



CITY OF VINCENT

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## IB01 CRC for Water Sensitive Cities

### PURPOSE OF REPORT:

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Council about the activities of the Commonwealth Research Cooperative (CRC) for Water Sensitive Cities and to inform the Council about upcoming opportunities for the City to participate in workshops and seminars sharing research outcomes with CRC participants.

### BACKGROUND:

In July 2012 the City of Vincent joined the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities (formerly known as the Cities as Water Supply Catchments program). In November 2012 the CRC launched in Western Australia and the CRC board met with local participants to receive feedback about proposed research activities. In February 2013, the CRC's Chief Executive Officer again met with Western Australian participants to address the issues raised in November 2012.

The CRC's first Western Australian industry partner workshop will take place in April 2013 and Western Australian research projects are due to commence in mind 2013.

### DETAILS:

At a meeting with the CRC board in November 2012, the CRC's Western Australian industry participants provided feedback on proposed CRC research projects and identified a number of priority gaps between these projects and local water management needs. Science gaps identified related mainly to differences in urban hydrology and nutrient transport between the eastern states and the Western Australian context (in particular the Swan Coastal Plain). Adoption pathway gaps related to the lack of local proof-of-concept demonstration and evaluation sites and uncertainty over ongoing funding support for the Western Australian participants' representative body, the New WAtEr Ways forum.

At the meeting that followed in February 2013, CRC Chief Executive Officer Professor Tony Wong responded to concerns regarding limited applicability of some research projects (as shown in [Appendix 1](#)) and discussed the CRC's proposed approach to addressing priority gaps (as shown in [Appendix 2](#)). Professor Wong also committed the CRC to providing ongoing financial support for the activities of the New WAtEr Ways forum. The City's Officers attended both November 2012 and February 2013 meetings and believe that the issues raised by Western Australian CRC participants were addressed to their satisfaction.

A two day industry participant workshop is planned for Perth in April 2013 (as shown in [Appendix 3](#)), at which research outcomes relevant to the Western Australian context will be presented and CRC participants will have the opportunity to ask questions, provide feedback and consult directly with researchers on water management issues. At an additional half-day workshop (as shown in [Appendix 4](#)) CRC participants will have an opportunity to contribute directly to the CRC's Societal Innovation and Behaviour Change Project currently under way.

Twice yearly industry workshops will continue be held around Australia for the duration of the CRC. Information presented at these workshops will be made available in electronic form to all CRC participants following each event. All CRC participants are encouraged to consult their local research hub in relation to any water-related projects or water management issues that arise throughout the year.

In addition to the above, the New WAtEr Ways Forum will deliver regular local information sessions to help build the water sensitive urban design capacity of government and industry and to improve the delivery of urban water management and water sensitive cities. The first three information sessions for 2013 are planned for March, April and May. An invitation has been forwarded to relevant sections within the City's administration.

### CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Not applicable.

**LEGAL/POLICY:**

Not applicable.

**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:**

Not applicable.

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:**

The City's *Strategic Plan 2011-2016* places a strong emphasis on promoting environmental sustainability, and specifically recognises the importance of effectively and efficiently managing water, and protecting and improving the quality of surface and groundwater resources within the City.

Access to the expertise and the research outcomes of the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities will assist the City to meet these strategic objectives.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:**

With a growing population and reduced rainfall putting increasing pressure on water supplies, research specific to WA and Perth is necessary to identify steps that can be taken to ensure the sustainability of our water supplies.

The WA Research Node of the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities aims to develop solutions applicable to Swan Coastal Plain conditions. By continuing its support for WA Research through the CRC, the City will be helping to ensure the sustainability of Perth's water supplies, and will be able to apply outcomes from the CRC's research to improve the quality of water in the City's catchment.

**FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:**

Expenditure for this matter has been incurred under the following budgeted item: *Cities Water Supply Catchment Program*.

Budget Amount:	\$ 10,000
Spent to Date:	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
Balance:	\$ 0

A ten thousand dollar annual contribution to the CRC is to be provided (subject to Council approval of annual budgets) in financial years 2012-2013, 2013-2014 and 2014-2015. The City's ongoing participation in the CRC beyond 2015 will need to be considered by the Council prior to the preparation of the 2015-16 Draft Budget.

**COMMENTS:**

Through its membership of the CRC the City of Vincent gains unrestricted access to Australia's top water scientists and to the intellectual property developed by the CRC through its research activities. It also helps to ensure ongoing support of the New Water Ways Forum which not only provides a strong unified voice for Western Australian participants in the CRC, but also facilitates the dissemination of knowledge, building of capacity and adoption of research outcomes into policy and practice in the local context.

The City's Officers therefore believe that ongoing participation in the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities will assist the City to achieve its sustainability objectives relating to water management and water sensitive urban design.

Potential gaps in applicability of current CRC projects to WA conditions [14 February 2013]

Project	WA Partners Comments on potential gaps in applicability of project to WA conditions	CRC Response
<p>Program A – Good national coverage.</p> <p>A4.3 Socio-technical modelling tools to examine urban water management scenarios</p>	<p>The model will be built using Melbourne data. Hydrology and ecology components will not be applicable to WA.</p>	<p>It is anticipated that by the end of 2013 a beta version of DANCE4Water, calibrated to the Scotchman Creek Catchment (Melbourne), will be available for wider trials/calibration by DoW and Water Corporation for WA application [outcome: a new approach to scenario modelling of the socio-technical dynamics of water infrastructure development as a platform for incorporating research outcomes from research activities of the CRC]</p>
<p>Program B - Swan Coastal Plain conditions are now addressed to some extent, e.g. Project B2.4 <i>Hydrology and Nutrient Transport Processes in Groundwater/Surface Water Systems</i> captures WA partners' high priority research needs, however this project is underfunded (\$8,250/yr operational funding)</p>		<p>Current funding assigned to Project B2.4 is a total of \$410,067. This project is primarily a desk-top study to consolidate existing information on the hydrodynamics of groundwater/surface interaction in the Swan Coastal Plains and nutrient transport in surficial aquifers. The operational funding is to support the travel and other discretionary expenses while the majority of the budget is assign to the employment of a post-doctoral fellow to support W/Professor Oldham.</p> <p>Discussions have commenced with (i) the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training; and (ii) Department of Water on collaboration with them (specifically Professor Henning Prommer and Dr Malcolm Robb respectively) to significantly strengthen Project B2.4 in the area of modelling the surface water/groundwater interaction. It will also ensure that a single consolidated group are working together on this issue.</p>

Project	WA Partners Comments on potential gaps in applicability of project to WA conditions	CRC Response
<p>B1.1 Cities as Water Supply Catchments – Urban rainfall in a changing climate</p>	<p>Future rainfall projections will be carried out for Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane.</p>	<p>A project expansion scoping workshop is scheduled for 12 March 2013 involving W/Professor Carolyn Oldham, Dr Matthew Hipsey, Professor Henning Prommer, Dr Malcolm Robb, Mr Joel Hall and Professor Tony Wong.</p> <p>This project is expected to deliver an innovative and rigorous stochastic-downscaling methodology to downscale regional climate change models to 1km grids for generating future scenario climate time series that are consistent with global climate models while preserving the statistical distribution of meteorological conditions at finer grid scale. These time series can then be used to test the resilience of urban water systems to future climatic scenarios.</p> <p>In 2013, the final verification of the model will be completed using Melbourne rainfall and radar information on local rainfall intensities and temporal pattern down to 6 min timesteps. Of the capital cities in Australia, <u>Perth is the only major city where the radar information on rainfall intensity have not been digitalised and thus it will not be possible to readily apply the method to Perth.</u> Therefore, future rainfall projections will be carried out for Melbourne, Adelaide, Sydney and Brisbane in the first instance.</p> <p>Once the method has been verified and the applicability of the time series evaluated, the CRC will enter into discussion with the BoM to examine how they can support our efforts to develop future rainfall projections for Perth.</p>
<p>B1.2 Catchment scale landscape planning for water sensitive city-regions</p>	<p>Milestone 2.1.4 in the Commonwealth Agreement states that the methodology will</p>	<p>We have been able to convince Professor Daryl Low Choy to include Perth in his first batch of case study cities.</p>

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<p>in an age of climate change</p>	<p>be applied to real world scenarios in SthEastQld (SEQ), Greater Brisbane, Greater Melbourne and at least two regional centres. Whereas the project proposal states scenario planning will be undertaken for Melbourne, Perth and Brisbane metropolitan regions.</p>	
<p>B2.1 Cities as Water Supply Catchments: Stream ecology</p>	<p>This project is part of long term research that has been based on Victorian catchments. The project scope will not be expanded to include Swan Coastal Plain issues – i.e. surface water-groundwater interactions, sub-surface flows, groundwater recharge and harvesting and ephemeral systems. Linkage to project B2.4 is essential.</p>	<p>It is unlikely that this work will be applicable to waterways that are groundwater dependent or are significantly influenced by groundwater/surface water interaction. Project B2.2 is more relevant to the Swan Coast Plains as it sets out to determine the important the ecosystem and hydrological processes supporting urban waterscapes at scales ranging from habitats to catchments – with the Swan Coastal Plains being a principal study site.</p> <p>Nevertheless, there are streams and catchments in WA where the knowledge gained from this project (B2.1) will be of relevance.</p> <p>In 2013, this project will deliver:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Publication of a series of review papers relevant to WA streams not subject to significant surface water/groundwater interaction on (i) low-flow in urban catchments and implications for stormwater management; (ii) catchment-scale stressors that impact on the geomorphology of urban streams [outcome: scientific basis for determining operating rules for stormwater diversion for treatment and water supply from urban waterways; information to inform policy development on ownership of stormwater and associated licensing conditions to ensure</li> </ul>

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B2.3 Urban Waterway Remediation in Developed Catchments	The Bayesian Belief Network (BBN) modelling appears to be based predominantly on past Victorian research and data. Research is unlikely to be applicable to areas with significant groundwater Influences. Linkage to project B2.4 is essential.	multiple benefits associated stormwater harvesting projects]  This project aims to expand on the concept of waterway restoration by examining how best to transform degraded waterway through a combination of works in-stream and catchment-wide interventions to a new ecosystem state to respond to the altered catchment characteristics. The conceptual approach and stream remediation typologies developed could be applicable to WA waterways if informed by the work of B2.2 and B2.4.
B3.1 - Cities as Water Supply Catchments – Green Cities and Microclimate	The focus of the last two years of research has been on Victorian study sites. Scope is not being expanded to other climates.	This project is a continuation of a Cities as Water Supply Catchments project on urban micro-climate. The fundamental theoretical development of examining the role of urban water management on urban heat mitigation and improvement of human thermal comfort is based on field observations in Melbourne and Adelaide at present – a legacy of the Cities as Water Supply Catchments Program. The characteristics being investigated are in fact that of dry heat wave conditions, not dis-similar to conditions experienced in Perth. This project will conclude in 2014.  In 2013, this project will deliver the following:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mapping of Perth Heat Vulnerability based on a range of risk factors that include age, health status, type of housing and socio-economic status [outcome: more informed basis to guide investment prioritisation by state and local governments on heat mitigation interventions]</li> <li>• Preliminary evidence of the influence of green spaces and soil moisture on surface temperature [outcome: a better understanding of the potential effectiveness of heat mitigation</li> </ul>

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<p>B3.2 - The design of the public realm to enhance urban micro-climates</p>	<p>The research will be undertaken for “selected Australian cities” and possibly Singapore. The urban land surface model will only be run for Melbourne and Brisbane and possibly Singapore. There may be difficulties extending the strategies developed to other climates (e.g. Perth’s dry, long, hot summers, or more humid conditions in the Pilbara).</p>	<p>measures associated with urban water management and corresponding water demands in dry-heat environments]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preliminary evidence of the radial influence of tree canopy on surface temperature [outcome: an informed basis for tree planting strategy (density, canopy cover, spacing etc) for heat mitigation/micro-climate benefits]</li> <li>• Launch of beta-version of an urban heat-water sensitive urban design model to support urban design of green spaces [outcome: availability of an empirical model based on local Melbourne suburban data to support landscape planning to improve mitigation of urban heat]</li> </ul>
<p>B4.2 Socio-Technical Flood Resilience in Water Sensitive Cities – Adaptation across spatial and temporal scales</p>	<p>This project will not address the Swan Coastal Plain scenario where groundwater is a significant influence on flooding.</p>	<p>This project will commence in 2015 and builds on Project B3.1. The rationale for expanding the reference cities to include Brisbane and Singapore is that they have characteristically different ambient heat conditions associated with higher humidity of the sub-tropical and tropical zones.</p> <p>The reference cities for this work have not been finalised and a workshop to scope the project is being organised for March (dates being confirmed and invitations to industry partners to be issued soon).</p> <p>It is envisaged that the project team may have to prioritise reference cities from the following scenarios:-</p>



