

State Council

Summary Minutes

9 September 2022

Regional Meeting

Hosted by the Peel Country Zone

City of Mandurah Council Chambers

Ordinary meeting no. 4 of 2022 of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council hosted by the Peel Country Zone at the City of Mandurah Council Chambers, 83 Mandurah Terrace, Mandurah on **Friday, 9 September**.

OPEN and WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11:07am.

The Chair asked all meeting attendees to stand for a minute's silence in honour of the recent passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

PAPERS

State Councillors were distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- 5.3 – Finance and Services Committee Minutes 31 August 2022;
- 5.4 – Selection Committee Minutes– CONFIDENTIAL;
- 5.5 – LGIS Board Minutes 23 June 2022 – CONFIDENTIAL;
- 5.6 – LGIS Board Remuneration – CONFIDENTIAL;
- 5.7 – CEO Performance Review Report 2021-2022 – CONFIDENTIAL;
- 5.8 – CEO Performance Review Committee;
- CEO's Report to State Council for September 2022;
- President's Report for September 2022 (previously emailed to all Zones).

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

The Chair welcomed:

- State Councillors
- Avon-Midland Country Zone Deputy State Councillor, President Cr Rosemary Madacsi
- Central Metropolitan Zone Deputy State Councillor, Cr Kerry Smyth
- Northern Country Zone Deputy State Councillor, Cr Isabelle Scott
- LG Professionals WA President, Ms Annie Riordan
- WALGA secretariat

Observers:

- South East Metropolitan Zone Deputy State Councillor, Cr Melissa Northcott
- Elected Members from the Peel Country Zone

1.2 Apologies

- The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
- Avon-Midland Country Zone State Councillor, Cr Ken Seymour
- Central Metropolitan Zone State Councillor, Cr Paul Kelly
- Gascoyne Country Zone State Councillor, President Cr Cheryl Cowell
- Gascoyne Country Zone Deputy State Councillor, President Cr Eddie Smith
- Northern Country Zone State Councillor, President Cr Moira Girando JP
- WALGA Executive Manager Advocacy, Ms Narelle Cant

1.3 Announcements

- 1.3.1 WALGA acknowledged the Bindjareb Noongar People who are the original inhabitants and Traditional Custodians of the land in and around Mandurah on which the meeting was held and pays respect to their Elders past and present.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of meeting held 6 July 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [Wednesday, 6 July 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 375.7/2022

CARRIED

2.1.1 Business arising from the Minutes of meeting held 6 July 2022

Nil.

2.2 Minutes of special meeting held 22 August 2022

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council special meeting held on [Monday, 22 August 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 375.7/2022

CARRIED

2.2.1 Business arising from the Minutes of special meeting held 22 August 2022

Nil.

2.3 Flying Minute – 2023-24 State Budget Submission Approach

RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

That the [Flying Minute – 2023-24 State Budget Submission Approach](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 375.7/2022

CARRIED

2.3.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – 2023-24 State Budget Submission Approach

Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

- President Cr Michelle Rich declared an interest in item 5.4 Selection Committee Minutes.
- Mayor Logan Howlett JP declared an impartiality interest in item 5.4 Selection Committee Minutes.

4. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil.

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5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 2023-24 State Budget Submission (05-0001-03-0006 DM)

By Dana Mason, Manager Economics

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan JP

Seconded: Mayor Ruth Butterfield

That the 2023-24 State Budget Submission be endorsed with the inclusion of the addition of an initiative to support increased funding to the Community Sporting and Recreation Facilities Fund (CSRFF).

RESOLUTION 376.7/2022

CARRIED

5.2 Proposed Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades (05-024-02-0059 SM)

By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: President Cr Tony Dean

Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange JP

That the following Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades be endorsed.

