

State Council

Summary Minutes

4 May 2022

Regional Meeting

Hosted by the South Metropolitan Zone

ORDER OF PROCEEDINGS

OPEN and WELCOME

The Chair declared the meeting open at **12:30pm**.

PAPERS

State Councillors were distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- Item 5.4 Development Assessment Panel Reforms;
- Item 5.5 Finance and Services Committee Minutes;
- Item 5.6 Selection Committee Minutes - CONFIDENTIAL;
- Item 5.7 LGIS Board Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL;
- Item 5.8 WALGA President's Allowance and LGIS Director Fee – CONFIDENTIAL;
- CEO's Report to State Council for May 2022;
- President's Report for May 2022 (previously emailed to Zones).

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

The Chair welcomed:

- State Councillors and Deputy State Councillor Cr Melissa Northcott, South East Metropolitan Zone
- LG Professionals WA President, Ms Annie Riordan
- Deputy State Councillor President Cr Michael Bennett, South West Country Zone (observer)
- Mr Tom Griffiths, South West Group (observer)
- WALGA Secretariat
- Elected Members and CEOs from the South Metropolitan Zone (observers)

1.2 Apologies

- The Rt. Hon. Lord Mayor Basil Zempilas
- State Councillor Cr Carl Celedin, South East Metropolitan Zone
- State Councillor Mayor Ruth Butterfield, South East Metropolitan Zone

1.3 Announcements

- 1.3.1** WALGA acknowledges the Whadjuk Nyoongar People who are the Traditional Custodians of this land we meet on and pays respects to their Elders past and present.
- 1.3.2** WALGA thanked the South Metropolitan Zone and the City of Cockburn for hosting today's Regional State Council meeting and Zone Forum.
- 1.3.3** State Council welcomed President Cr Moira Girando JP who was recently confirmed as the new State Council representative from the Northern Country Zone.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of meeting held 2 March 2022

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council meeting held on [Wednesday, 2 March 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 332.4/2022

CARRIED

2.1.1 Business arising from the Minutes of the meeting held 2 March 2022

Nil.

2.2 Minutes of the special meeting held 30 March 2022

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the WALGA State Council special meeting held on [Wednesday, 30 March 2022](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 332.4/2022

CARRIED

2.2.1 Business arising from the Minutes of the special meeting held 30 March 2022

Nil.

2.3 Flying Minute – Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission

WALGA Deputy President Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in this item and did not vote.

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr John Daw

That the [Flying Minute – Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission](#) be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 333.4/2022

CARRIED

2.3.1 Business arising from the Flying Minute – Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission

Nil.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

- WALGA Deputy President Cr Paul Kelly declared an interest in item 2.3: Flying Minute: Western Power Access Arrangement Review Submission
- Mayor Carol Adams declared an impartiality interest in item 5.2: Local Government Grant Scheme Funding
- WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel declared an interest in item 5.8: WALGA President's Allowance and LGIS Director Fee
- Cr Chris Mitchell declared an interest in 5.6: Selection Committee Minutes
- Cr Russ Fishwick declared an interest in 5.6: Selection Committee Minutes
- Cr John Daw declared an interest in 5.6: Selection Committee Minutes

4. EMERGING ISSUES

Nil.

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5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Submission to Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008 (05-031-01-0006 BW)

By Bec Waddington, Policy Officer, Resilient Communities

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the *Food Act 2008* be endorsed.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the submission to the Department of Health relating to the Statutory Review of the Food Act 2008, be endorsed subject to an amendment to include an additional sentence on page 11 under Section 2.2, Areas for improvement, Temporary or Mobile Food Businesses, after the second sentence, as follows:

"In addition further consideration could be given to the operation of home-based food businesses and small producers and the constraints experienced in compliance with the Act."

RESOLUTION 334.4/2022

CARRIED

5.2 Local Government Grant Scheme Funding (05-024-03-0006 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management

Mayor Carol Adams declared an interest in this item.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.

3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
5. Support for an increase in Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to support the unsuccessful capital grants funding applications by Local Governments to the 2020-21 LGGS Capital Grants Committee.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Melissa Northcott
Seconded: Cr Paul Kelly

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years.
5. Support for an increase in overall State Government funding to support all eligible but unsuccessful LGGS capital grants funding applications and the future capital grants that align with the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (when adopted).

AMENDMENT

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

Replace point 5 in the Composite Recommendation with the following:

5. Support for an increase in overall Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding pool to future capital grants that align with the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (as updated from time to time).