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fluvial flooding vulnerability associated a river of a large upstream catchment flowing through a city – eg. Brisbane River</li> <li>• Pluvial flooding in medium density urban environment – flooding caused by high intensity storms – eg. Inner suburban Sydney</li> <li>• Pluvial flooding in high density and high intensity storms – eg. Singapore</li> <li>• Combined flooding resulting from local storm events and high tailwater conditions (eg. Perth, Rotterdam)</li> </ul>
<p>Program C</p> <p>C1.2 – Cities as Water Supply Catchments – Risk and Health. Understanding Stormwater Quality Hazards</p>	<p>The 8 study catchments are located in NSW, VIC and QLD.</p> <p>Stormwater quality and risks are likely to differ on the Swan Coastal Plain where a high proportion of rainfall infiltrates and mixes with groundwater. E.g. levels of dissolved organic nitrogen can be 10x that used in the ‘artificial’ stormwater solutions currently used for biofiltration trials. Stormwater quality in WA should be characterised as part of the ‘national survey’ and then optimise the sustainable technologies accordingly.</p>	<p>This project is a Legacy Cities as Water Supply Catchments project examining the pathogen and micro-pollutant characteristics in urban stormwater runoff. The work is very much directed at supporting a landuse basis for selection and prioritising of precinct-scale stormwater harvesting schemes, ie. prioritising catchments with more favourable landuse</p> <p>The work may be relevance to WA if we were to examine stormwater runoff from the urban surfaces but will certainly be different groundwater/surface water interactions are prominent.</p> <p>In 2013, we expect the following outputs from this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refinement of a risk assessment framework for the use of stormwater for a range of uses [outcome: systematic and consistent adoption of appropriate technologies for stormwater</li> </ul>

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<p>C1.1 – Cities as Water Supply Catchments – Sustainable Technologies</p>	<p>Plants being investigated for their pathogen removal performance are primarily south east species. Field testing will be undertaken in Melbourne and Sydney. The research currently does not consider groundwater impacts on the performance of technologies (e.g. wetlands), potential use of superficial groundwater, or the impact of different climates (e.g. Perth's lack of summer rainfall) on performance efficiency, storage requirements and feasibility of the technologies. Note C4.1 provides some opportunity for investigating applicability to the Swan Coastal Plain.</p>	<p>treatment on a fit-for-purpose basis]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation of current understanding of pathogen risks in stormwater [outcome: established a foundation for addressing the risk and hazard associated with stormwater harvesting for non-potable and potable uses]</li> <li>Characterisation of urban stormwater quality hazards for stormwater harvesting according to catchment landuse [outcome: supporting a landuse basis for selection and prioritising of precinct-scale stormwater harvesting schemes]</li> </ul> <p>It is acknowledge that WSUD concepts developed and verified in the eastern states of Australia may not be applicable to regions of high groundwater/surface water interaction. They are nevertheless applicable for many cities and towns in WA (those not affected by shallow groundwater systems) for low-cost low-energy fit-for-purpose water production.</p> <p>It is clear that Perth needs to develop its own suite of WSUD techniques which may include some of the previously developed concepts.</p> <p>To do this requires a systematic approach of first understanding the hydrodynamics of the Swan Coast Plains and also the dynamics of nutrient transport and transformation through the surficial groundwater aquifers. It is probably to direct the CRC attention of Projects B2.2 and B2.4 plus monitoring of WA-based WSUD concepts such as the living stream concept in Wungong. Project C4.1 has commenced in Perth with Dr Matthew Hipsey working on an investigation of the effectiveness of wetland systems in treating</p>



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		<p>stormwater from the Swan Coastal Plains.</p> <p>In 2013, we anticipate the following outputs from this project that are applicable for cities and towns not affected by shallow groundwater systems:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proof-of-concept of stormwater harvesting technologies and corresponding design guidelines [outcome: better projections of infrastructure needs and resource yield]</li> <li>• Documenting/understanding pathogen and micro-pollutant removal processes in biofilters [outcome: early foundation to guide the development of technologies for pathogen and micro-pollutant removal capabilities attributed to green infrastructure to meet regulators' requirements]</li> </ul>
C1.3 – Fit-for-purpose water production	Similar concerns to project C1.1.	This project will only commence in 2015 and builds on Projects C1.1 and C1.2 and is focussed on biofiltration technology for fit-for-purpose water production. This project will be applicable for many cities and towns in WA not affected by shallow groundwater systems.
Program D		
D1.1 – Cities as Water Supply Catchments – Integration and Demonstration through Urban Design	The Water Sensitive Cities Model will include algorithms relating hydrology and water quality to stream ecology for Melbourne. This project includes development of demonstration sites in Victoria and NSW. In early 2011, WA organisations were asked to	<p>This project has another two years to run with existing demonstration projects.</p> <p>All new demonstration projects such as Wungong will be undertaken through Project D1.4.</p>



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D2.1 Developing Practitioner Capacity and Capability (not finalised)	<p>nominated potential allotment and streetscape demonstration sites for development under the CaWSC program. This was a major reason for buy-in by WA partners. Due to CRC cash budget constraints, there will be no additional allotment and streetscape demonstration sites (i.e., none will be developed in WA, SA or Qld). If a partner will fully fund development of a site, the CRC researchers (through project 6.1) may be able to provide advice.</p> <p>D1.4 will include the monitoring component of the Wungong urban development project through the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority (MRA).</p> <p>D5.1 will include three precinct scale demonstration projects – one in Vic or SA, Qld or NSW and WA (likely to be Keralup).</p>	<p>The strategic importance of New Water Ways in building capacity in WA for WSUD and Water Sensitive Cities is acknowledged.</p> <p>The CRC intends to work closely with the WSUD capacity building programs in all its partner states through providing access to its researchers and research outputs, presenting at their events and where necessary providing seed funding for their activities.</p> <p>The CRC will endeavour to work with its WA partners to support New Water Way.</p>

## Summary of Outcomes from the WA Partners meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013

Prepared by Professor Tony Wong  
CEO  
15<sup>th</sup> February 2013

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In a discussion paper jointly prepared by a group of WA participant organisations and NWW research forum in November 2012, it was identified by WA participants that there are 4 priority science gaps and two priority adoption gaps, ie.

### Science Gaps

1. Urban hydrology – Better understanding to manage the changes to the water balance as a result of urbanisation in areas that have a close surface water-groundwater interaction. This is a high priority and underpins much of the other science being undertaken by the CRC and its applicability to the Swan Coastal Plain.
2. Nutrient transport – Identification of nutrient sources and effective nutrient remediation initiatives as nutrients are transported within catchments, including sub-surface pathways.
3. WSUD treatment systems efficiencies – for example, performance data to improve the design of swales and urban waterways ('living streams') that commonly convey both stormwater and groundwater on the Swan Coastal Plain.
4. Developing non-potable sources and water supply schemes – including aquifer recharge and surface/groundwater (re-)use as a source.

### Adoption Gaps

1. A barrier to WSUD adoption is stable funding for New Water Ways! Ongoing State Government support for NWW beyond April 2013 is in serious doubt.
2. Another barrier to WSUD adoption in WA is the lack of local demonstration and evaluation sites. These are seen as a key to encouraging further WSUD adoption in WA. Local government need evidence and on-ground 'proof of concept' that WSUD approaches work under local conditions.

### Addressing Science Gaps (1) and (2)

We agreed that the Science Gaps (1) and (2) are to be addressed in Project B2.4 Hydrology and Nutrient Transport Processes in Groundwater/Surface Water Systems led by W/Professor Carolyn Oldham. It was agreed that this project would benefit from further strengthening by consolidating the work previously undertaken and to collaborate with organisations and research groups with ongoing research and scientific activities of relevance. It is noted that there has been extensive studies undertaken over the past two decades (e.g. Department of Water, CSIRO), although these studies have not been brought together to develop a consensus-understanding of the Swan Coastal Plain.

There is already a reference/steering group convened as part of the development of Project B2.4 by W/Professor Oldham. Project B2.4 is expected to commence in July 2013.

The meeting noted that discussions have commenced with (i) the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training; and (ii) Department of Water on collaboration with these organisations (specifically Professor Henning Prommer and Dr Malcolm Robb respectively) in an effort to significantly strengthen Project B2.4 in the area of modelling the surface water/groundwater interaction. The intention of this is to ensure that a single consolidated group are working together on this issue. The meeting also noted that a workshop is scheduled for 12 March 2013 involving

W/Professor Carolyn Oldham, Dr Matthew Hipsey, Professor Peter Davies, Professor Henning Prommer, Dr Malcolm Robb, Mr Joel Hall and Professor Tony Wong to further develop the collaboration and, hopefully, a joint project scope.

Outcomes from our discussions at the meeting which I will raise at the 12 March workshop are as follows:-

- The desire to consolidate available data that are of relevance to the understanding of groundwater/surface water interactions in the Swan Coastal Plain.
- It is desirable for one joint project to be designed amongst the collaborating parties (initially, the CRC, Department of Water and the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training. Organisationally, this joint project will have a number of inter-linked sub-projects made up of a CRC project B2.4 led by W/Prof Oldham, a Dept. of Water Project or projects led by Dr Malcolm Robb, and a new project from the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training led by Professor Henning Prommer.
- The desire for a key researchers group to collectively develop preliminary conceptual models of the hydrodynamics and nutrient transport and transformation pathways from the information at hand. It is envisaged that the development of such conceptual models could highlight critical knowledge gaps which may inform any required revision of the scope of the joint project. The CRC will support revision and modification to Project B2.4 and associated project agreement to accommodate such an eventuality.

#### **Addressing Science Gap (3)**

While there wasn't sufficient time to discuss this in any detail at the meeting, we did discuss the monitoring program of the Wungong Development as part of Project D1.4 and also the commencement of a study on the treatment effectiveness of wetlands in the Swan Coastal Plain by Dr Matt Hipsey as part of Project C4.1.

The Department of Water pointed out that laboratory studies on the effectiveness of some 10 local species plants for adoption in bioretention systems were undertaken with the assistance of Prof. Ana Deletic, the project leader of Project C1.1 and C1.3.

It is acknowledged that this science gaps is being addressed by the CRC but that it will take time for further WA demonstration and trial systems to be implement beyond those systems that are already in place or have been planned.

#### **Addressing Science Gap (4)**

We had a brief discussion on this and agreed that this an issue related to the use of surficial aquifer systems in the Swan Coastal Plain for storage of non-potable water sources. It was agreed that addressing Science Gaps (1) and (2) are pre-requisites towards a better understanding of the capacity of these aquifers to be part of an overall non-potable sources and water supply schemes. It is noted nevertheless that Project C1.1 has a study component of aquifer storage and recover which may be of relevance.

#### **Addressing Adoption Gap (1)**

The strategic importance of New WATER Ways in building capacity in WA for WSUD and Water Sensitive Cities is acknowledged. The meeting was re-assured that the CRC intends to work closely with the WSUD capacity building programs in all its partner states through providing access to its researchers and research outputs, presenting at their events and where necessary providing seed funding for their activities.

The CRC will endeavour to work with its WA partners to support New Water Ways and provide partial funding to support the organisation and its activities. The CRC will also actively partner with New Water Ways to secure funding support from WA organisations that will benefit from its capacity building activities.

**Addressing Adoption Gap (2)**

This topic was covered in discussion on Science Gap (3).

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## CRC Partners' Workshop | Linking Research and Practice

Date: Wednesday 3 and Thursday 4 April 2013

Time: 8:30 for 9:00am start; 5:00pm finish (Wednesday and Thursday)

Location: Fraser Suites, 10 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth

### Workshop Overview

**CRC Partners' Workshops** provide important opportunities for CRC Partners to access the latest research from the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities, and to engage with leading practitioners and researchers from across Australia on how this research could inform practical outcomes within your organisation to support a transition to water sensitive cities and towns. A Workshop Dinner on Wednesday 3 April (evening) provides a further opportunity to engage with fellow practitioners and researchers.

CRC Sub-Committees and the Essential Participants Reference Group will have the opportunity to meet following the last workshop session on Wednesday 3 April 2013.

The workshop will cover:

- a range of industry contexts and priorities in relation to water sensitive cities;
- the latest research and key insights from selected CRC research projects across the Society, Water Sensitive Urbanism and Future Technologies Programs;
- facilitated discussions on how research insights and outputs can inform practice; and
- development of the CRC's communication and adoption strategy.