Management of Bush Fire Brigades

1. *Bush Fire Brigade volunteers play a critical role in helping to protect their local communities. Local knowledge and skills are integral to bushfire management in Western Australia.*
2. *Future management and funding of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades must:*
 - a) *Recognise the changing risk environment, including work health and safety requirements, and the increasing intensity and frequency of bushfires;*
 - b) *Take account of the differing circumstances of Bush Fire Brigade units and regional variations in bush firefighting approaches; and*
 - c) *Be adequately and equitably resourced through the Emergency Services Levy.*
3. *The State Government, through the Consolidated Emergency Services Act and/or other mechanism's must:*
 - a) *Establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do;*
 - b) *Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES);*
 - c) *Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by locally delivered fit-for-purpose and universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and*
 - d) *Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.*
4. *As a matter of priority within the emergency services Acts review, the State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.*

AMENDMENT

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the words “*in consultation with their local Bush Fire Brigades*” be inserted at the end of 3(a) so that it now reads:

That the following Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades be endorsed.

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 - b) ***Take account of the differing circumstances of Bush Fire Brigade units and regional variations in bush firefighting approaches; and***
 - c) ***Be adequately and equitably resourced through the Emergency Services Levy.***
3. ***The State Government, through the Consolidated Emergency Services Act and/or other mechanism’s must:***
 - a) ***Establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do so in consultation with their local Bush Fire Brigades;***
 - b) ***Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES);***
 - c) ***Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by locally delivered fit-for-purpose and universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and***
 - d) ***Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.***
4. ***As a matter of priority within the emergency services Acts review, the State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.***

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND LOST

THE ORIGINAL COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION WAS PUT

RESOLUTION

That the following Advocacy Position on Management of Bush Fire Brigades be endorsed.

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2. ***Future management and funding of volunteer Bush Fire Brigades must:***
 - a) ***Recognise the changing risk environment, including work health and safety requirements, and the increasing intensity and frequency of bushfires;***
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 - a) ***Establish a clear framework to enable transfer of Bush Fire Brigades to the State Government if a Local Government decides to do;***
 - b) ***Consult on the process, timeline, and implications for transfer of responsibility for Bush Fire Brigades in accordance with 3(a) through the establishment of a working group comprising representatives of Local Government, Bush Fire Brigades, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) and the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES);***
 - c) ***Provide for mandatory and minimum training requirements and recognition of competency and prior learning for Bush Fire Brigade volunteers, supported by locally delivered fit-for-purpose and universally accessible training program, designed in consultation with Bush Fire Brigade representatives, Local Government and LGIS, and managed by DFES; and***
 - d) ***Develop a co-designed suite of relevant management guidelines and materials to assist in the management of Bush Fire Brigades.***
4. ***As a matter of priority within the emergency services Acts review, the State Government to consider the most appropriate operational model for management of Bush Fire Brigades, which may include the establishment of an independent Rural Fire Service, as recommended in the 2016 Ferguson Report.***

RESOLUTION 377.7/2022

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

5.3 Finance and Services Committee Minutes 31 August 2022

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 31 August 2022 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 378.7/2022

CARRIED

5.4 Selection Committee Minutes 17 August 2022 – CONFIDENTIAL

President Cr Michelle Rich declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 11:32am.

Mayor Logan Howlett JP declared an impartiality interest in this item.

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That the recommendation contained in the 17 August 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 379.7/2022

CARRIED

President Cr Michelle Rich returned to the meeting at 11:34am.

5.5 LGIS Board Minutes 23 June 2022 – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, LGIS Contract Manager, Member Services

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Chris Mitchell JP
Seconded: President Cr Laurene Bonza

That State Council note the Minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board meeting held on 23 June.

RESOLUTION 380.7/2022

CARRIED

5.6 LGIS Board Remuneration – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, LGIS Contract Manager, Member Services

MOTION

Moved: Cr Frank Cvitan JP
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

That State Council approve the remuneration for LGIS Board members is increased by 3% for the 2022/23 financial year as per the LGIS Corporate Governance Charter guidance.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick JP
Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

That the item be deferred for consideration at the next meeting of State Council when further information about the current remuneration of LGIS Board members has been provided.

RESOLUTION 381.7/2022

THE PROCEDURAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED

5.7 CEO Performance Review Report 2021-2022 – CONFIDENTIAL

WALGA staff (excluding the WALGA CEO Mr Nick Sloan) left the meeting at 11:38am.

