WA Planning Commission regarding the Draft State Planning Policy 3.7 - Planning for Bushfire Risk Management and the Planning For Bushfire Risk Management Guidelines be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 58.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.5 DFES Concept Paper: Review of the Emergency Services Acts -WALGA Submission (05-024-02-0059 EF)
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WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Association's submission on the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' *Concept Paper: Review of the Emergency Services Acts* recommending the following, be endorsed:

- a. That the new Emergency Services Act includes the risk mitigation obligations of State agencies, as well as those for Local Government and private landowners.
- b. That DFES undertakes a full assessment of the potential costs for State agencies, Local Government and private landowners associated with the new risk mitigation obligations outlined in the Concept Paper.
- c. That the State Government commits to identifying a sustainable funding option for risk mitigation activities and functions under the new Emergency Services Act. This should include a review of the future purpose and use of the Emergency Services Levy.
- d. That DFES commit to working in consultation with Local Governments and volunteer brigades to develop hazard-appropriate training for emergency services personnel.
- e. That any future DFES training program is adequately resourced to deliver training across Western Australia on an equitable basis, in line with local needs and schedules.
- f. That DFES work in consultation with Local Government Insurance Services and WALGA to explore the liability implications for Local Government in relation to risk mitigation activities prescribed in the new Emergency Services Act.
- g. That DFES makes a commitment to explore the cost and resource implications of expanding the legislation to include all hazards, and to develop a proposal to build capacity and resources to meet these requirements under the Act.
- h. That DFES undertakes further assessment and scenario planning on the streamlined risk mitigation strategies outlined in the Concept Paper to identify the potential risks to community safety, if the proposals were to be adopted.

Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported (Flying Minute)
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

That the Zone recommends that the recommendation to State Council be amended –

- In Parts (a) and (b) – by including reference to Federal government agencies; and
- Adding new Part (i):

That DFES liaise with the Department of Planning and the WA Planning Commission regarding fire prone areas which are an impost to rural and regional development.

and that Association's submission on the Department of Fire and Emergency Services Concept Paper: Review of the Emergency Services Acts amended accordingly.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE

That the Great Eastern Country Zone does not support the WALGA recommendations as they relate to Agenda Items 5.4 and 5.5 because they have not been given an opportunity to discuss either issue as previously arranged.

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

Addition of Point i. to the Recommendation for Item 5.5 as follows:-

That DFES commit to working with Local Governments and volunteer fire brigades to manage the fire danger assessment process and the issuing of burning permits.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

1. That the Central Country Zone submit to WALGA the opinions as proposed in the Central Country Zone Summary on the preferred options as identified below.

Preferred Option Number	Details of Preferred Option
1.2.1	Retain the current ESL funding model
1.3.1	Collecting an emergency services levy from vessel owners
1.3.2	Collect an emergency services levy from motor vehicle owners
2.1.1	Abolish Fire Districts
2.3.1	Bush Fire Advisory Committees are removed from legislation and local government form hazard advisory committees to suit local needs
2.4.1	Emergency service powers are structured into general classes of powers (e.g. prevention; response; inspection; investigation and recovery)
2.5.1	Water may be taken as required to perform a function under the Act, but will be replenished as soon as practicable, in certain cases
2.7.1	Establish investigation as a function of the FES Commissioner and provide specifically for investigation powers
3.3.1	Making provision for local government responsibilities in respect of risk mitigation activities on its land or land it manages, controls or is under its care
3.4.1	Local government will have an obligation to take such mitigation steps as required by the FES Commissioner
3.6.1	Local government and specified State agencies must report to the FES Commissioner on items specified in the legislation and additional matters as may be required by the FES Commissioner
3.8.1	Empower local government to issue notices to owners and occupiers to require them to mitigate the risk associated with other specified natural hazards
3.9.1	Local government may require the development and implementation of a hazard management plan on private land
3.10.1	The FES Commissioner may require private landowners to conduct risk mitigation on private land
3.11.1	Replace Restricted and Prohibited Burning Times with a single Fire Danger Period