RESOLUTION 335.4/2022

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

THE MOTION NOW READS:

That WALGA advocates to the Minister for Emergency Services and the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner for:

1. An allocation of Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding to undertake an audit

- of existing facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment for both Local Government Volunteer Bushfire Brigades (BFB) and State Emergency Services (SES).
2. Following the completion of the audit, an allocation of funding through the Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) to prepare a Comprehensive Asset Management Plan that:
 - a. Aligns with the principles in the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries' (DLGSC) Asset Management National Framework and Guidelines, and the Integrated Planning and Reporting Framework.
 - b. Forecasts the emergency response needs of communities across Western Australia over the next 10 years, to estimate the quantum of the facilities, appliances, vehicles, and major items of equipment that will be needed.
 - c. Outlines a 10 year forward plan of modifications, replacements and additions required.
 - d. Investigates the extent to which future BFB facilities can be co-located with other emergency services facilities.
 3. The establishment of a Working Group involving WALGA, the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) and LGIS to oversee the preparation of the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan.
 4. Support for the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan to be reviewed every five years
 5. Support for an increase in overall Local Government Grant Scheme (LGGS) funding pool to future capital grants that align with the Comprehensive Asset Management Plan (as updated from time to time).

RESOLUTION 336.4/2022

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED

5.3 Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap (05-001-03-0051 SDS)

By Sebastian Davies-Slate, Policy Officer Transport and Roads

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to “*Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist*”; and
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.

COMPOSITE RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That WALGA:

1. Endorses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap, subject to amending Urban Environment Initiative No 1 to “*Consult local governments to identify sub-regional school transport challenges and amend existing planning guidelines and develop new guidelines where gaps exist*”; and
2. Works with the Department of Transport to finalise the Roadmap and encourage Local Government participation in the initiatives identified where these offer solutions to the local issues encountered in each area.
3. Uses the Draft Active Travel to School Roadmap to strengthen advocacy for increased funding for walking and cycling infrastructure in Western Australia by the State and Federal Government.

RESOLUTION 337.4/2022

CARRIED

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION BY STATE COUNCILLORS (UNDER SEPARATE COVER)

5.4 Development Assessment Panel Reforms (05-036-03-0020 CH)

By Chris Hossen, Policy Manager, Planning and Building

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: President Cr Phil Blight

That the WALGA Development Assessment Panel Regulations Submission be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 338.4/2022

CARRIED

5.5 Finance and Services Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Organisational Services

Moved: Cr Melissa Northcott
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Minutes of the Finance and Services Committee meeting held on 20 April 2022 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 339.4/2022

CARRIED

5.6 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 CO) – CONFIDENTIAL

By Chantelle O'Brien, Governance Support Officer

Cr John Daw, Cr Chris Mitchell and Cr Russ Fishwick all declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 12:53pm.

Cr Frank Cvitan left the meeting at 12:53pm and did not return.

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Stephen Strange

That:

- 1. The recommendations contained in the 20 April 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be endorsed; and**
- 2. the resolutions contained in the 20 April 2022 Selection Committee Minutes be noted.**

RESOLUTION 340.4/2022

CARRIED

Cr John Daw, Cr Chris Mitchell and Cr Russ Fishwick returned to the meeting at 12:54pm.

5.7 LGIS Board Minutes – CONFIDENTIAL

By Craig Hansom, Acting Executive Manager, Commercial

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams

Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That WALGA:

1. endorses the revised LGIS Corporate Governance Charter that reflects recent State Council resolutions and other governance changes; and
2. notes:
 - a. the Minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board workshop held on 24 February; and
 - b. the Minutes of the LGISWA Scheme Board meeting held on 25 March.

RESOLUTION 341.4/2022

CARRIED

5.8 WALGA President's Allowance and LGIS Director Fee – CONFIDENTIAL (TB)

By Tony Brown, Executive Manager, Governance & Organisational Services

WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel declared an interest in this item and left the meeting at 1:11pm.

WALGA Deputy President Cr Paul Kelly took over as Chair.

Moved: Mayor Carol Adams

Seconded: Cr Melissa Northcott

That:

1. State Council endorses that the WALGA President's allowance includes responsibilities for carrying out LGIS Director responsibilities; and
2. the LGIS Director fee for the President's position on the board be retained by WALGA.