WALGA CEO Mr Nick Sloan left the meeting at 11:45am and Executive Director Member Services Mr Tony Brown returned to the meeting.

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council:

- 1. Notes that the appraisal of Mr Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, has been completed for the period of July 2020 to June 2021.**
- 2. Endorses the findings of the 2021-22 Annual Performance Review Report as presented by Price Consulting and thanks Mr Sloan for his efforts.**
- 3. Approves the CEO's Performance Criteria for the 2022-2023 period, as per Attachment 1.**

AMENDMENT

Moved: President Cr Rosemary Madasci

Seconded: President Cr Chris Pavlovich

That point 4 be added;

- 4. Notes that the CEO contract includes a clause that provides an annual CPI increase, however the CEO has requested a lower percentage increase in line with the recent staff increase of 2.5%.**

RESOLUTION 382.7/2022

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT

That State Council:

- 1. Notes that the appraisal of Mr Nick Sloan, Chief Executive Officer, has been completed for the period of July 2020 to June 2021.**
- 2. Endorses the findings of the 2021-22 Annual Performance Review Report as presented by Price Consulting and thanks Mr Sloan for his efforts.**
- 3. Approves the CEO's Performance Criteria for the 2022-2023 period, as per Attachment 1.**
- 4. Notes that the CEO contract includes a clause that provides an annual CPI increase, however the CEO has requested a lower percentage increase in line with the recent staff increase of 2.5%.**

RESOLUTION 383.7/2022

CARRIED

All WALGA staff returned to the meeting at 11:52am.

5.8 CEO Performance Review Committee

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council:

1. endorses the attached updated Terms of Reference; and
2. authorises the WALGA President to approve CEO's leave applications on behalf of State Council.

RESOLUTION 384.7/2022

CARRIED

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Local Government Homelessness Knowledge Hub (05-086-03-0004 VB)

By Vikki Barlow, Senior Policy Advisor Community

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight

Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the completion of the Local Government Homelessness Knowledge Hub be noted.

RESOLUTION 385.7/2022

CARRIED

6.2 State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement 2023/24 (05-001-03-0001 ID)

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager, Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight

Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the update on negotiations toward a new State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement be noted.

RESOLUTION 385.7/2022

CARRIED

6.3 Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave Entitlements Update (05-034-01-0001 DH)

By Davina Hunter, Employee Relations Service Manager

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the update on Paid Family and Domestic Violence Leave Entitlements be noted.

RESOLUTION 385.7/2022

CARRIED

6.4 Proposed State Industrial Relations Transition (05-034-01-0001 DH)

By Davina Hunter, Employee Relations Service Manager

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the update on the proposed State industrial relations (IR) transition be noted.

RESOLUTION 385.7/2022

CARRIED

6.5 2023-24 State Budget Submission Approach (05-0001-03-0006 DM)

By Dana Mason, Manager Economics

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the approach for the 2023-24 State Budget Submission, which was endorsed via Flying Minute, be noted.

RESOLUTION 385.7/2022

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Policy Team Reports

7.1.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Les Price

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Cr John Daw

That the matters considered by the Environment and Waste Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 386.7/2022

CARRIED

7.1.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, Cr Russ Fishwick JP

RESOLUTION

Moved: Cr Russ Fishwick JP
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That State Council:

1. Retains Advocacy Positions:
 - a. 2.1.1 Rating Exemptions – Rate equivalency payments
 - b. 2.4.3 NBN Delivery to Regional WA
 - c. 2.5.6 Leave of Absence: State or Federal Elections
 - d. 2.5.7 Disqualification Due to Conviction
 - e. 2.8.1 Payment of Sitting Fees to Local Government Representatives
2. Amends Advocacy Position 2.5.60 External Oversight, by inserting an additional item 5 as follows
 5. *If State Government, does not support external oversight of behaviour complaint, WALGA advocates for a new category of interest be included in the Act, that requires any Council Member who is either the complainant or the respondent to a behaviour complaint, be required to disclose the interest and be required to leave the meeting and therefore be prohibited from participation in debate or voting on the matter.*
3. Requests the Secretariat write to the Minister for Local Government reinforcing WALGA's Advocacy Position 2.5.60 'External Oversight' and the sector's concerns with the potential for undue influence on fair and reasonable consideration of a behaviour complaint by members who are party to the complaint, advising the Minister of the additional item 5 as WALGA's alternative advocacy.