### Key Workshop Sessions *[to be finalized]*

#### **Water Sensitive Cities – Understanding Contexts and Priorities**

*industry partner presentations outlining water sensitive city contexts and priorities in various locations across Australia  
questions and discussion*

#### **CRC Advisory Committees**

*introduction of members of the CRC Advisory Committees, and updates on the formation of CRC Sub-Committees*

#### **Improving our understanding of Water Sensitive Urbanism**

*including presentations on surface-groundwater interactions  
questions and discussion of implications for practice*

#### **Advancing Future Technologies: stormwater harvesting and smart metering**

*including presentations covering the development of a validation framework for stormwater systems, updates on stormwater characterization and performance of treatment technologies, and smart metering of residential water consumption  
questions and discussion of implications for practice*

#### **Society**

*including presentations on valuing costs and benefits, and institutional adaptive capacity  
questions and discussion of implications for practice*

#### **Developing Adoption Pathways**

*presentation on the CRC WSC Knowledge Hub (incorporating the Design Institute)  
interactive session to progress the development of the CRC WSC communication and adoption strategy*

#### **Research Outputs and Anticipated Outcomes for 2013**

*presentation of planned CRC WSC research outputs for 2013 and discussion of anticipated outcomes applicable to different industry sectors*





## Water Conservation, Flood Mitigation and Pollution Control: Identify and Prioritising Behaviours

Project Level Research Input Workshop for CRC Perth Hub Partners

Date: Tuesday 2 April 2013

Time: 11:00am to 4:00pm

Location: Fraser Suites, 10 Adelaide Terrace, East Perth

The project level workshop series ***Water Conservation, Flood Mitigation and Pollution Control: Identify and Prioritising Behaviours*** is part of the Societal Innovation and Behaviour Change Project (Project A2). A series of three workshops to be held in Perth, Brisbane and Melbourne will help identify and prioritise behaviours that can positively influence water use, flooding and pollution. Workshop outputs will inform research on *Accelerating transitions to water sensitive cities by influencing behaviour* (Sub-project A2.2, led by Dr Liam Smith).

Workshop participants will create a list of behaviours that address the issues of flooding, pollution and consumption. This list will be prioritised considering the impact of the behaviour on the problem, the target audience and the likelihood of adoption. Outputs from the three-workshop series will inform the development of a behaviour assessment database (showing how behaviours have been prioritised) and a behavioural road map to support the transition to water sensitive cities and towns.

Further information [click here](#)

CRC Partners' from the Perth Hub (Western Australia and Northern Territory) are invited to register their interest to participate with Liam Smith, Monash University (t. 03 9904 7107, e. [liam.smith@monash.edu](mailto:liam.smith@monash.edu)).



**IB02 Better Beginnings Program – Progress Report to February 2013****PURPOSE OF REPORT:**

To inform the Council of *Better Beginnings*, a universal early intervention family literacy program that has been operating in Western Australia since 2005.

**BACKGROUND:**

*Better Beginnings* is a universal family literacy program aimed at children and their families. The program is coordinated by the State Library of Western Australia (SLWA) and supported by the State Government of Western Australia through the Department of Culture and the Arts, Rio Tinto and Western Australian Local Governments. Edith Cowan University (ECU) is conducting the independent evaluation through a longitudinal study in selected communities.

**DETAILS:**

The program was originally structured to work with children from birth to three years; it has grown to incorporate four and five year olds. This program continues to emphasise the value of parents reading to and with their child. On their website (<http://www.better-beginnings.com.au/>) the benefit of using the local library is frequently promoted:

*"You and your child can borrow story books, picture books, audio CDs, magazines and more – and it's free to join. Some libraries provide computers with free internet use and special collections of books for beginning readers. Some libraries run regular book clubs and free school holiday activities. Many libraries that participate in the Better Beginnings program also have reading packs for children starting school, backpacks with puppets and picture books and sets of great read-aloud stories for families to borrow."*

*Better Beginnings* is also working with high profile Aboriginal people and book distributors on a program that addresses literacy issues in remote Aboriginal communities. This program is called "Read to me – I love it!" and engages the whole family.

A pilot program for six to nine year olds is also underway; this program involves a game and stories; children can collect up to 3 game cards for every book read. Evaluation is incomplete at this stage.

**Evaluation**

Parents of new babies, and living in four diverse communities were surveyed before receiving the *Better Beginnings* information toolkit and re-interviewed one year later.

Survey questions were designed to gain information about program delivery and content, library membership and use, early reading attitudes, and confidence and practices.

The first report, released in 2009, studied the effectiveness of the program over a three year period from 2007–2009. The study demonstrated that *Better Beginnings* is having a significant positive impact on early reading practices, attitudes and beliefs across Western Australia with:

- Eighty five percent of mothers surveyed reporting that they read to their child after receiving the *Better Beginnings* reading packs (only fourteen percent of these mothers reported reading to their child beforehand);
- Sixty two percent of mothers reporting that their confidence in sharing books with their child had increased after being involved in *Better Beginnings*;
- Seventy nine percent of those surveyed reporting that *Better Beginnings* had influenced their beliefs about the importance of sharing books with their child;
- The average number of books suitable for reading to the child in the home increasing from 15 to 49; and
- Twenty three percent of parents taking out library membership for their child.

In 2010, Edith Cowan University revisited families who had received a *Better Beginnings* reading pack in 2007. The evaluation shows that *Better Beginnings* is continuing to have a positive impact on early literacy practices with parents establishing a range of effective book sharing practices and children developing early literacy behaviours that will assist them in learning to read and write. *Better Beginnings* has reinforced and extended parents' knowledge and beliefs, and provided new understandings and practices that have been sustained over time.

The City of Vincent has committed over \$76,000 since 2005 to this program. Costs covered staff training and wages, purchase of *Better Beginnings* reading packs for new families, and *Better Beginnings* backpack sets for older children to borrow from the library. The Young People's Librarian has provided talks to new parents at the three Child Health Centres in the City, on the benefits of reading to their babies, particularly in regard to their language and literacy development.

In this period, there have been in excess of 40,000 children and parents visits to the Library to attend the Storytime and Baby Rhyme Time events.

### Baby Rhyme Time

Baby Rhyme Time is a program designed for babies from two months to about two years of age and introduces parents to the fun and benefits of sharing nursery rhymes and action songs with their babies. The sessions are relaxed and adapt to the needs and moods of the participants. The aim is to encourage parent-child interaction and support parents in their role as their child's first teacher. Parents and babies attending sessions are helping develop the baby's awareness of the sound and rhythm in spoken language. Even the youngest baby will love the sound of their mother's or father's voice reciting or reading rhymes. It is particularly important to surround babies with language as they progress towards learning to talk to encourage a wide vocabulary. A child's vocabulary is an important foundation for early literacy and provides a head-start for later success in reading. Public libraries are encouraged to offer the program to strengthen the vital role as a community hub to support parents in helping their children towards success in early literacy.

### Storytime

Storytime is the next level, and is for children prior to attending school. This program involves the reading of 2 or 3 stories to the children and their parents, followed by a craft that relates to the stories. Children learn to sit still and listen, are encouraged to interact with the story, learn to share, and may learn about colours, how to use scissors, and other skills that will be useful in their school life. By this age some children have identified favourite stories or characters; some can identify the difference between reality and fantasy, and may be learning more about life through the reading experience. Parents are encouraged to actively listen to the stories so that they can discuss the story with their children later: this has been identified as a further useful developmental tool.

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced testing Australian school children in spelling, grammar, punctuation and numeracy in 2008. In the 2012 National report, the following results were achieved by the Mt Hawthorn Primary School and Kyilla Primary School students, as seen on the *My School* website.

Comparisons are as follows:

SIM: Statistically similar schools; and  
 ALL: All Australian schools

### Mount Hawthorn Primary School

	Reading		Persuasive Writing		Spelling		Grammar & Punctuation		Numeracy	
Year 3	<b>449</b> 433 - 465		<b>448</b> 434 - 462		<b>422</b> 407 - 437		<b>457</b> 439 - 475		<b>424</b> 410 - 438	
	SIM 457 448 - 466	ALL 416	SIM 439 431 - 447	ALL 416	SIM 435 426 - 444	ALL 406	SIM 460 450 - 470	ALL 421	SIM 431 423 - 439	ALL 398
	<b>543</b> 529 - 557		<b>507</b> 494 - 520		<b>513</b> 500 - 526		<b>545</b> 530 - 560		<b>534</b> 521 - 547	
Year 5	SIM 527 518 - 536	ALL 488	SIM 509 501 - 517	ALL 483	SIM 509 501 - 517	ALL 484	SIM 537 528 - 546	ALL 499	SIM 521 513 - 529	ALL 488
	<b>576</b> 559 - 593		<b>584</b> 565 - 603		<b>559</b> 542 - 576		<b>549</b> 530 - 568		<b>590</b> 574 - 606	
Year 7	SIM 577 570 - 584	ALL 540	SIM 565 556 - 574	ALL 529	SIM 562 554 - 570	ALL 538	SIM 570 561 - 579	ALL 532	SIM 584 576 - 592	ALL 545

## Kyilla Primary School, North Perth

	Reading		Persuasive Writing		Spelling		Grammar & Punctuation		Numeracy	
Year 3	433 404 - 462		438 415 - 461		447 421 - 473		478 448 - 508		430 406 - 454	
	SIM 445 436 - 454	ALL 416	SIM 432 424 - 440	ALL 416	SIM 427 418 - 436	ALL 406	SIM 449 439 - 459	ALL 421	SIM 422 414 - 430	ALL 398
Year 5	577 547 - 607		493 465 - 521		510 482 - 538		570 538 - 602		613 588 - 638	
	SIM 515 506 - 524	ALL 488	SIM 500 492 - 508	ALL 483	SIM 500 492 - 508	ALL 484	SIM 525 516 - 534	ALL 499	SIM 510 502 - 518	ALL 488
Year 7	634 607 - 661		616 585 - 647		627 599 - 655		610 579 - 641		626 600 - 652	
	SIM 565 558 - 572	ALL 540	SIM 554 545 - 563	ALL 529	SIM 554 546 - 562	ALL 538	SIM 558 549 - 567	ALL 532	SIM 571 563 - 579	ALL 545

These tables indicate that local school children are achieving higher than average literacy and numeracy skills. Whilst not taking full credit for these achievements, there is no doubt that the strong early literacy programs that are offered in the Library are a contributing factor.

### CONSULTATION/ADVERTISING:

Not applicable.

### LEGAL/POLICY:

Not applicable.

### RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS:

In keeping with the City's *Strategic Plan 2011-2016*, Objective 3.1.6(a) states:

*"Build the capacity of individuals and groups within the community to initiate and manage programs and activities that benefit the broader community, such as the establishment of "men's sheds", community gardens, toy libraries and the like. "*

### SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS:

Supporting the development of literacy and numeracy skills of the children in our community assists them to become productive members of the future workforce.

### FINANCIAL/BUDGET IMPLICATIONS:

Expenditure for this program is addressed within the Library operating budget, salaries and programs.

### COMMENTS:

The success of the Better Beginnings program in Western Australia has been recognised in other Australian states, and used as a guide for future programs.

The City of Vincent Young People's Librarian is committed to this program, and much of the local success is due to her professional approach in service delivery.



#### **4.2 Catering Rights – Commission to Clubs and Lease Area for Caterer**

DCS advised that the catering commission had been confirmed and would be paid retrospectively to both Clubs

**Action DCS**

#### **4.3 Oval – Synthetic Grass in front of dugouts/player race area.**

MPPS advised that he has finally been able to obtain a quote for the work. He advised that the project would be listed for consideration on the Draft Budget for 2013/14.

**Action MPPS**

#### **4.4 St Patrick's Day Arrangements**

MCD outlined the arrangements for the day.

The clubs were concerned about the damage to the pitch and who would be responsible for the cost of any repairs.

MCD allayed any concerns the Clubs had with the arrangements.

**Action MCD**

#### **4.5 Broadcasting – Generator requirements**

The WA Football Commission are in negotiation for the television rights for the WAFL until 2014.

It is likely all of the games will be screened from one (1) venue which is likely to be Medibank Stadium. If this proceeds negotiations will need to take place with all the parties concerned.

The Clubs raised the issue that they currently pay for the three (3) phase generator which has risen in cost from \$440 to \$1,100 per televised game.

MPPS will see if the points at the oval are three (3) phased.

**Action MPPS**

#### **4.6 Scoreboard – Responsibility for replacement in the future**

The Clubs enquired as to who was responsible for the replacement of the electronic scoreboard in the future.

DCS advised that the City purchased the Scoreboard in the first instance as a once off and that at the time it was advised that any future purchase would be at the Club's expense.