3.13.1	Allow for an automatic exemption to undertake an activity during a Total Fire Ban if the prescribed conditions are met. The person must notify DFES and local government of their intent to undertake the exempted activity
3.14.1	Remove all reference to Fire Danger Forecasts
3.15.1	Replace Gazettal requirement with the FES Commissioner's certificate of proof
3.19.1	The FES Commissioner has the power to provide a system that must be compiled with in the case of every Prescribed Burn
3.20.1	In the case of any conflict between the new emergency services Act (including any legislated guideline, notice or direction issued in terms of the Act) and any other prescribed Act, the new emergency service Act will prevail
3.22.1	Empower the FES Commissioner to designate hazard prone areas
4.3.1	Provide a set of minimum administrative requirements, that apply to all BGUs
4.4.1	Discipline and conduct matters handled at BGU level in line with minimum specified requirements with some matters to be escalated to the FES Commissioner
4.9.1	Local government may, by agreement with DFES, hand over responsibility for a BFB to DFES
4.9.2	DFES may take responsibility for a BFB under certain circumstances without agreement from local government
4.9.3	The FES Commissioner may establish (or disband) a BFB
4.9.4	Local government cannot establish (or disband) a BFB without the approval of the FES Commissioner
8.1.1	Retain existing coverage for anything a person has done in good faith 'in the performance or purported performance of a function under the emergency services Acts'
8.5.1	Emergency services legislation remains silent on burden of proof

- 2 That the Central Country Zone request that WALGA investigate potential for the fire fighting services of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) to be transferred to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) so that all fire fighting capabilities are incorporated into one emergency service arrangement to avoid "blurred" lines of responsibility and that the funding for the DPAW operations should be transferred to DFES and not be a raised through the Emergency Services Levy.

**Moved: Cr M Wainwright
Seconded: Cr L Short**

- 1. That the Association's submission on the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' *Concept Paper: Review of the Emergency Services Acts* recommending the following, be endorsed:**
 - a. That the new Emergency Services Act includes the risk mitigation obligations of State agencies, as well as those for Local Government and private landowners.**
 - b. That DFES undertakes a full assessment of the potential costs for State agencies, Local Government and private landowners associated with the new risk mitigation obligations outlined in the Concept Paper.**
 - c. That the State Government commits to identifying a sustainable funding option for risk mitigation activities and functions under the new Emergency Services Act. This should include a review of the future purpose and use of the Emergency Services Levy.**
 - d. That DFES commit to working in consultation with Local Governments and volunteer brigades to develop hazard-appropriate training for emergency services personnel.**
 - e. That any future DFES training program is adequately resourced to deliver training across Western Australia on an equitable basis, in line with local needs and schedules.**
 - f. That DFES work in consultation with Local Government Insurance Services and WALGA to explore the liability implications for Local Government in relation to risk mitigation activities prescribed in the new Emergency Services Act.**
 - g. That DFES makes a commitment to explore the cost and resource implications of expanding the legislation to include all hazards, and to develop a proposal to build capacity and resources to meet these requirements under the Act.**
 - h. That DFES undertakes further assessment and scenario planning on the streamlined risk mitigation strategies outlined in the Concept Paper to identify the potential risks to community safety, if the proposals were to be adopted.**
 - i. That WALGA liaise with DFES, Department of Planning and WA Planning Commission about the potential impacts of the increased planning requirements in rural areas on regional development.**

RESOLUTION 59.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr P Blight

Seconded: Mayor H Zelones

That the following Central Country Zone item be referred to Item 8 – ‘Additional Zone Resolutions’

“That the Central Country Zone request that WALGA investigate potential for the fire fighting services of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) to be transferred to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) so that all fire fighting capabilities are incorporated into one emergency service arrangement to avoid “blurred” lines of responsibility and that the funding for the DPAW operations should be transferred to DFES and not be raised through the Emergency Services Levy.”

RESOLUTION 60.3/2014

CARRIED

5.6 Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks - Goldfields- Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley Regions (05-036-03-0039 to 05-036-03-0042 VJ)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks; Goldfields- Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley; be endorsed.

Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported (Flying Minute)
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE

That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks; Goldfields-Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley; be endorsed, subject to the Department of Planning being requested to :

- (a) Include an end date and/or review date for all Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks to ensure currency;
- (b) Ensure alignment between the Vision and Strategic Objectives in the Goldfields-Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework;
- (c) Provide greater recognition within the Goldfields-Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework of the heritage diversity that exists across the region;
- (d) Accurately reflect within the various Frameworks the funding streams now covered by the Royalties for Regions Program. In the context of the Esperance Goldfields region, the Goldfields Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework should also identify any region specific funding coming into the Goldfields-Esperance region;
- (e) Include maps detailing the following information, where relevant, within the Framework:
 - Mineral deposits;
 - New arable land suitable for cropping;
 - Wetlands and waterways;
 - Economic activity areas;
 - Urban catchments; and
 - Land with significant conservation values.

Such information, particularly when reviewed regularly, will assist local governments to plan at the local level with a full understanding of the State's requirements and interests; and Liaise with the five relevant Development Commissions to ensure a strong correlation between the Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks and the respective "Economic Blueprints" that allows both documents to be used as complementary tools.

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

That the Zone support the recommendation to State Council and that the Zone requests that WALGA's submission to the WA Planning Commission be amended in Appendix 1, WALGA's response to the Aviation Strategy for the Wheatbelt, to include Cunderdin airport (before Kalgoorlie or Geraldton) as the emergency alternative airport and the need to link the emergency airport with rail efficiencies.

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE

That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks; Goldfields-Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley; be endorsed, subject to the Department of Planning being requested to :

1. Include an end date and/or review date for all Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks to ensure currency; and
2. Liaise with the five relevant Development Commissions to ensure a strong correlation between the Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks and the respective "Economic Blueprints" that allows both documents to be used as complementary tools.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks; Goldfields-Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley; be endorsed, subject to the Department of Planning being requested to liaise with the five relevant Development Commissions to ensure a strong correlation between the Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks and the respective "Blueprints" that allows both documents to be used as complementary tools.

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: Cr E O'Connell

1. That the Association's interim submission to the WA Planning Commission for the five Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks; Goldfields- Esperance, Wheatbelt, South West, Great Southern and Kimberley; be endorsed. subject to the Department of Planning being requested to :

- (a) Include an end date and/or review date for all Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks to ensure currency;
- (b) Ensure alignment between the Vision and Strategic Objectives in all Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks;
- (c) Provide greater recognition within the Goldfields-Esperance Planning and Infrastructure Framework of the heritage diversity that exists across the region;
- (d) Accurately reflect within the various Frameworks the funding streams now covered by the Royalties for Regions Program.
- (e) Include maps detailing the following information, where relevant, within the Framework:
 - Mineral deposits;
 - New arable land suitable for cropping;
 - Wetlands and waterways;
 - Economic activity areas;
 - Urban catchments; and
 - Land with significant conservation values.

Such information, particularly when reviewed regularly, will assist local governments to plan at the local level with a full understanding of the State's requirements and interests; and

Liaise with the five relevant Development Commissions to ensure a strong correlation between the Regional Planning and Infrastructure Frameworks and the respective "Economic Blueprints" that allows both documents to be used as complementary tools.

RESOLUTION 61.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.7 Local Government and Emergency Management in Remote Aboriginal Communities (06-069-01-0001 EF)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

1. That State Council notes the Local Government and Emergency Management in Remote Communities Report prepared by Winteractive Consultants and WALGA's Summary Report.
2. That State Council endorses the recommendations in the WALGA Summary Report:
 - a. That WALGA advocate for increased State support for building emergency management capacity within remote Aboriginal communities.
 - b. That WALGA develop and distribute a template Aboriginal Community Checklist for Local Governments to include in their Local Emergency Management Arrangements; and
 - c. That WALGA strongly articulates to the State that, while Local Government recognises that there is a need to build emergency management capacity within remote Aboriginal communities, this must be led by the State, as the role of Local Government is to support community preparedness through Local Emergency Management Committees and the development of inclusive Local Emergency Management Arrangements.

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
Great Eastern Country 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

GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE

That the following be added to the WALGA Recommendation;

3. That until all matters associated with the future delivery of local government services to discrete indigenous communities are resolved local government should not have any involvement in Local Emergency Management Arrangements within these communities.