RESOLUTION 387.7/2022

CARRIED

7.1.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Chris Pavlovich

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Chris Pavlovich

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell JP

That State Council:

1. amend Advocacy Position 5.3.2 Western Australian Bicycle Network by inserting:

That WALGA advocate for:

1. *At least 33% increase in funding for the Perth Bicycle Network and Regional Bicycle Network programs; and*
2. *That PBN and RBN grants be offered to Local Governments on the basis of \$2 from the State and \$1 from Local Government, in line with road funding arrangements.*

2. amend Advocacy Position 5.2.5 The Role of Local Government in the Future of Warden Controlled Children's Crossings by inserting:

That WALGA:

1. *Through its representation on the Children's Crossings and Road Safety Committee of the WA Police Force:*
 - a) *Oppose any recommendation by the Children's Crossings and Road Safety Committee to the Minister of Police that the moratorium on removing Children's Crossings be lifted.*
 - b) *Support finding alternative methods to alleviating the lack of Traffic Wardens which may, amongst other measures, include advocating:*
 - i. *That income from serving as a Traffic Warden is exempt from income tax, and the income test for pension eligibility, to make the job more attractive.*
 - ii. *For an increase in the pay of Traffic Wardens.*
 - iii. *Removing the requirement to live within a specified distance of the crossing.*
 - iv. *For providing funding to support the training of volunteer Traffic Wardens.*
 - c) *Support consideration of the conversion of Children's Crossings on roads 60 km/h and above to fixed, mid-block, pedestrian priority, signalised crossings, reducing the need for Traffic Wardens.*
2. *Advocate for funding to create safe active travel routes within a 1500m radius of schools.*

3. note the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team at its meeting on 6 July 2022.

RESOLUTION 388.7/2022

CARRIED

7.1.4 People and Place Policy Team Report

Presented by Policy Team Chair, President Cr Tony Dean

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Tony Dean
Seconded: Cr Frank Cvitan

That the matters considered by the People and Place Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 389.7/2022

CARRIED

Cr Helen Sadler left the meeting at 12:10pm and did not return.

7.2 Key Activity Reports

7.2.1 Report on Key Activities, Advocacy Portfolio

By Narelle Cant, Executive Manager Advocacy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That the Key Activity Report from the Advocacy Portfolio to the September 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 390.7/2022

CARRIED

7.2.2 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Portfolio

By Ian Duncan, Executive Manager Infrastructure

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP
Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Portfolio to the September 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 390.7/2022

CARRIED

7.2.3 Report on Key Activities, Member Services Portfolio

By Tony Brown, Executive Director Member Services

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That the Key Activity Report from the Member Services Portfolio to the September 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 390.7/2022

CARRIED

7.2.4 Report on Key Activities, Policy Portfolio

By Nicole Matthews, Executive Manager Policy

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That the Key Activity Report from the Policy Portfolio to the September 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 390.7/2022

CARRIED

7.3 President's Report

WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel JP

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That the President's Report for September 2022 be received.

RESOLUTION 391.7/2022

CARRIED

7.4 CEO's Report

WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Mr Nick Sloan

Report provided under separate cover

RESOLUTION

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett JP

Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That the CEO's Report for September 2022 be received.

RESOLUTION 391.7/2022

CARRIED

7.5 Ex-Officio Reports

7.5.1 City of Perth Report

The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas was an apology for this meeting.

7.5.2 LG Professional's Report

Ms Annie Riordan, President, LG Professionals WA, provided a report to the meeting.

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the August 2022 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action, noting that some may have already been referred.