DCS stated that the Clubs may wish to consider taking a grant application with the DSR for a CSRFF grant.

PC suggested that the WA Football Commission could be approached for funding.

#### **4.7 Ground Light Replacement**

MADS advised that during the recent storm prior to Christmas one (1) of lights had fallen from the tower and two (2) other bulbs had blown.

The Clubs queried who was responsible for these costs.

DCS advised that the light that had fallen could be an insurance claim. He was of the opinion that the replacement bulbs should be at the cost of the Clubs.

PC advised that he had contacted the other WAFL clubs to ascertain their arrangements in regard to the floodlights and they had advised that at all the other clubs the Councils were responsible for the replacement bulbs.

DCS stated he would ascertain whether the lease specified anything in regard to the floodlights.

**Action DCS**

#### **4.8 Leederville Parking Plan for Football Days**

AW stated that they were still receiving complaints from their members regarding the three (3) hour parking limit at the Loftus Centre Car Park.

MRCSS stated there was not much he could do as any changes would affect the other patrons of the Loftus Centre.

PC requested a pad of the area where parking was available would be of assistance to the members of both Clubs.

#### **5. General Business**

Nil.

#### **6. Next Meeting**

27 May 2013

#### **7. Meeting Closed**

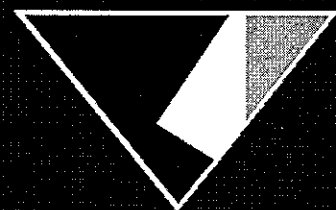
DCS closed the meeting at 2.45 pm

**MIKE ROOTSEY  
DIRECTOR CORPORATE SERVICES**

# THE VOICE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

## MARCH 2013

# STATE COUNCIL SUMMARY MINUTES



WALGA

## NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting No. 1 of 2013 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at WALGA, 15 Altona St, West Perth on **6 March 2013** commencing at 4:00pm.

### 1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### 1.1 Attendance

Chairman	President of WALGA Deputy President of WALGA Pilbara Country Zone	Mayor Troy Pickard President 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  South West Country Zone	Cr Lawrie Short Mayor Don Ennis Cr Janet Davidson JP Mayor Heather Henderson Cr Glenys Godfrey Cr Bob Emery (Deputy)  Mayor Ron Yuryevich AM RFD Cr Ross Winzer President Cr Eileen O'Connell President Cr Barry Webster Cr Chris Mitchell President 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 Julie Brown Cr Dennis Wood  Cr Tony Romano President Cr Wayne Sanford
Secretariat	Acting Chief Executive Officer EM Environment & Waste EM Governance & Strategy EM Marketing & Communications EM Planning & Community Development EM Infrastructure EM Workplace Solutions EM Corporate Business Solutions Manager Governance EO Governance and Strategy	Mr Wayne Scheggia Mr Mark Batty Mr Tony Brown Mr Zac Donovan Ms Allison Hailes Mr Ian Duncan Mr John Phillips Mr Nick Wood Mr James McGovern Ms Chantelle O'Brien

#### 1.2 Apologies

Chief Executive Officer	Ms Ricky Burges
East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Mick Wainwright
South Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Cr Carol Adams
The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of the City of Perth	Ms Lisa Scaffidi
Local Government Managers Australia	Dr Shayne Silcox
Finance Manager	Mrs Tina Mossdrop
South Metropolitan Zone	Cr Doug Thompson

### **1.3 Announcements**

At the request of the WALGA President, a minutes silence was held in memory of President Cr John Gardiner, State Councillor - South West Zone, President of the Shire of Dardanup.

## **2. MINUTES**

### **2.1 Minutes of 5 December 2012 State Council Meeting**

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

**Moved: Cr J Brown**

**Seconded: Cr E O'Connell**

**That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council Meeting held on 5 December 2012 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.**

#### **RESOLUTION 162.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

#### **2.1.1 Business Arising from the Minutes 5 December 2012**

There was no business arising from these Minutes.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Mayor R Yuryevich declared an interest in Item 5.1 on issues relating to the Local Government Advisory Board as he is a member of the Board.

Cr K Chappel declared an interest in Item 5.1 on issues relating to the Local Government Advisory Board as she is a Deputy member of the Board

## **PAPERS**

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

- President's Report (previously emailed to your Zone meeting)
- Item MWAC Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Final Report
- Item Application for Transferal of Zone Membership - Shire of Serpentine - Jarrahdale
- Item Finance & Services Minutes;
- Item Selection Committee Minutes;
- State Council Performance Assessment Report 2012
- CEO's report to State Council

## **5. EMERGING ISSUES**

There were no Emerging issues for consideration.

## 5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

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5.1	<b>Metropolitan Local Government Review – Submission on the Panel's Final Report (05-034-01-0018TL)</b>
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### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Association's Submission to the State Government in relation to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Final Report and Recommendations be endorsed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Refer to Attached document containing a table that outlines:

- 1 Panel Recommendations;
- 2 Position in WALGA's draft submission and
- 3 Zone Position.

### SECRETARIAT COMMENT

*There are comments on a number of WALGA's positions in relation to the Panel's Recommendations; however, the WALGA submission represents the views of the majority of the sector.*

*Amendments are recommended by the secretariat to WALGA's position in relation to recommendation 1, 25 and Additional Recommendation II, as per the composite recommendation below.*



**ATTACHMENT**  
**ITEM 5.1 Metropolitan Local Government Review – Submission on the Panel’s Final Report**

*Unless stated, all Zones support WALGA’s position*

PANEL RECOMMENDATION	POSITION IN WALGA’S DRAFT SUBMISSION	ZONE POSITIONS
1 The State Government give consideration to the inequities that exist in local government rating, including rate-equivalent payments and State Agreement Acts.	Recommendation 1 is SUPPORTED.	SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE That WALGA comment on Recommendation 1 be amended from “Supported” to “Conditionally Supported subject to there being direct action taken to address these inequities rather than to ‘give consideration’ ”
2 A collaborative process between State and local government be commenced to establish a new Partnership Agreement which will progress strategic issues and key result areas for both State Government and local government.	Panel Recommendation 2 is SUPPORTED.	
3 The State Government facilitate improved coordination between State Government agencies in the metropolitan area, including between State Government agencies and local government.	Panel Recommendation 3 is SUPPORTED.	

<p><b>4</b></p> <p>A full review of State and local government functions be undertaken by the proposed Local Government Commission as a second stage in the reform process.</p>	<p><b>Panel Recommendation 4 is SUPPORTED.</b></p>	<p><b>CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE</b> • That a full review of State and Local Government functions be undertaken by a commission made up of a majority of experienced relevant local government representatives and further that the review be undertaken in two parts one being based on the metropolitan area and the other on the balance of the state with such reviews being undertaken prior to any consideration of amalgamation. • The commission undertaking the review be made up of a majority of metropolitan local government representatives for the metropolitan review and a majority of local government representative of non-metropolitan representatives for the non-metropolitan review. • The terms of reference for the review be agreed between local government and the state government. <b>GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE</b> GVROC's support for Recommendation 4 is conditional on further clarification being provided as to what the review will include and the degree to which Local Government will be consulted. <b>GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE</b> Whilst the GECZ supports WALGA's position with respect to Recommendation 4 it notes the review should be undertaken with proper consultation and not lead to</p>
		<p>further cost shifting. <b>SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE</b> That WALGA not support Recommendation 4 unless the full review of State and Local Government functions is conducted at least parallel to, but preferably after, a review of Local Government form.</p>
<p><b>5</b></p> <p>In conjunction with the proposed structural and governance reforms, that local government planning approval powers be reinstated in metropolitan Perth by the State Government.</p>	<p><b>Panel Recommendation 5 is CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED.</b> Local Governments should have full planning approval powers reinstated, however this should not be tied to the proposed structural and governance reforms.</p>	<p><b>GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE</b> GVROC Supports Panel Recommendation 5 noting that the planning powers should be reinstated across all local governments and not just those in the metropolitan area. <b>GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE</b> Whilst it supports WALGA's position with respect to Recommendation 5 the GECZ believe that planning approval powers should be reinstated across all local governments and not just those within the metropolitan area.</p>

6	The State Government consider the management of waste treatment and disposal at a metropolitan-wide scale either be undertaken by a State authority or through a partnership with local government.	Panel Recommendation 6 is SUPPORTED.	SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE That WALGA comment on Recommendation 6 be amended from "Supported" to "Not Supported" on the basis that it has not been demonstrated that a State Government waste authority will operate with any greater efficiency than Local and Regional Local Governments.
7	A shared vision for the future of Perth be developed by the State Government, in conjunction with local government, stakeholder and community groups.	Panel Recommendation 7 is SUPPORTED.	GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE Whilst it supports WALGA's position with respect to Recommendation 7 the GECZ notes the vision should be for the whole State and not just confined to the metropolitan area.
8	A Forum of Mayors be formed to facilitate regional collaboration and effective lobbying for the needs of the metropolitan area and to provide a voice for Perth.	Panel Recommendation 8 is OPPOSED. The WALGA 'Policy Forum of Metropolitan Mayors' is a more appropriate governance structure.	NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE The North Metropolitan Zone supports in principle with the following addition: A Forum of Mayors be formed to facilitate regional collaboration and effective lobbying for the needs of the metropolitan area and to provide a voice for Perth pending the proposed forum of Mayors being clarified
9	The Forum of Mayors be chaired by the Lord Mayor of the modified City of Perth in the first instance.	Panel Recommendation 9 is NOTED.	NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE That the North Metropolitan Zone recommend that the words, 'in the first instance', be removed.
10	The newly created local governments should make the development and support of best practice community engagement a priority, including consideration of place management approaches and participatory governance modes, recognition of new and emerging social media channels and the use of open-government platforms.	Panel Recommendation 10 is SUPPORTED.	
11	The existing Regional Local Governments in the metropolitan area be dissolved, their provisions in the Local Government Act 1995 be repealed for the metropolitan area and a transitional plan for dissolving the existing bodies in the metropolitan area be developed.	Panel Recommendation 11 is NOT SUPPORTED until other outcomes of the Metropolitan Local Government Review are clear.	CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE That WALGA's response to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel Final Report Recommendation 11 be amended to state: 'Panel Recommendation 11 is NOT SUPPORTED'.
12	The State Government give consideration to transferring oversight responsibility for developments at Perth's airports, major hospitals and universities to the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority.	Panel Recommendation 12 is OPPOSED.	



13	<p>Periodic local government boundary reviews are undertaken by an independent body every 15 years to ensure the city's local government structure continues to be optimal as the metropolitan region develops.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 13 is <b>CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED</b> with the reviews being undertaken at least every 15 years.</p>	<p><b>CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE</b> Don't support recommendation as it is felt there is sufficient opportunity within the current legislation to undertake periodic reviews. <b>NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE</b> That the North Metropolitan Zone amends recommendation 13 to read: Periodic Local Government boundary reviews are undertaken by an independent body every 8 years to ensure the City's Local Government structure continues to be optimal as the Metropolitan region develops.</p>
14	<p>The Local Government Advisory Board be dissolved and its operating and process provisions in the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i> be rescinded, with the Local Government Commission taking over its roles, including consideration of representation reviews.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 14 is <b>CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED</b>, subject to: • The 'poll provisions' in Schedule 2.1 of the Act not being repealed; and, • The Local Government Commission having a substantial capacity building role.</p>	<p><b>CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE</b> Retain the current Local Government Advisory Board (in lieu of the proposed Local Government Commission) and enhance the Board's capacity building focus; Retain the poll provisions in Schedule 2.1 of the <i>Local Government Act 1995</i>. <b>GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE</b> GVROC opposed Panel Recommendation in its entirety.</p>
15	<p>A new structure of local government in metropolitan Perth be created through specific legislation which: a) incorporates all of the Swan and Canning Rivers within applicable local government areas b) transfers Rottnest Island to the proposed local government centred around the City of Fremantle c) reduces the number of local governments in metropolitan Perth to 12, with boundaries as detailed in Section 5 of this report.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 15 is <b>NOT SUPPORTED</b>: A. The Association <b>EXPRESSES CONCERN</b> that part (a) potentially represents a cost-shift to Local Government to manage a significant State asset; B. The Association <b>EXPRESSES CONCERN</b> with part (b) – it is not clear from the report whether this recommendation represents a simple administrative change for electoral purposes or a proposal for responsibility to be shifted from the Rottnest Island Authority to the City of Fremantle. This recommendation could be supported if it only represents an administrative change; and, C. Part (c) is <b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> – WALGA supports a Governance Model for the Perth metropolitan region consisting of approximately 15-20 Local Governments, and will work towards achieving this objective, based on sustainability principles, with reference to Directions 2031, using existing Local</p>	<p><b>CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE</b> That WALGA's response to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel Final Report Recommendation 15, part (c) be amended to: 'Part (c) is <b>NOT SUPPORTED</b>'.</p>
	<p>Government boundaries as a starting point.</p>		