KIMBERLEY ZONE

Requests that the Department of Local Government and Communities reforms the remote Aboriginal Technical Groups to review and report on works previously undertaken as a matter of urgency.

Moved: Cr C Mitchell

Seconded: Mayor R Yuryevich

- 1. That State Council notes the Local Government and Emergency Management in Remote Communities Report prepared by Winteractive Consultants and WALGA's Summary Report.**
- 2. That State Council endorses the recommendations in the WALGA Summary Report:**
 - a. That WALGA advocate for increased State support for building emergency management capacity within remote Aboriginal communities.**
 - b. That WALGA develop and distribute a template Aboriginal Community Checklist for Local Governments to include in their Local Emergency Management Arrangements; and**
 - c. That WALGA strongly articulates to the State that, while Local Government recognises that there is a need to build emergency management capacity within remote Aboriginal communities, this must be led by the State, as the role of Local Government is to support community preparedness through Local Emergency Management Committees and the development of inclusive Local Emergency Management Arrangements.**
- 3. That all matters associated with the future delivery of Local Government services to discrete aboriginal communities should be resolved as a priority prior to the formalisation of any Local Government involvement in Emergency Management arrangements with these communities.**

RESOLUTION 62.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.8 Patient Assisted Travel Scheme Inquiry (05-031-01-0001JH)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA's interim submission to the Standing Committee on Public Administration's Parliamentary Inquiry into the State Government's Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) be endorsed.

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	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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 (Flying Minute)
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

That the Zone support the recommendation to State Council and that the Zone request that the Association's interim submission to Patient Assisted Travel Scheme inquiry be amended to include reference to the need for the scheme to be available to all residents of local governments outside of the metropolitan area and that there be no requirement to travel a specified distance to access the medical specialist service.

Moved: Cr F Reid

Seconded: Cr K Chappel

That WALGA's interim submission to the Standing Committee on Public Administration's Parliamentary Inquiry into the State Government's Patient Assisted Travel Scheme (PATS) be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 63.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.9 Local Government Communiqué on Future Service Delivery to Discrete Aboriginal Communities (05-032-02-0010 JH)
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WALGA RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Local Government Communiqué for Service Delivery to Aboriginal Communities (2012) is reaffirmed as the sector's position in July 2014;
2. That the 2012 Communiqué be sent to the Hon Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs; the Hon Peter Collier, WA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; and the Hon Tony Simpson, Minister for Local Government and Communities; with correspondence seeking a commitment from (as appropriate):
 - a. The Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet advising how Western Australian Local Governments' concerns will be addressed through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and Remote Network in accordance with the WALGA Communiqué (2014);
 - b. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs providing advice on how Local Government concerns are currently considered and addressed through the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Subcommittee (AASC);
 - c. Inclusion of the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) on the Aboriginal Affairs Communities Subcommittee;
 - d. Inclusion of a WALGA representative on the Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee (AACC);
 - e. The Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee establishing a Subcommittee for Local Government to provide policy and operational advice to the AACC and AASC on Local Government matters.

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	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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 (Flying Minute)
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

Moved: Mayor H Zelones
Seconded: Cr G Amphlett

1. That the Local Government Communiqué for Service Delivery to Aboriginal Communities (2012) is reaffirmed as the sector's position in July 2014;
2. That the 2012 Communiqué be sent to the Hon Nigel Scullion, Federal Minister for Indigenous Affairs; the Hon Peter Collier, WA Minister for Aboriginal Affairs; and the Hon Tony Simpson, Minister for Local Government and Communities; with correspondence seeking a commitment from (as appropriate):
 - a. The Office of Prime Minister and Cabinet advising how Western Australian Local Governments' concerns will be addressed through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy and Remote Network in accordance with the WALGA Communiqué (2014);
 - b. The Department of Aboriginal Affairs providing advice on how Local Government concerns are currently considered and addressed through the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Subcommittee (AACS);
 - c. Inclusion of the Department of Local Government and Communities (DLGC) on the Aboriginal Affairs Communities Subcommittee;
 - d. Inclusion of a WALGA representative on the Aboriginal Affairs Cabinet Subcommittee (AACS);
 - e. The Aboriginal Affairs Coordinating Committee establishing a Subcommittee for Local Government to provide policy and operational advice to the AACC and AASC on Local Government matters.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr C Mitchell
Seconded: Mayor L Howlett

- f. Request that the Department of Local Government and Communities re-convenes the Remote Aboriginal Technical Groups to review and report on works previously undertaken as a matter of urgency

Motion as amended was put and

RESOLUTION 64.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.10 WALGA Submission – Review of Contaminated Sites Act 2003 (05-020-01-001 MB)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse the Western Australian Local Government Association's attached interim submission - Review of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*.