RESOLUTION 342.4/2022

CARRIED

WALGA President Cr Karen Chappel returned to the meeting at 1:16pm and resumed her position as Chair.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children (05 086-03-0004 VB)

By Vikki Barlow, Senior Policy Advisor Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the letter in relation to the Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children consultation be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the letter in relation to the Draft National Plan to End Violence Against Women and Children consultation be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.2 Feedback on Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper (05-024-02-0067 VJ)

By Vanessa Jackson, Senior Policy Advisor, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the feedback provided to the State Emergency Management Committee on the Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the feedback provided to the State Emergency Management Committee on the Community Disaster Resilience Strategy Discussion Paper be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.3 2021 CoastWA Local Government Survey (06-085-01-0002 LS)

By Lucy Sheehy, CoastWA Local Government Facilitator

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the CoastWA Local Government Survey Outcomes Report be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the CoastWA Local Government Survey Outcomes Report be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.4 Update on draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 (05-012-03-0001 SM)

By Susie Moir, Policy Manager, Resilient Communities

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the update on the draft WA Public Libraries Strategy 2022-2026 be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.5 Local Government Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project (05-024-03-0040 SR)

By Simone Ruane, LEMA Project Lead

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the update on the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the update on the Local Emergency Management Arrangements (LEMA) Review Project be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.6 Comment on Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 (05-031-03-0005 BW)

By Bec Waddington, Policy Officer Community

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the letter submitted to the Department of Health on the Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the letter submitted to the Department of Health on the Draft Health Promotion Strategic Framework 2022-2026 be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.7 Wooroloo Bushfire Independent Review Final Report (05-024-03-0011 CM)

By Cassandra Mora, Policy Officer, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Independent Review of the Wooroloo Bushfire Final Report be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Independent Review of the Wooroloo Bushfire Final Report be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.8 2022-23 Federal Budget Update (05-088-03-0002 DT)

By Daniel Thomson, Economist

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the 2022-23 Federal Budget Update be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the 2022-23 Federal Budget Update be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

6.9 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results (05-024-03-0042 CM)

By Cassandra Mora, Policy Officer, Emergency Management

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the results of the 2021 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results be noted.

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

Moved: Cr Paul Kelly
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the results of the 2021 Local Government Emergency Management Survey Results be noted.

RESOLUTION 343.4/2022

CARRIED

7. ORGANISATIONAL REPORTS

7.1 Key Activity Reports

7.1.1 Report on Key Activities, Commercial and Communications Unit (01-006-03-0017)
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Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Commercial and Communications Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

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

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

7.1.3 Report on Key Activities, Infrastructure Unit (05-001-02-0003 ID)
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Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

7.1.4 Report on Key Activities, Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit (01-006-03-0017 NM)

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the Key Activity Report from the Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

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

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

That the report on the Key Activities of the Mining Communities Policy Forum to the May 2022 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 344.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3 Policy Team Reports

7.3.1 Environment and Waste Policy Team Report – Chair, Cr Les Price

Moved: President Cr Michelle Rich
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

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

RESOLUTION 345.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3.2 Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team Report – Chair, Cr Russ Fishwick

Moved: President Cr Cheryl Cowell
Seconded: President Cr Stephen Strange

That the matters considered by the Governance and Organisational Services Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 346.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3.3 Infrastructure Policy Team Report – Chair, President Cr Chris Pavlovich

Moved: President Cr Stephen Strange
Seconded: Cr Melissa Northcott

1. State Council note the appointment of President Cr Chris Pavlovich as Infrastructure Policy Team Chair.
2. That the matters considered by the Infrastructure Policy Team be noted.

RESOLUTION 347.4/2022

CARRIED

7.3.4 People and Place Policy Team Report – Chair, President Cr Tony Dean

Moved: President Cr Tony Dean
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

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

RESOLUTION 348.4/2022

CARRIED

7.4 President's Report

Moved: Cr Ken Seymour
Seconded: Cr Les Price

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

RESOLUTION 349.4/2022

CARRIED

7.5 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt
Seconded: Cr Chris Mitchell

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

RESOLUTION 350.4/2022

CARRIED

7.6 Ex-Officio Reports

7.6.1 LG Professional's Report

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

7.6.2 City of Perth Report

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

MOTION

Moved: Mayor Mark Irwin
Seconded: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

The apology for ex officio member Basil Zempilas be noted and note as per the Association's Governance Charter, pursuant to clause 20 of the Association's Constitution a person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council or from attending as in an ex officio capacity if they are absent from more than three consecutive State Council meetings.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: President Cr Chris Pavlovich

1. The apology for ex officio member Basil Zempilas be noted.
2. State Council consider clause 20 of the Association's Constitution ("a person shall cease or be disqualified from being a representative or deputy representative on the State Council or from attending as in an ex officio capacity if they are absent from more than three consecutive State Council meetings"), at the next meeting.