16	Consideration be given to all local government elections being conducted by the Western Australian Electoral Commission.	Panel Recommendation 16 is <b>OPPOSED</b> .	CENTRAL METROPOLITAN ZONE That WALGA's response to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel Final Report Recommendation 16 be amended to: 'Panel Recommendation 16 is SUPPORTED'. NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE That the North Metropolitan Zone recommend Panel Recommendation 16 be amended to read: "That all Metropolitan Local Government elections to be conducted by the Western Australian Electoral Commission.
17	Compulsory voting for local government elections be enacted.	Panel Recommendation 17 is <b>OPPOSED</b> .	
18	All Mayors and Presidents be directly elected by the community.	Panel Recommendation 18 is <b>OPPOSED</b> . Local Governments should be able to determine the election method of their Mayor or President.	NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE The North Metropolitan Zone advise WALGA that recommendation 18 is SUPPORTED.
19	Party and group nominations for local government electoral vacancies be permitted.	Panel Recommendation 19 is <b>OPPOSED</b> .	
20	Elected members be limited to serving three consecutive terms as councillor and two consecutive terms as Mayor/President.	Panel Recommendation 20 is <b>OPPOSED</b> .	
21	Elected members be provided with appropriate training to encourage strategic leadership and board-like behaviour.	Panel Recommendation 21 is <b>SUPPORTED</b> .	CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE Support recommendation on the basis of such training not being compulsory. GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE Support recommendation on the basis of such training not being compulsory. GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE Whilst it supports WALGA's position with respect to Recommendation 21 the GECZ's support is made on the basis that such training is not compulsory and that the cost is met by others eg the State Government.
22	A full review of the current legislation be conducted to address the issue of the property franchise and the most appropriate voting system (noting the Panel considers that first-past-the-post is inappropriate for the larger districts that it has recommended).	Panel Recommendation 22 is considered in two parts: • A full review to consider the property franchise is SUPPORTED; and, • A full review to consider moving away from first-past-the-post voting is OPPOSED. The Local Government sector supports first-past-the-post as the most appropriate electoral system.	GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE GRO resolved to oppose Panel Recommendation 22 in its entirety.
23	Implementation of the proposed setting of fees and allowances for elected members as set by the	Panel Recommendation 23 is <b>SUPPORTED</b> .	
	Salaries and Allowances Tribunal.		

24	<p>Payments made to elected members be reported to the community on a regular basis by each local government.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 24 is <b>CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED</b> provided the payments made to Elected Members are only required to be reported in the Local Government's Annual Report.</p>	
25	<p>The Public Sector Commission provide advice and assistance to local governments in the appointment and performance management of local government Chief Executive Officers with consideration given to the Public Sector Commission being represented on relevant selection panels and committees.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 25 is <b>SUPPORTED</b>.</p>	<p><b>CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE</b> Support recommendation subject to involvement being by invitation of the individual local government to provide support and no loss of autonomy by the local government in appointing and performance managing a CEO. <b>GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE</b> <b>GVROC</b> opposes Panel Recommendation 25 believing that the status quo should be maintained. <b>GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE</b> Whilst it supports WALGA's position with respect to Recommendation 25 the GECZ notes that the support should be non-mandatory. <b>SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE</b> That recommendation 25 be amended to include the words at the beginning of the recommendation "At the request of the local Government" .... and delete the words after the word "Officers" the words "with consideration given to the Public Sector Commission being represented on relevant selection panels and committees."</p>
26	<p>A State Government decision on reform should be made as soon as possible, and if the decision is to proceed with structural reforms, the process of implementation should begin without delay.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 26 is <b>SUPPORTED</b>.</p>	
27	<p>Councils take on a leadership role in the reform debate and prepare their residents now for the possibility of changes in the future.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 27 is <b>SUPPORTED</b>.</p>	
28	<p>The State Government assist and support local governments by providing tools to cope with change and developing an overarching communication and change management strategy.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 28 is <b>SUPPORTED</b>.</p>	<p><b>CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE</b> Support recommendation subject to financial support equality for all Councils</p>



<p><b>29</b></p> <p>A Local Government Commission be established as an independent body to administer and implement the structural and governance reforms recommended by the Panel, and facilitate the ongoing relationship between State and local government.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 29 is <b>CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED</b>, subject to: 1. Responsibility for Intergovernmental Agreements sitting with the Department of Premier and Cabinet, in liaison with WALGA, 2. The Local Government Commission, established as an independent body from the Department of Local Government, undertaking the following functions: a. The majority of the advisory and sector support functions currently undertaken by</p>	<p><b>GOLDFIELDS-ESPERANCE COUNTRY ZONE GVROC</b> opposed Panel Recommendation 29.</p>
	<p>the Department of Local Government; b. Progressing Local Government's ability to examine and improve its sustainability; c. Improving access to consistent aggregated Local Government financial information; d. Encouraging uniform best practice asset management practices; e. Encouraging long term strategic financial planning and management; f. Assisting with the implementation of community infrastructure planning; and, 3. That the Local Government sector and Local Government peak bodies – WALGA and the LGMA – are involved in the establishment of the Local Government Commission.</p>	
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>The recommendations from the Panel should be considered as a complete reform package and be implemented in their entirety.</p>	<p>Panel Recommendation 30 is <b>NOT SUPPORTED</b>.</p>	
<p><b>ADDITIONAL WALGA RECOMMENDATION 1: The positions put forward by the Association in this submission in response to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's recommendations be implemented as one complete reform package and be implemented in their entirety.</b></p>		



**ADDITIONAL WALGA RECOMMENDATION II:** That, in the event Local Government reform proceeds, a staged structural reform transition process is implemented whereby: 1. the State Government establishes and states its vision and objectives for Local Government in metropolitan Perth and country Western Australia, and determines the parameters for Local Government structural reform; 2. the Local Government sector is empowered to achieve the objectives within a 12 month timeframe; 3. That transitional arrangements are managed by serving Elected Members rather than appointed commissioners; 4. That any change to the structure and governance of Local Governments, whether forced or voluntary, is funded by the State Government; and, 5. That the Local Government sector and Local Government peak bodies – WALGA and the LGMA – are involved in any Local Government reform initiative stemming from the Metropolitan Local Government Review.

**CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE** That, in the event Local Government reform proceeds, a staged structural reform transition process is implemented whereby: 1. the State Government establishes and states its vision and objectives for Local Government in metropolitan Perth and country Western Australia, and determines the parameters for Local Government structural reform; 2. the Local Government sector is empowered to achieve the objectives within a 12 month timeframe; 3. That transitional arrangements are managed by selected serving Elected Members from the amalgamating Local Governments rather than appointed commissioners; 4. That any change to the structure and governance of Local Governments, whether forced or voluntary, is funded by the State Government; and, 5. That the Local Government sector and Local Government peak bodies – WALGA and the LGMA – are involved in any Local Government reform initiative stemming from the Metropolitan Local Government Review. **SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE** That Para 2 be amended to delete the words “a 12 month timeframe” and replace with the words “an agreed timeframe.”

Moved: Cr Barrett  
Seconded: Cr Short

That the Association's Submission to the State Government in relation to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Final Report and Recommendations be endorsed with the following amendments:

1. That WALGA's position in response to Recommendation 1 be amended to: "Panel Recommendation 1 is **CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED** subject to direct action being taken to address the inequities that exist in Local Government rating";
2. That WALGA's position in response to Recommendation 25 be amended to: "Panel Recommendation 25 is **CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED** subject to any involvement of the Public Sector Commission being at the request of the Local Government; and,
3. That Part 3 of WALGA's 'Additional Recommendation II' be amended to: "That transitional arrangements are managed by selected serving Elected Members from the amalgamating Local Governments rather than appointed commissioners."

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Mayor D Ennis  
Seconded: Mayor R Yuryevich

3. That Part 3 of WALGA's 'Additional Recommendation II' be amended to: "That transitional arrangements are managed by selected serving Elected Members from the amalgamating Local Governments to act as appointed commissioners."

**LOST**

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich  
Seconded: Mayor D Ennis

4. That part 3 of WALGA's position in response to Recommendation 29 be amended to:  
That the Local Government sector and Local Government peak bodies – WALGA and the LGMA – are involved in the establishment and are members of the Local Government Commission.

**THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED**

Mayor R Yuryevich and Cr Chappel declared an interest in recommendations pertaining to the Local Government Advisory Board and left the meeting 4.43pm

**AMENDMENT**

Moved: Mayor D Ennis  
Seconded:

Panel recommendation 14 is opposed and the local Government Advisory Board is retained and the Board's capacity building focus is enhanced; and the Poll provisions and schedule 2.1 of the Local Government Act is retained.

**LAPSED FOR WANT OF A SECONDER**

Mayor R Yuryevich and Cr Chappel returned to the meeting at 4.47pm.

That the Association's Submission to the State Government in relation to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Final Report and Recommendations be endorsed with the following amendments:

1. That WALGA's position in response to Recommendation 1 be amended to: "Panel Recommendation 1 is **CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED** subject to direct action being taken to address the inequities that exist in Local Government rating";
2. That WALGA's position in response to Recommendation 25 be amended to: "Panel Recommendation 25 is **CONDITIONALLY SUPPORTED** subject to any involvement of the Public Sector Commission being at the request of the Local Government; and,
3. That Part 3 of WALGA's 'Additional Recommendation II' be amended to: "That transitional arrangements are managed by selected serving Elected Members from the amalgamating Local Governments rather than appointed commissioners."
4. That part 3 of WALGA's position in response to Recommendation 29 be amended to:  
That the Local Government sector and Local Government peak bodies – WALGA and the LGMA – are involved in the establishment and are members of the Local Government Commission.

**RESOLUTION 163.1/2013**

**THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION WAS  
PUT AND CARRIED  
UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.1.1 MWAC Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Final Report**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the MWAC Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Final Report be endorsed.

Moved: Cr G Godfrey  
 Seconded: Mayor D Ennis

That the MWAC Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Final Report be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 164.1/2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.2 Public Sector Reform – Submission to the Standing Committee on Public Administration (05-068-04-0001TL)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the attached Submission to the Standing Committee on Public Administration in relation to Public Sector Reform 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 Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
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: Mayor H Zelones

That the attached Submission to the Standing Committee on Public Administration in relation to Public Sector Reform be endorsed

RESOLUTION 165.1/2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.3 Development Assessment Panels- Legislation and Regulations Review (05-047-01-0016CG)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That WALGA advocate to State Government a review of Part 11A of the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 to clarify uncertainties with respect to responsibilities of Local Government.

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	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Cr C Mitchell  
 Seconded: Mayor D Ennis

That WALGA advocate to State Government a review of Part 11A of the Planning and Development Act 2005 and the Planning and Development (Development Assessment Panels) Regulations 2011 to clarify uncertainties with respect to responsibilities of Local Government.

**RESOLUTION 166.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.4 Review of Local Government Planning and Development Fees and Charges (06-036-01-0001 VJ)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the results of the Local Government Planning and Development Fees and Charges Review be noted;
- 2) That this report and the interim position submitted to the Department of Planning to assist in the review of the planning fees and charges regulated under the Planning and Development Regulations 2009 be endorsed;
- 3) That WALGA advocate that the State Government initiate a full review of the planning fees and charges, as the current system is cumbersome and the proposed recommendations from the review have wider implications for Local Government and other key stakeholders; and
- 4) That WALGA advocate for a CPI increase to fees and charges in the 2013/14 financial year as a minimum increase, until the full review is completed.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
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	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

**SOUTH METROPOLITAN ZONE**

That recommendation 4 be amended to:

**“That WALGA advocate for an increase to fees and charges in the 2013/14 financial year using the ABS labour cost index as a minimum increase until the full review is completed.”**

**CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE**

That Part 4 of the WALGA Recommendation be amended to clearly identify what CPI is being used to increase fees and charges.

**GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE**

That Part 4 of the WALGA Recommendation be amended to clearly identify what CPI is being used to increase fees and charges.

**GOLDFIELDS ESPERANCE ZONE**

That Part 4 of the WALGA Recommendation be amended to clearly identify what CPI is being used to increase fees and charges.