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	WALGA Recommendation Supported
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 (Flying Minute)
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

Moved: Cr G Amphlett
Seconded: Cr M Wainwright

That State Council endorse the Western Australian Local Government Association's attached interim submission - Review of the *Contaminated Sites Act 2003*.

RESOLUTION 65.3/2014

CARRIED

**MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS
(UNDER SEPARATE COVER)**

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

Moved: Cr L Craigie
Seconded: Mayor L Howlett

That the recommendations from the Selection Committee meeting minutes dated 26 June 2014 be endorsed by State Council.

RESOLUTION 66.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.11.1 Selection Committee Interview Report (01-006-03-0011) MD

Moved: Cr L Craigie
Seconded: Cr F Reid

That the recommendation from the Selection Committee Interview Panel to appoint Mr Aaron Cook, Town of Narrogin, to the Local Government Self Insurance Board as Senior Officer Member be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 67.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.12 Finance & Services Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB)

Moved: Cr K Chappel
Seconded: Mayor H Zelones

That:

1. That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting of 25 June 2014 be endorsed;
2. The 2014/15 Governance Budget for the Association as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee be endorsed;
3. Membership subscriptions totalling \$2,111,883 as recommended by the Finance and Services Committee be endorsed as the appropriate charge for 2014/15 by application of the adopted subscriptions formula.

Voting Requirement: **ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

RESOLUTION 68.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

5.13 Honours Panel Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 AF)

Mayor Zelones, Cr Wainwright, Cr Barrett departed the meeting at 5.04pm

Moved: Cr L Craigie
Seconded: Mayor L Howlett

That the minutes of the Honours Panel meeting held on 28 May 2014 be received.

RESOLUTION 69.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Mayor Zelones, Cr Wainwright, Cr Barrett returned to the meeting at 5.07pm

5.14 Use of the Association's Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 RB)

Moved: Mayor C Adams
 Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the use of the Association's common seal for the following purposes be noted:

Document	Document Description	Signatory	State Council prior approval
Irrevocable Authority	Irrevocable Authority	Mayor Troy Pickard Ricky Burges QUBE Railway Parade Pty Ltd	No
Set-off Agreement (January 2012)	Set-off Agreement	Bank of Western Australia Ltd QUBE Railway Parade Pty Ltd WALGA as trustee for the Local Government House Trust	No
Bankwest General Security Interest – Details	General Security	Bank of Western Australia Ltd WALGA – Local Government House Trust	No
Facility Agreement	Facility Agreement	Commonwealth Bank of Australia trading as Bankwest QUBE Railway Parade Pty Ltd WALGA as trustee for the Local Government House Trust	No

RESOLUTION 70.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 WA Planning Commission's Summary of Submissions – Planning makes it Happen: Phase 2 (05-036-03-0037 VJ)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the WA Planning Commission's Summary of Submissions – Planning makes it Happen: Phase 2.

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	WALGA Recommendation Noted
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	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: Mayor L Howlett

That State Council note the WA Planning Commission's Summary of Submissions – Planning makes it Happen: Phase 2.

RESOLUTION 71.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.2 Rating Exemptions for Land Used Exclusively for Charitable Purposes (05-034-01-0007JMc)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the item 'Rating Exemptions for Land Used Exclusively for Charitable Purposes' be noted.

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	WALGA Recommendation Noted
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	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: Mayor L Howlett

That the item 'Rating Exemptions for Land Used Exclusively for Charitable Purposes' be noted.

RESOLUTION 72.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

6.3 Cessation of the Local Biodiversity Program (06-005-001-004 MJB)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note:-

- the cessation of the Association grant funded Local Biodiversity Program
- acknowledge the significant contribution the program has made to improved land use planning and environmental management outcomes for local government.
- the proposed continuation (subject to State Council approval of the 2014/15 Association budget) of the Environmental Planning Tool and the Natural Area Managers Forums under a subscription based model for the 2014/15 financial year.

