

Report on Canberra delegation – Wednesday 15 November - Shire President and Chief Executive Officer meetings

Whom met with	Topics discussed	Notes/Actions
Dylan Steed – Adviser to Hon Brendan O’Connor MP, Minister for Skills and Training	Byford Tafe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Skills Agreement – creating centres of excellence – \$12.6 million of funding from the Federal Govt. Suggest we talk to state govt on a centre of excellence in Byford as the WA location has not yet been determined. Additional funding federal govt providing for VOC education could be used for capital construction of new Tafe Talk to minister McGurk and Hugh Jones as the State Government will need to identify and suggest Tafe at Byford as a priority or Centre of Excellence.
Hon Kristy McBain - Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories	Council’s Federal Government Election Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Urban Precincts and Partnerships Guidelines due for release in December. The Shire should apply for these programs for election commitments (other than roads) Partnerships with stakeholders are key – including with netball and basketball clubs Review of infrastructure policies occurring this week. Announcement for outcomes of Federal Govt Infrastructure Review also this week. Comment that the Shire’s election priorities are good, targeted and not extensive. Compliment on amount of work done on roads priority and way it is presented. Other than Blackspot funding no other suggestions on how to progress and secure funding for Road upgrades.
Hon Matt Keogh - Minister for Veterans Affairs and Defence Personnel	Council’s Federal Government Election Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lot of discussion on projects and road priorities - general agreement and acknowledgement that priorities were sound and responsible. Acknowledged challenges in the shire with growth. Discussion on how road funding could be secured for election priorities. Veterans centre in Jarrahdale – how can fire risk be managed
Senator Louise Pratt - Deputy Government Whip in the Senate Chair of Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee	Council’s Federal Government Election Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussion on election priorities - apply for funding programs when guidelines released. For Trails centre we should leverage off success of existing trails. West Mundijong Industrial area development and suitability for National reconstruction fund

<p>Hon Darren Chester - Shadow Minister for Regional Development, Local Government and Territories, Regional Education</p>	<p>Councils Federal Government Election Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LRCI funding – we should be advocating (with local member and WALGA) for this program to continue or be legislated as it is not funded any more by the current government. • Road funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ try to establish a state/federal partnership on roads funding. Must get support from the State Government for a package of works and then come to the Federal Government requesting 50% funding. Use Thomas Road duplication as an example (ie Shire presented issue, scope agreed between Shire and State, State committed to project and sought matching funds from the Federal Govt). ○ Seek support and alliance from peak road safety organizations like RAC ○ Use the argument of Economic value of saving lives – saving lives vs saving minutes.
<p>Senator Matt O'Sullivan - Deputy Opposition Whip in the Senate, Chair of Education and Employment References Committee, Deputy Chair of Education and Employment Legislation Committee</p>	<p>Councils Federal Government Election Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Talked through election priorities • They will be working on their election commitments soon but have been told to work with councils not to have extensive list. • Feedback that our list of priorities looks reasonable given our situation and needs.
<p>Senator Linda Reynolds - Chair of the Standing Committee of Senators Interests, Deputy Chair of Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Deputy Chair of Standing Committee for the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation</p>	<p>Councils Federal Government Election Priorities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Tonkin Highway funding • Talked through election priorities – positive feedback received. • Discussion on opportunity for links with trail head/equine trails and Jarrahdale veterans centre.
<p>Lorraine Finlay – Human Rights Commissioner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Migrants Human Rights • Citizenship ceremony's 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow up to see if a video can be produced by the Human Rights Commission which can be played at citizenship ceremonies explaining the rights of new migrants.