RESOLUTION 392.7/2022

CARRIED

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Member Services)

Cat Act and Relevant Local Laws

That WALGA;

1. Seeks legal advice on behalf of member Councils, on the ability to make Local Laws that:
 - a. restrict cats from all public areas;
 - b. place conditions on when a cat may be permitted in a public area; and/or
 - c. restricts all cats in the district to their owner's premises;under the existing provisions of the *Cat Act 2011*.
2. Advocates to responsible Ministers (namely, Environment and Local Government) to consistently apply the provisions of the *Cat Act 2011* such that it allows the making of such Local Laws.

EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy)

New Dwelling Gas Installation

That, in light of the climate crisis and the need to minimise committed emissions, WALGA develop a policy position in relation to the phasing out the installation of gas connections in new dwellings.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Advocacy)

Australian Local Government Women's Association WA

That WALGA outlines financial and in kind support offered annually to ALGWA for discussion at a future State Council meeting.

PEEL COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services)

Funding for Improving Cybersecurity in Local Government

WALGA request the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) to determine the most appropriate method to assist Local Governments in improving the Local Government cyber security profile, to include a range of options including:

1. Providing access to State Government infrastructure and controls at no cost to Local Governments to ensure that the Local Government industry has the same level of protection as State Government departments.
2. Adopt a similar approach to how they fund State Government departments cyber security service.
3. Making a funding pool available for Local Governments to improve cyber security through purchasing of hardware and software infrastructure.

SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy)

Basketball Court Noise Complaints

The Zone requested WALGA staff to develop an advocacy position on basketball courts in residential areas for the Zones consideration at a future meeting.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Policy)

Emergency Services Levy – Administration Fee

That the South East Metropolitan Zone recommend to State Council that, in the absence of the State Government agreeing to collect the ESL itself, the Minister for Emergency Services be requested to increase the administration fee paid to Local Governments for collecting the ESL in line with annual increases to the ESL.

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE (Advocacy)

Local Government Convention Speakers

In the interest of promoting gender equity and inclusion within Local Government, we call on WALGA to consider equal representation by engaging female guest speakers in plenary and concurrent sessions at future Local Government Conventions.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Member Services)

Cat Control Measures and Advocacy for Reforms to the Cat Act

That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to support and advocate that the State Government progress remaining reforms of the *Cat Act 2011*.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Policy)

Renergi Waste Processing

That the South West Country Zone request WALGA to:

1. Adopt a position that supports the utilisation of emerging waste processing technologies; and
2. Advocate to the Minister for Environment to review the regulatory framework surrounding environmental approvals and operational obligations to allow new, alternative treatment processes and technologies that will reduce landfill reliance by improving resource recovery rates, including the processing of FOGO and un-separable, co-mingled material.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Policy)

Bush Fire Brigades and WHS

That WALGA be advised that:

1. None of the proposed models, including the Hybrid Model appear to address or achieve the issues of liability under the WHS Act or recommendations of the Ferguson Report.
2. The Zone recommends that WALGA engage fully with DFES and key stakeholders around a desired structure for volunteer BFB's with the key objective of maximising the capability of the service.
3. Key factors to be considered in that process should be seeking a sound position on the implications and responses to address WHS legislation including:
 - a. development of resources, capability and capacity
 - b. training
 - c. RPL process
 - d. consequential implications of the CES Act
4. That WALGA advocate for changes in the WHS Act that
 - a. Expands the definition of a dangerous operation to include Volunteer Emergency Services Workers. or
 - b. Expand the definitions section to include fire ground operations – means the performance of a function, or the exercise of a power, of a emergency services worker in circumstances where the performance of the function, or the exercise of the power, is not

reasonably practicable without exposing a ESW to a serious risk to the ESW health or safety emanating from an immediate or imminent exposure to a hazard.

5. That WALGA advocate for protection for Authorised Officers similar to that provided to those that provide WHS services relating to work health and safety under 26A(1)(b)(iii) emergency services provided by police officers, or other emergency services personnel, in situations where there is a serious risk to the health or safety of any individual.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the WALGA State Council will be held in the Boardroom at WALGA, ONE70, LV1, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday, 7 December commencing at 4:15pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **12:51pm**.