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	WALGA Recommendation Noted
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	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
 Seconded: Mayor L Howlett

That State Council note:-

- the cessation of the Association grant funded Local Biodiversity Program
- acknowledge the significant contribution the program has made to improved land use planning and environmental management outcomes for local government.
- the proposed continuation (subject to State Council approval of the 2014/15 Association budget) of the Environmental Planning Tool and the Natural Area Managers Forums under a subscription based model for the 2014/15 financial year.

RESOLUTION 73.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 19 February and 22 April 2014 meetings be noted.

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	WALGA Recommendation Noted
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	Meeting Held Prior to Agenda Distribution
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich
Seconded: Mayor L Howlett

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 19 February and 22 April 2014 meetings be noted.

RESOLUTION 74.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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 F Reid
Seconded: Mayor T Roberts

That the Key Activities Report from the Environment and Waste Unit to the July 2014 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 75.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved: Cr F Reid
Seconded: Mayor T Roberts

That the Key Activities Report from the Governance and Strategy Unit to the July 2014 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 76.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.1.3. Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure (05-001-02-0003 ID)

Moved: Cr F Reid
Seconded: Mayor T Roberts

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the July 2014 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 77.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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

Moved: Cr F Reid
Seconded: Mayor T Roberts

That the Key Activities Report from the Planning and Community Development Unit to July 2014 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 78.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.2 Policy Forum Report (01-006-03-0007 TB)

Moved: Cr M Wainwright
Seconded: Cr K Chappel

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the July 2014 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 79.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.3 President's Report

Moved: Cr W Barrett
Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the President's Report for July 2014 be received.

RESOLUTION 80.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7.4 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr S Broad
Seconded: Cr R Winzer

That the CEO's Report for July 2014 be received.

RESOLUTION 81.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: Mayor L Howlett
Seconded: Cr M Wainwright

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the June 2014 round of Zone meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration.

RESOLUTION 82.3/2014

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE (Governance)

Zone Tax Offset Reform

- (a) That the Zone seek the support of those WALGA Zones within the Zone A and Zone B Tax Offset areas to urge State Council to adopt Zone Tax Offset amounts for advocacy to the Federal Government which are based on indexation of the amounts from the year they had been originally introduced; and
- (b) That the Zone urge State Council to review the increases to the Zone Tax Offset amounts set out in its resolution of 2 May 2014 (resolution 31.2/2014) and recommends that the amounts be based on indexation from the date the offsets were originally introduced.

Regional Development Australia Wheatbelt (Planning & Community)

That the Zone request the WA Local Government Association to advocate for the retention of the Youth Connections Program.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Infrastructure)

Street Lighting – Shire of Capel

That WALGA be requested to lobby the State Government to:

1. Provide justification for the proposed increases in street light tariffs or increased transparency in street lighting costs and the tariffs charged
2. Introduce competition in the street lighting sector, by allowing other street lighting providers to participate and other electricity providers to supply power for Local Government owned streetlights
3. Require Western Power to offer other energy efficient street lighting options, such as LEDs
4. Require Western Power to offer a subsidised cost to Local Governments to changeover 80W mercury vapour street lights to 42W CFLs or 25W LEDs, recognising that major lighting companies will soon stop making mercury vapour lamps.

Clearing of Native Vegetation (Environment)

That WALGA be asked to seek alignment between the provisions of State Planning Policy 3.7 and the clearing requirements under the DER policy.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Community)

Gap Payment to Childcare Centres for Indigenous and at Risk Children – Shire of Brookton

1. That the Central Country Zone write to the relevant State and Federal Minister requesting them to:
 - a) Increase the overall investment in Early Childhood Education and Care (ECEC) because it delivers social and economic returns and creates a strong foundation for a child's future schooling and employment prospects.

- b) Reform the payments system to ensure all children can access ECEC but provide additional assistance to Childcare Centres serving low income and indigenous families and vulnerable children.