Moved: Cr J Brown  
Seconded: Cr K Chappel

- 1) That the results of the Local Government Planning and Development Fees and Charges Review be noted;
- 2) That this report and the interim position submitted to the Department of Planning to assist in the review of the planning fees and charges regulated under the Planning and Development Regulations 2009 be endorsed;
- 3) That WALGA advocate that the State Government initiate a full review of the planning fees and charges, as the current system is cumbersome and the proposed recommendations from the review have wider implications for Local Government and other key stakeholders; and
- 4) That WALGA advocate for an increase to fees and charges in the 2013/14 financial year using the WA Wage Price Index as a minimum increase until the full review is completed

#### AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Yuryevich  
Seconded: Cr O'Connell

- 1) That the results of the Local Government Planning and Development Fees and Charges Review be noted;
- 2) That this report and the interim position submitted to the Department of Planning to assist in the review of the planning fees and charges regulated under the Planning and Development Regulations 2009 be endorsed;
- 3) That WALGA advocate through the Minister for Planning that the Department of Planning initiate and fully fund a full review of the planning fees and charges, as the current system is cumbersome and the proposed recommendations from the review have wider implications for Local Government and other key stakeholders; and
- 4) That WALGA advocate for the following changes to the regulated fees and charges:
  - Fees to be increased by either CPI or the WA Wage Price Index (whichever is the higher) for both the 2012/13 and 2013/14 financial years:
  - Increases to be compounded annually:
  - This formula to automatically apply in future years, until the full review is completed.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED

RESOLUTION 167.1/2013

THE SUBSTANTIVE MOTION  
WAS PUT AND CARRIED

**5.5 Building Local Government Capacity in Emergency Management Project – Background Paper and Advocacy Strategy (05-024-03-0026 EF)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

The Building Local Government Capacity in Emergency Management Background Paper and the Advocacy Strategy identifies potential future actions to support Local Government build capacity in Emergency Management 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 Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

**SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE**

That attachment B of 5.5 - Advocacy Strategy be amended by the addition of a new section as follows

Issue	Strategy	Resources	Timeframe
Improve emergency management communications across the state and during emergencies	Review current communications practices to ensure a more coordinated and effective process with particular regard to the inclusion of local government  Advocate for better communications infrastructure	As above and SEMC Secretariat  DFES  DEC	Dec 2013

Moved: Cr Sanford  
 Seconded: Cr Mitchell

The Building Local Government Capacity in Emergency Management Background Paper and the Advocacy Strategy identifies potential future actions to support Local Government build capacity in Emergency Management be endorsed subject to attachment B – Advocacy Strategy be amended by the addition of a new section as follows.

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Timeframe</u>
Improve emergency management communications across the state and during emergencies	Review current communications practices to ensure a more coordinated and effective process with particular regard to the inclusion of local government  Advocate for better communications infrastructure	As above and SEMC Secretariat  DFES  DEC	Dec 2013

**RESOLUTION 168.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.6 WALGA Submission – Inquiry into Recent Trends in and Preparedness for Extreme Weather Events (05-024-03-0026 EF)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the Association’s Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communication’s Inquiry into Recent Trends in and Preparedness for Extreme Weather Events 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 Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Cr C Mitchell  
 Seconded: President Cr K Chappel

That the Association's Submission to the Senate Standing Committee on Environment and Communication's Inquiry into Recent Trends in and Preparedness for Extreme Weather Events be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 169.1/2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.7 Draft Position Paper on the Strong Foundations for Sustainable Local Infrastructure Report (05-100-03-0001 PS)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the Association's draft position paper on the Ernst and Young report, Strong Foundations for Sustainable Local Infrastructure, 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 Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Mayor D Ennis  
 Seconded: Mayor T Roberts

That the Association's draft position paper on the Ernst and Young report, Strong Foundations for Sustainable Local Infrastructure, be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 170.1/2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**5.8 Submission on the 'Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport' draft discussion paper (05-005-03-0005 MM)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the interim submission on the 'Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport' draft discussion paper 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 Eastern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Kimberley Zone	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation supported

Moved: Cr C Mitchell  
 Seconded: Cr T Romano

That the interim submission on the 'Walking, Riding and Access to Public Transport' draft discussion paper be endorsed.

**RESOLUTION 171.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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

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**5.9 Application for Transferal of Zone Membership – Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale (01-005-02-0018 TB)**

*By Tony Brown, Executive Manager Governance and Strategy*

**Moved: Mayor H Zelones  
Seconded: Cr W Barrett**

**That State Council approves the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale's application:**

- 1. To transfer from the Metropolitan Constituency of WALGA to the Country Constituency of WALGA in accordance with Clause 5 of the Association Constitution; and,**
- 2. To transfer from the South East Metropolitan Zone of WALGA to the Peel Country Zone of WALGA in accordance with Clause 14 of the Association Constitution.**

**RESOLUTION 172.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.10 Finance & Services Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 NW)**

*By Nick Wood, Executive Manager, Corporate Business Solutions*

**Moved: Cr T Romano  
Seconded: Cr E O'Connell**

**That the minutes of the Finance and Selection Committee meeting held 27 February 2013 be received**

**RESOLUTION 173.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.11 Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 TL)**

*By Timothy Lane, Manager Strategy and Reform*

**Moved: President Cr L Craigie  
Seconded: Cr L Short**

**That the Minutes of the Selection Committee meeting held 5 March 2013 be noted;**

**RESOLUTION 174.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**5.12 State Council Performance Assessment Report 2012**

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Moved: Cr J Brown  
 Seconded: President Cr S Broad

That State Council:

1. Notes the President's Report regarding the Performance Assessment of State Council and
2. Notes the overall positive rating of the performance of State Council and the President.

**RESOLUTION 175.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION**

**6.1 Update on Local Government Child Health Facilities (05-030-03-0005 SH)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the progress update on Local Government Child Health Facilities 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	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Mayor D Ennis  
 Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the progress update on Local Government Child Health Facilities be noted.

**RESOLUTION 176.1/2013**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**6.2 Bush Fire Risk Management and the WA Planning System (05-024-02-0056 CG)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the work that the Association is currently undertaking associated with mitigating the threat of bushfire through the planning system, 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	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr L Short  
 Seconded: Cr D Wood

That the work that the Association is currently undertaking associated with mitigating the threat of bushfire through the planning system, be noted.

RESOLUTION 177.1/2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.3 Heavy Vehicle Charging and Investment Reform (05-088-03-0001 PS)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That State Council note developments on the Heavy Vehicle Charging Investment Reform (HVCI) Project.

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	That the State Council Agenda be noted

Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
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: Cr G Amphlett

That State Council note developments on the Heavy Vehicle Charging Investment Reform (HVCI) Project.

RESOLUTION 178.1/2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

#### 6.4 Financial Assistance Grants Review (05-100-03-0001 PS)

##### WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the Commonwealth Grants Commission's review of Financial Assistance Grants

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	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr B Emery  
 Seconded: Mayor D Ennis

That State Council note the Commonwealth Grants Commission's review of Financial Assistance Grants

RESOLUTION 179.1/2013

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

**6.5 Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) (01-006-03-0008 RNB)**

**WALGA RECOMMENDATION**

That the resolutions of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 19 December 2012 meeting 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	That the State Council Agenda be noted
Murchison Country Zone	No response to Flying Minute from the Zone
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Peel Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
Pilbara Zone	Meeting held prior to receiving Agenda
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA recommendation noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA recommendation noted

Moved: Cr C Mitchell  
 Seconded: Mayor D Ennis

That State Council note the Commonwealth Grants Commission's review of Financial Assistance Grants

**RESOLUTION 180.1/2013**

**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 D Wood  
 Seconded: President Cr B Webster

That the Key Activities Report from the Environment and Waste Unit to the March 2013 State Council meeting be noted.

**RESOLUTION 181.1/2013**

**CARRIED**

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

Moved: Cr D Wood  
Seconded: President Cr B Webster

That the Key Activities Report from the Governance and Strategy Unit to the March 2013 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 182.1/2013

CARRIED

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

Moved: Cr D Wood  
Seconded: President Cr B Webster

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the March 2013 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 183.1/2013

CARRIED

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

Moved: Cr D Wood  
Seconded: President Cr B Webster

That the Key Activities Report from the Planning and Community Development Unit to March 2013 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 184.1/2013

CARRIED

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

Moved: Cr D Wood  
Seconded: President Cr B Webster

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the March 2013 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 185.1/2013

CARRIED

**7.3 President's Report**

Moved: Cr D Wood  
Seconded: President Cr B Webster

That the President's Report for March 2013 be received.

RESOLUTION 186.1/2013

CARRIED

<b>7.4 CEO's Report</b>
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Moved: Cr D Wood  
Seconded: President Cr B Webster

That the CEO's Report for March 2013 be received.

**RESOLUTION 187.1/2013**

**CARRIED**

## **8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS**

Moved: Mayor R Yuryevich  
Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the March 2013 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration.

**RESOLUTION 188.1/2013**

**CARRIED**

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### **KIMBERELY ZONE**

**State Administrative Tribunal Determination 409/2012**  
**Governance and Strategy**

***That the Kimberley Zone of WALGA:***

***Requests the Secretariat to urgently raise the State Administrative Tribunal Determination DR 409/2012 with WALGA advising of the implications to the local government sector in regard to the SAT Decision and its effect on local government decision making. This advice to include the following:***

- a) Implications on local law determination by a local government***
- b) The ramifications for local government for like actions and potential legal costs involved as being experienced by the Shire of Broome.***
- c) Requests the WALGA legislative review team to raise this matter with the Department of Local Government to consider what changes to section 9.9 of the Local Government Act 1995 may be applicable to remedy this precedence.***

**Kimberley Rural Fire Service**  
**Planning and Community Development**

- 1. That the Kimberley Zone Fire Management Committee organise a face to face meeting to prepare a clearly defined strategy to progress the issue.***
- 2. That the committee be increased to 8 members with at least one elected member from each LG and representation from WALGA.***
- 3. That the Zone identifies the options to present our case directly to the relevant ministers.***
- 4. That this process be completed and ready to be voted on at the next Zone meeting (prepared and allowing each LG to vote on the recommendations)***
- 5. The fire management committee discuss options for other Kimberley fire management options***

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**GASCOYNE COUNTRY ZONE**

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**TransWA Bus Service  
Infrastructure**

*That WALGA advocate for an expansion of TransWA services to the Gascoyne region given the recent withdrawal of the Greyhound Perth-Darwin route.*

**Emergency Services Legislation  
Planning and Community Development**

*That, as part of the review of Emergency Services legislation, Local Government be able to hand-over responsibility for all bushfires to the Department of Fire and Emergency Services*

**9. MEETING ASSESSMENT**

Cr Tony Romano 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 Karratha on **Friday 3 May 2013** commencing 9am.

**11. CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the President declared the meeting closed at 6.20pm



# MINUTES

## ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

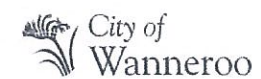
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7 MARCH 2013

CITY OF JOONDALUP

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*Managing waste and recovering resources responsibly*  
*Constituent Members: Cities of Perth, Joondalup, Stirling, Vincent and Wanneroo*  
*Towns of Cambridge and Victoria Park*



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**5 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PRESIDING PERSON**

*The Chairman encouraged members to forward any amendments or alternate motions to members and administration prior to council meetings which would help facilitate a good meeting.*

**6 APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**7 PETITIONS / DEPUTATIONS / PRESENTATIONS**

Nil

**8 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**8.1 ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING – 6 DECEMBER 2012**

The Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 6 December 2012 have been printed and circulated to members of the Council.

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of Council held on 6 December 2012 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings.**

*Cr MacTiernan arrived at 5.36pm*

**PROCEDURAL MOTION**

**Cr Cooke moved to have the motion deferred until the next meeting , Cr Stewart seconded.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*CEO to arrange meeting with the Chairperson and Cr Cooke to clarify why Cr Cooke's and Cr Stewart's motions put to Item 14.1 were not recorded in the minutes.*

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<b>9 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REPORTS</b>	
<b>9.1 TIPFACE RESOURCE RECOVERY TRIAL</b>	
<b>File No:</b>	<b>COR/48</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Nil</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>14 February 2012</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Mike Myring, Site Supervisor</b>

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to:

1. Provide details on the Tipface Resource Recovery Trial conducted at Tamala Park from October – December 2012;
2. Seek consideration of extending the trial to financial year end;
3. Consider continuing on with the project on a permanent basis; and
4. Request the member councils' support to have the project funded on a permanent basis from the Waste Authority's Regional Funding Program.

### **BACKGROUND**

Currently kerbside pick-ups are disposed of in landfill. In October 2012 a trial was initiated to recover recyclables from the tipface, which has been very successful. The cost of the trial totalled \$64,348 including the hiring of the plant (\$34,641), fuel costs (\$5,755) and recovering 1,450 mattresses at a disposal cost of (\$23,952). These costs were offset by revenue from the sale of the steel recovered totalling \$36,255 (212 tonnes) and through recovering \$6,342 of the landfill levy placed on waste to landfill by the State Government. The net cost of the project was \$21,751, which has been funded from the current budget.