State Council discussed how it would be beneficial for the Lord Mayor to attend State Council meetings, as his contribution is valued.

The motion and amendment were both withdrawn.

MOTION

Moved: Cr Helen Sadler
Seconded: President Cr Moira Girando

That State Council requests the WALGA President and Chief Executive Officer to work constructively with the Lord Mayor of the City of Perth to encourage participation with State Council.

PROCEDURAL MOTION

That the item be laid on the table.

Moved: Cr Ken Seymour
Seconded: President Cr Michelle Rich

RESOLUTION 351.4/2022

CARRIED

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Moved: President Cr Phil Blight
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the April 2022 round of Zone meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration and appropriate action.

RESOLUTION 352.4/2022

CARRIED

CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE

Campaign to Legislate Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) **(Environment and Waste Policy Team)**

That:

1. WALGA undertake a campaign with the State Government to take urgent action to legislate to restrict the sale of Second Generation Anti-coagulant Rodenticides (SGARs); and
2. WALGA undertake a campaign with Local Governments which provide rodent baiting to residents for the Local Governments to not provide this type of poison and specify on demolition permits or for health orders that this type of poison is not to be used.

KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE

Vehicles Being Driven on Unsealed Roads Closed Due to Wet Conditions (Infrastructure Policy Team)

That the Kimberley Zone:

1. Acknowledges the request by WALGA for feedback on damage on closed roads
2. Informs WALGA that vehicle damage for roads closed due to saturation and flooding events:
 - a. are not recorded separately;
 - b. is a component of annual damage to road infrastructure;
 - c. damage to unsealed roads servicing remote communities is complex as alternative access to food and fuel supplies during wet season closures may only be through plane or helicopters freight services, at significant expense.

3. Provides feedback to WALGA that vehicle damage from commercial operations is the key issue in the Kimberley.

Underground Power (Infrastructure Unit)

That the Kimberley Regional Group requests that WALGA enter into discussions with Horizon Power in relation to programs and funding to transition overhead wires to underground power.

MURCHISON COUNTRY ZONE

Spillage from Ore Trucks onto Roads (Infrastructure Unit)

That the Murchison Country Zone write to the Minister for Transport, DMIRS, WA Police, Main Road Department and relevant mining companies hauling ore to Geraldton from mines in the Midwest Zone, (and cc'ing WALGA's Transport Committee) expressing our grave concerns about the ore flying off and out of ore haulage trucks and causing damage to the windscreens, tyres and paintwork to the vehicles of other road users, and highlight the increase stress levels and fear of other road users as they approach these trucks.

Rail Safety at Passive Level Crossings (Infrastructure Unit)

Recommend that WALGA lobby the State and Federal Governments to immediately introduce legislation to improve safety lighting on trains and low-cost solar power warning systems at passive level crossings.

Vehicles Being Driven on Unsealed Roads Closed Due to Wet Conditions (Infrastructure Policy Team)

That the Murchison Country Zone of WALGA:

1. Endorses the responses prepared by the Shires of Yalgoo and Cue as the official response of the Zone;
2. That the response is forwarded to WALGA.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

Kangaroo Management in the Perth Metropolitan Region (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That WALGA engages with all relevant councils to determine and document the scope of the problem and prepare a case requesting State Government action to be submitted to the Minister for Environment.

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

Office of the Auditor General – Mandatory Audit Costs (Governance and Organisational Services)

That the Northern Country Zone of WALGA writes to WALGA to investigate:

1. The increased costs of Office of the Auditor General audits; and
2. The inexperience of auditors provided, leading to cost overruns and delays.

Also, the Zone requests that the State Government fully subsidise the cost of Office of the Auditor General audits.

PILBARA COUNTRY ZONE

More Than Mining Campaign (Strategy, Policy and Planning Unit)

That the Pilbara Country Zone seeks that WALGA supports the More than Mining Campaign and to work with the NSW counterpart to lobby for reform to include FBT benefit to regionally based employees of participating councils of the Pilbara Country Zone.

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, 6 July 2022 commencing at 4:00pm.

10. CLOSURE

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed at **2:02pm**.