2. That WALGA be advised of this action and requested to support this initiative.

PEEL COUNTRY ZONE (Governance)

Local Government Reform

In view of the uncertainty which surrounds the structural reform agenda and the State Government's refusal to fully fund the transition costs of proposed amalgamations, the Zone requests WALGA to:

1. Call on the State Government to provide funding of up to \$100 million to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for structural reform and that failing any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government, it is suggested that WALGA cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda, effective forthwith; and
2. Call on all country local governments not to enter into any structural reform agenda in collaboration with the State Government in the absence of any guaranteed and meaningful funding for both the current metropolitan structural reform agenda and any future structural reform agenda for country local governments.

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance)

Metropolitan Local Government Reform Funding

In view of the uncertainty which surrounds the structural reform agenda and the State Government's refusal to fully fund the transition costs of proposed amalgamations, the Central Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA to:

1. Call on the State Government to provide funding of up to \$100m to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for structural reform and that failing any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government, WALGA cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda effective forthwith.
2. Call on all metropolitan local governments to follow WALGA's lead by also ceasing any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda.
3. Call on all country Local Governments not to enter into any structural reform agenda in collaboration with the State Government in the absence of any guaranteed and meaningful funding for both the current metropolitan structural reform agenda and any future structural reform agenda for country Local Governments.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance)

Metropolitan Local Government Reform Funding

That WALGA:

1. Call on the State Government to provide funding of no less than \$100million to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for the structural reform and that failing any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government, call on WALGA to cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government's reform agenda effective forthwith.
2. If the funding is not provided, call on all Country Local Governments not to enter into any structural reform agenda in collaboration with the State Government in the absence of any guaranteed and meaningful funding for any future structural reform agenda for Country Local Governments.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance)

Metropolitan Local Government Reform Funding

That the South East Metropolitan Zone requests State Council to establish an operating fund with the objectives of:

1. Raising the profile of Local Government reform with the ‘public at large’ and the State Government;
2. Increasing the awareness of the ‘public at large’ and the State Government regarding the lack of State funding to deliver local government reform; and
3. Call on the State Government to provide cash funding of between \$65m to \$100m to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for structural reform.
4. Failure to obtain any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government;
 - 4.1 WALGA cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government’s reform agenda effective forthwith.
 - 4.2 Call on all Metropolitan Local Governments to follow WALGA’s lead by also ceasing any collaborative involvement in the State Government’s reform agenda.
 - 4.3 Call on all Country Local Governments not to enter into any structural reform agenda in collaboration with the State Government in the absence of any guaranteed and meaningful funding for both the current metropolitan structural reform agenda and any future structural reform agenda for Country Local Governments.

Metropolitan Local Government Reform

The South East Metropolitan Zone urges State Council, at its meeting of 2 July 2014, to express its extreme concern and deep disappointment to the State Government at its flawed Metropolitan Local Government reform process; that it lacks transparency, clarity and a genuine desire to reform metropolitan Local Government for the betterment of the sector and the communities they serve.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Governance)

Metropolitan Local Government Reform Funding

The South Metropolitan Zone request WALGA to undertake the following:

1. Call on the State Government to provide funding of up to \$100m to be placed immediately in a reserve fund set aside for structural reform and that failing any meaningful financial commitment from the State Government, WALGA cease any collaborative involvement in the State Government’s reform agenda effective forthwith.
2. Call on all metropolitan local governments to follow WALGA’s lead by also ceasing any collaborative involvement in the State Government’s reform agenda.
3. Call on all country local governments not to enter into any structural reform agenda in collaboration with the State Government in the absence of any guaranteed and meaningful funding for both the current metropolitan structural reform agenda and any future structural reform agenda for country local governments.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Community)

Review of Emergency Services Act

That the Central Country Zone request that WALGA investigate potential for the fire fighting services of the Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) to be transferred to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) so that all fire fighting capabilities are incorporated into one emergency service arrangement to avoid “blurred” lines of responsibility and that the funding for the DPAW operations should be transferred to DFES and not be raised through the Emergency Services Levy.

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

Mayor Heather Henderson 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, 170 Railway Parade West Leederville, on Wednesday 3 September 2014 commencing 4pm.

11. CLOSURE

Meeting declared closed at 6.08pm.