In addition to this, the reduction in airspace consumed of 868m<sup>3</sup> is valued at approximately \$73,780, although this benefit will only be realised towards the end of the landfill's life.

The initial scheme was intended to recover bulky items like scrap metal, mattresses, timber, toys and e-waste from the landfill, however the volume of metal and mattresses alone being salvaged has meant that there has not been enough resources to recover any other recyclable items.

The trial to the 30 December 2012 has recovered 37 tonnes (1,450 mattresses) and 212 tonnes of scrap metal.

The tables below detail the costs associated with running the trial for the three month period to December 2012 and the savings in air space.

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<b>COST OF TRIAL TO DECEMBER 2012</b>	
Expense Cost/Savings type	(\$)
Plant Hire Cost	(34,641)
Fuel Cost	(5,755)
Mattress Disposal Cost (1450 off)	(23,952)
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>(\$64,348)</b>
Savings	
Proceeds from Sale of Steel	36,255
DEP Levy Saving (Mattresses and Steel)	6,342
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>42,597</b>
<b>*TOTAL COST OF TRIAL</b>	<b>(\$21,751)</b>

\*Excludes savings in air space (868m3 at \$85 per m3 = \$73,780)

The trial of the scheme was presented to the Strategic Working Group where discussions ensued in relation to having the scheme funded through the Waste Authority via its Regional Funding Program. The Waste Authority recently informed the MRC that the project previously submitted to undertake a Waste Audit was unsuccessful. General support was provided to this request and the MRC has sent correspondence to the member councils seeking formal support prior to completing the program application and to reduce the lag time in gaining the necessary approvals if the council resolves to support making the scheme permanent.

#### **DETAIL**

The trial has provided many benefits to the MRC. Reducing waste to landfill, incentivising the employees to operate in accordance with MRC's objectives and allowing them to take responsibility for the project and improving moral. Given the benefits the trial has continued into 2013 and \$49,900 has been sought in the half yearly budget review to continue the trial through to the end of the financial year.

If the scheme continues to be successful consideration must be made to making it permanent. Additional resources will be required to support the trial if it was made permanent, which would include the purchasing of an excavator (cost table below includes purchase), another two hooklift bins and employing an additional plant operator. Operating on a permanent basis would allow the tipface operations team to recover even more recyclables from the tipface. The table below indicates the cost of running the scheme annually.

<b>COST TO OPERATE PROJECT FOR A FULL YEAR</b>	
Expense Cost/Savings type	(\$)
Plant Purchase Cost	(187,000)
Fuel Cost	(27,908)
Mattress Disposal Cost	(102,056)
Full Time Operator Cost	(70,000)
Hooklift Bins (2 off)	(14,500)
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>(\$401,464)</b>
Savings	
Proceeds from Sale of Steel	145,020
DEP Levy Saving (Mattresses and Steel)	25,368
<b>Total Savings</b>	<b>170,388</b>
<b>*TOTAL COST OF TRIAL</b>	<b>(\$231,076)</b>

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\*Excludes Savings in Air Space as these savings are not realised until the end of life of landfill. However based on this year's rates the anticipated savings would be (3,500m<sup>3</sup> at \$85 per m<sup>3</sup> = \$297,500)

While the program would operate at a cash loss of \$231,076 annually it supports the MRC's overall strategic objective to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill and will extend the life of the landfill or alternatively, allow the landfill site to be used more intensively, both of which have significant long term benefits to the MRC.

Based on the pilot project, it is likely that the MRC's waste diversion rate would be improved by 0.5%. As a result, an opportunity may exist to have this trial project funded on a permanent basis by the Waste Authority via its Regional Funding Program if the member councils were supportive of the project. This would allow the significant capital cost of the project to be covered with the MRC covering the projects operational costs.

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The trial to December 2012 has been funded from the 2012/13 Budget. However if the trial is to continue to the end of the financial year then a further \$49,900 is required, which cannot be funded from the current budget. A further report later in the agenda on the half yearly Budget review has included the amount required to continue the trial to the financial year end.

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The scheme is directly in line with the objectives of the MRC in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill.

#### **COMMENT**

The trial project has been extremely successful in reducing the amount of waste to landfill and as such it is proposed to seek council's endorsement to continue with the project for the rest of the financial year at a cost of \$49,900 and discuss making the project permanent at the budget workshops. There is an opportunity to obtain funding for the project through the Waste Authority's Regional Funding Program. This funding opportunity has been discussed with the member councils through the Strategic Working Group where it received support.

#### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

#### **RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. **Acknowledge the success of the trial of recovering waste from the tip face as detailed in this report;**
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2. Approve the allocation of \$49,900 to fund the continuation of the trial to the end of the 2012/13 financial year;
  3. Approve the allocation of \$49,900 detailed in (2) above to be funded in the 2012/13 half yearly budget review;  
(Absolute Majority Required)
  4. Consider in the formulation of the 2013/14 budget allocating the necessary funds to make the project permanent; and
  5. Endorse the principle of the project being funded from the Waste Authority's Regional Funding Program and encourage the member councils' to support the application for funding to the Waste Authority.

#### **AMENDMENT**

Cr Gray moved, Cr Newton seconded

A new part 6.

6. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to scope and cost out a verge collection trial of recyclable collections, as compared to tipface source separation and recycling.

*Cr Withers arrived at 5.44pm*

*Amendment withdrawn by mover and seconder.*

#### **AMENDMENT**

Cr Withers moved, Cr Robbins seconded

A new part 6.

6. Authorise the CEO to prepare a report on MRC's ability to support member councils with recyclable verge collection.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

#### **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION INCLUDING THE CARRIED AMENDMENT**

**That Council:**

1. Acknowledge the success of the trial of recovering waste from the tip face as detailed in this report;
  2. Approve the allocation of \$49,900 to fund the continuation of the trial to the end of the 2012/13 financial year;
  3. Approve the allocation of \$49,900 detailed in (2) above to be funded in the 2012/13 half yearly budget review;  
(Absolute Majority Required)
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4. Consider in the formulation of the 2013/14 budget allocating the necessary funds to make the project permanent; and
  5. Endorse the principle of the project being funded from the Waste Authority's Regional Funding Program and encourage the member councils' to support the application for funding to the Waste Authority.
  6. Authorise the CEO to prepare a report on MRC ability to support member councils with recyclable verge collection.

**RESOLVED**

**Cr Robbins moved, Cr Stewart seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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<b>9.2</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR SPORTING SPONSORSHIP</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>CMR/1-03</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix No. 1</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>13 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Gunther Hoppe, Director Corporate Services</b>

### **BACKGROUND**

The Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) has received a request from an employee for an individual sports sponsorship, which is attached at **Appendix No. 1**.

### **DETAILS**

Ms Cunningham has been employed by the MRC since March 2012. She is an active in-line speed skating competitor, who has represented WA at the recent National In-line Speed Skating Championships, taking gold in each of the 11 events in which she competed.

She will now be representing Australia at the Oceania Asia Pacific In-line Speed Skating Championships in Brisbane and is requesting a partial sponsorship of her costs by the MRC, totalling \$1,500. This will largely cover her flight and accommodation expenses.

This sponsorship would show our support and commitment towards a staff member who has shown excellence in her chosen sport and who is now competing in the Australian national team. In addition, it also provides the MRC with the opportunity for some marketing and publicity exposure.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The cost to the MRC will be \$1,500 which will be covered by the half yearly budget review.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The recognition and support of a staff member's notable achievements is consistent with the MRC's overall strategy in that it serves to promote a performance culture in the business, even if in this instance it doesn't relate directly to a work activity, and it serves to improve staff engagement.

### **COMMENT**

Nil

### **VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

### **RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council approve the sponsorship of Ms Cunningham's participation in the Oceania Asia Pacific In-line Speed Skating Championships by the MRC to the value of \$1,500.

**(Absolute Majority Required)**

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### **AMENDMENT 1**

Cr Fishwick moved, Cr Withers seconded to include a new part 2 as follows:

2. The CEO be requested to develop a Council Policy in relation to the sponsorship of staff, including those who have been selected to represent Australia or the State of Western Australia at sporting events whereby the details of any sponsorship provided by the Council are to be reported in the Members Information Bulletin.

*AMENDMENT CARRIED: (7/4)*

*Against: Cr Gray, Cr Newton, Cr Robbins, Cr Stewart*

### **AMENDMENT 2**

Cr Withers moved, Cr MacTiernan

Amend part 1 by deleting "\$1,500" and inserting "\$750".

*AMENDMENT CARRIED: (7/4)*

*Against: Cr Gray, Cr Newton, Cr Robbins, Cr Stewart*

*Cr Boothman requested that the motion, including the amendments, be voted on separately.*

### **SUBSTANTIVE MOTION INCLUDING THE CARRIED AMENDMENT**

1. That Council approve the sponsorship of Ms Cunningham's participation in the Oceania Asia Pacific In-line Speed Skating Championships by the MRC to the value of \$750.

**(Absolute Majority Required)**

### **RESOLVED**

**Cr Bissett moved, Cr Hollywood seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.**

*LOST: (5/6)*

*Against: Cr Boothman, Cr Cooke, Cr Gray, Cr Newton, Cr Robbins, Cr Stewart*

2. The CEO be requested to develop a Council Policy in relation to the sponsorship of staff, including those who have been selected to represent Australia or the State of Western Australia at sporting events whereby the details of any sponsorship provided by the Council are to be reported in the Members Information Bulletin.

### **RESOLVED**

**Cr Bissett moved, Cr Hollywood seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED: (7/4)*

*Against: Cr Gray, Cr Newton, Cr Robbins, Cr Stewart*

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<b>9.3</b>	<b>CITY OF STIRLING WITHDRAWAL</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>LEG/14-02</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix No. 2</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>11 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Brian Callander, CEO</b>

### **SUMMARY**

Determine the next steps on the City of Stirling (Stirling) withdrawal from the Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) now that the Minister for Local Government has responded to MRC's submission.

### **BACKGROUND**

The withdrawal of Stirling has been ongoing since 2010 with numerous reports being presented to Council as the withdrawal process evolved. The last report to Council was at its meeting held on 6 December 2012 where an alternative valuation methodology prepared by Deloitte was presented along with a draft submission to the Minister detailing MRC's position on the withdrawal. At this meeting the Council, inter alia, resolved:

*"That:*

1. *The report entitled "Valuation of the City of Stirling's Interest in the Mindarie Regional Council" dated 23 October 2012 as prepared by Deloitte and presented in attachment 1 be endorsed.*
  2. *The report detailed in (1) above be used as the basis for determining the adjustment of assets and liabilities for the withdrawal of the City of Stirling in accordance with s.699 (3) (a) of the Local Government Act 1960 as follows:*
    - a. *The City of Stirling be provided the Adjusted Value of \$754,500 minus \$302,000 being the City of Stirling's proportionate share of the insurance cover required to address MRC's lease obligations for environmental liability. Total payment to the City of Stirling being \$452,500.*
  3. *The City of Stirling retains:*
    - a. *Its liability under the Resource Recovery Facility Deed of Guarantee;*
    - b. *Its ownership share in the land at Tamala Park Landfill Site; and*
    - c. *Its equity share (one third) in the land (lot 805 Pederick Street) owned by the Mindarie Regional Council and currently partially leased to BioVision for the operations of a Resource Recovery Facility. The equity share of the land will only be realised by the City of Stirling when the Mindarie Regional Council at its sole discretion decides to sell the land or if/when Mindarie Regional Council is wound up."*
- D. *The Mindarie Regional Council endorses the submission, and its release, to the Minister for Local Government, as presented in attachment 2.*

The submission, which included Council's resolution above was finalised and sent to the Minister on 7 December 2012.

### **DETAIL**

On 5 February 2013 correspondence was received from the Minister (**Appendix No. 2**) confirming receipt of MRC's submission on 7 December 2012 and stating, Inter alia, the following:-

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*“Having given the matter careful consideration, I have come to the view that it would not be appropriate for me to intervene in a matter involving such complexities. Furthermore, the constitution agreement of the MRC does not contemplate any role for me to act as arbitrator in determining such matters. Rather, it is for the parties to reach agreement on the settlement required to enable the withdrawal of any member of the MRC and to then seek my approval of such an agreement.”*

The Ministers letter goes on to discuss the Final Report of the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel indicating that he's mindful of the report's findings in relation to the responsibilities for waste management across the metropolitan area, and to strongly suggest that the parties reconsider the proposed withdrawal of the Stirling as part of these discussions. The key recommendations contained in the Metropolitan Local Government Review (Final Report) in relation to waste management across the metropolitan area are as follows:

*“Executive Summary*

*The Panel examined if some local government functions could be managed from a metropolitan-wide perspective. For example, many respondents agreed that waste management would have improved co-ordination if it was the State's responsibility. The Panel agrees and recommends that the State Government take over the role of waste management.*

*Recommendations:*

- 6. The State Government consider the management of waste treatment and disposal at a metropolitan-wide scale either be undertaken by a State authority or through a partnership with local government.*
  
- 11. The existing Regional Local Governments in the metropolitan area be dissolved, their provisions in the Local Government Act 1995 be repealed for the metropolitan area and a transitional plan for dissolving the existing bodies in the metropolitan area be developed.”*

It is difficult for local government or regional councils to take any position based on the Final Report as it has no standing in the current Government apart from having Cabinet approval for its release for public consultation until early April.

Notwithstanding this it is important that we enter into discussions with Stirling to determine if agreement can be reached on the next step in the process. The following scenarios detail the options available for negotiation:

Scenario 1

The MRC requests Stirling to consider Deloitte's valuation as the basis for adjusting MRC's assets and liabilities (settlement) as required by s.699 of the *Local Government Act 1960*. Any such agreement would need to be conditional upon the value of the settlement being deducted from any further settlement that may be provided if, or when, the State Government abolishes or amends the boundaries of the MRC.

Scenario 2

The MRC holds off any further negotiations/discussions with Stirling until after the State Government has taken a position on the Metropolitan Local Government Review (Final Report).

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Scenario 3

The MRC enter into discussions with Stirling to retain them as members of the MRC.

**CONSULTATION**

Nil

**STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**COMMENT**

The Minister's decision not to intervene and request of the parties to continue negotiations to facilitate a solution for Stirling to remain in the MRC is disappointing. However it is important that the MRC, and Stirling for that matter, are clear on the required next steps. As such it is recommended that the council authorise its Chairperson and Chief Executive Officer to enter into discussions with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of Stirling to determine if there is any preference/agreement to pursue one or more of the scenarios.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Authorise the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer of the Mindarie Regional Council to enter into discussions with the Mayor and Chief Executive Officer of the City of Stirling to determine if there is any preference/agreement to pursue one or more of the scenarios.
2. Receive a further report from the Chief Executive Officer detailing the outcomes of the discussions detailed in (1) above and providing recommendations on the most appropriate actions to resolve the issue.

*Cr Butler arrived at 6.20pm*

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**MOTION**

Cr Boothman moved, Cr Cooke seconded

That Council:

1. Holds off any further negotiation/discussions with the City of Stirling until after the State Government has taken a position on the Metropolitan Local Government Review (Final Report).
2. In the interests of accountability, transparency and good governance releases the Deloitte report on the valuation of Stirling's interest in the MRC to all member councils and their officers for review and feedback.

**AMENDMENT 1**

Cr Bissett moved, Cr Robbins seconded

Amend part 1 by inserting "This decision to be reviewed within 6 months" after "(Final Report)."

CARRIED: (10/2)

Against: Cr Gray, Cr Newton

**AMENDMENT 2**

Cr Withers moved, Cr Newton seconded

Delete part 2 and insert new part 2.

2. **Agrees to release to the City of Stirling and the Member Councils' its submission to the Minister for Local Government including the Deloitte Report dated 23 October 2012 subject to the City of Stirling agreeing to releasing its submission to the Minister for Local Government to the MRC and the Member Councils'.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**SUBSTANTIVE MOTION INCLUDING THE CARRIED AMENDMENTS**

That Council:

1. **Holds off any further negotiation/discussions with the City of Stirling until after the State Government has taken a position on the Metropolitan Local Government Review (Final Report). This decision to be reviewed within 6 months.**
  2. **Agrees to release to the City of Stirling and the Member Councils' its submission to the Minister for Local Government including the Deloitte Report dated 23 October 2012 subject to the City of Stirling agreeing to releasing its submission to the Minister for Local Government to the MRC and the Member Councils'.**
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**RESOLVED**

**Cr Boothman moved, Cr Cooke seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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<b>9.4</b>	<b>MINDARIE REGIONAL COUNCIL WASTE FACILITY SITE AMENDMENT LOCAL LAW 2013</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>LAW/5</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix No. 3</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>5 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Brian Callander, CEO</b>

#### **SUMMARY**

Seeking Council's approval to make the Mindarie Regional Council's Waste Facility Site Amendment Local Law 2013.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (the Committee) has reviewed the Mindarie Regional Council Waste Facility Site Local Law (Principal Local Law) and has written to the Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) recommending a number of minor changes be addressed in the Principal Local Law.

In the letter the Committee requested the MRC to provide to them, in writing, an undertaking that it will amend a number of drafting errors prior to Monday 23 July 2012. The MRC responded to the Committee on 5 July 2012 advising that it will make the amendments to the Principal Local Law as requested.

The MRC sought clarification from the Department of Local Government relating to the wording of the Purpose and Effect and was advised that the wording should be in relation to the Amendment Local Law.

The purpose and effect of the amended Local Law reads as follows:

**The purpose** of the local law is to implement changes as requested by the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation.

**The effect** of the local law is to amend specific clauses being:

1. Clause 11 include a part 1
2. Clause 16(1) be deleted and the rest of that clause re-numbered accordingly
3. Clause 22 requiring a full stop
4. Clause 23 undertake a redraft
5. Schedule 1 – undertake a redraft

#### **DETAIL**

On the 20 September 2012, the Council resolved to give Statewide public notice of its proposal to amend the Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) Waste Facility Site Local Law 2012.

Subsequently, Statewide public notice was given of the proposed Amendment Local Law. No submissions were received.

On the 1 February 2013 the MRC The Department of Local Government provided comments on the proposed amendments to this local law as follows:

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1. Under the instructions of the proposed amendment to Clause 11 the outcome would result as such:  
“(1)(1) A person must not, without permission, park a vehicle, or cause or permit it to be parked, on the site.
2. As there is only one subclause in Clause 18 it is unnecessary to number it as such, it is suggested that the “(1)” is deleted at the start of the paragraph; and Insert the word “or” after the semi colon at the end of subparagraph (b).
3. The following minor edits are suggested to Schedule 1:
  - a. The reference to “[clause26]” in the title should be centralised;
  - b. Replace clause reference “16(1)” with the correct clause of the prescribed offence it relates to, being “16(2)” and
  - c. For consistency purposed consider changing the layout to clause 9(4)(a) and (b).

**The effect** of the amendment local law is amended to include changes to specific clauses suggested by the Department of Local Government being:

1. Clause 16(1) be deleted and the rest of that clause re-numbered accordingly
2. Clause 18 undertake a redraft
3. Clause 22 requiring a full stop
4. Clause 23 undertake a redraft
5. Schedule 1 – undertake a redraft

The MRC Waste Facility Site Amendment Local Law 2013 has been prepared by the MRC Administration taking into account the comments from the Department of Local Government and is at **Appendix No. 3**.

## **CONSULTATION**

Department of Local Government

## **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

The process for amending the text of a Local Law is covered in s3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995, which reads as follows:

### *“3.12. Procedure for making local laws*

- (1) *In making a local law a local government is to follow the procedure described in this section, in the sequence in which it is described.*
- (2) *At a council meeting the person presiding is to give notice to the meeting of the purpose and effect of the proposed local law in the prescribed manner.*
- (3) *The local government is to —*
  - (a) *give Statewide public notice stating that —*
    - (i) *the local government proposes to make a local law the purpose and effect of which is summarized in the notice;*
    - (ii) *a copy of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and*
    - (iii) *submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the local government before a day to be*

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*specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given;*

- (b) as soon as the notice is given, give a copy of the proposed local law and a copy of the notice to the Minister and, if another Minister administers the Act under which the local law is proposed to be made, to that other Minister; and*
  - (c) provide a copy of the proposed local law, in accordance with the notice, to any person requesting it.*
- (3a) A notice under subsection (3) is also to be published and exhibited as if it were a local public notice.*
- (4) After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and may make the local law\* as proposed or make a local law\* that is not significantly different from what was proposed.*
- \* Absolute majority required.*
- (5) After making the local law, the local government is to publish it in the Gazette and give a copy of it to the Minister and, if another Minister administers the Act under which the local law is proposed to be made, to that other Minister.*
- (6) After the local law has been published in the Gazette the local government is to give local public notice —*
- (a) stating the title of the local law;*
  - (b) summarizing the purpose and effect of the local law (specifying the day on which it comes into operation); and*
  - (c) advising that copies of the local law may be inspected or obtained from the local government's office.*
- (7) The Minister may give directions to local governments requiring them to provide to the Parliament copies of local laws they have made and any explanatory or other material relating to them.*
- (8) In this section —*
- making** in relation to a local law, includes making a local law to amend the text of, or repeal, a local law.*

**3.13. Procedure where significant change in proposal**

*If during the procedure for making a proposed local law the local government decides to make a local law that would be significantly different from what it first proposed, the local government is to recommence the procedure.*

**3.14. Commencement of local laws**

- (1) Unless it is made under section 3.17, a local law comes into operation on the 14th day after the day on which it is published in the Gazette or on such later day as may be specified in the local law.*
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- (2) *A local law made under section 3.17 comes into operation on the day on which it is published in the Gazette or on such later day as may be specified in the local law.*

3.15. *Local laws to be publicized*

*A local government is to take reasonable steps to ensure that the inhabitants of the district are informed of the purpose and effect of all of its local laws.*

3.16. *Periodic review of local laws*

- (1) *Within a period of 8 years from the day when a local law commenced or a report of a review of the local law was accepted under this section, as the case requires, a local government is to carry out a review of the local law to determine whether or not it considers that it should be repealed or amended.*
- (2) *The local government is to give Statewide public notice stating that —*
- (a) *the local government proposes to review the local law;*
  - (b) *a copy of the local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and*
  - (c) *submissions about the local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given.*
- (2a) *A notice under subsection (2) is also to be published and exhibited as if it were a local public notice.*
- (3) *After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and cause a report of the review to be prepared and submitted to its council.*
- (4) *When its council has considered the report, the local government may determine\* whether or not it considers that the local law should be repealed or amended.*

*\* Absolute majority required.”*

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The Committee has advised the MRC of textual errors in the Principal Local Law as it was presented and requested that they be addressed. To amend the text of a Local Law requires the same process as if a new Local Law was being developed. The Council at a meeting on 20 September 2012 endorsed the changes to the local law and confirmed its purpose and effect and authorised that the Principal Local Law as amended be advertised Statewide as required by s.3.12 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

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As required by s.3.12 (4) of the *Local Government Act 1995* the Council is now required to consider and may make the local law proposed or make the local law that is not significantly different from what was proposed.

**COMMENT**

Nil

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Absolute Majority

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council proceeds to make the Mindarie Regional Council Waste Facility Site Amendment Local Law 2013 as set out in Appendix No. 1.  
(Absolute Majority Required)**

**RESOLVED**

**Cr Robbins moved, Cr Hollywood seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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<b>9.5</b>	<b>MINDARIE REGIONAL COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS AMENDMENT LOCAL LAW 2013</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>LAW/6</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix No. 4</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Brian Callander, CEO</b>

### **SUMMARY**

Seeking Council's approval to approve Mindarie Regional Council's Standing Orders Amendment Local Law 2013 and give Statewide Public Notice.

### **BACKGROUND**

The Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation (the Committee) considered the Amendment Local Law at its meeting on 14 May 2012 and resolved to write to the MRC regarding a potential procedural defect in the making of the Amendment Local Law. The Committee noted that information provided by MRC reveals s.3.12(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995 (the Act)* was not followed in the prescribed sequential process demanded of s.3.12.

The information revealed that the MRC gave State-wide public notice on 14 December 2011 but:

- Did not give a copy of the proposed local law to the Department of Local Government until a month later, whereas the Act stipulates that this must be done "*as soon as the notice is given*"; and
- Did not give a copy of the State-wide public notice to the Minister pursuant to s.3.12(3)(b) of the Act.

The Committee resolved to place a 'protective' *Notice of Motion* to disallow the Amendment Local Law in the Legislative Council on 14 June 2012. On the 19 June 2012 the Committee requested the MRC to provide to them, in writing confirmation of the above. The MRC responded to the Committee on 16 July 2012 confirming that the information was correct.

The Committee advised MRC on the 3 December 2012 that the MRC Standing Orders Amendment Local Law 2012 was disallowed by the Legislative Council on 27 September 2012 and requested information as to what steps the Council is undertaking to re-make the Amendment Local Law. The MRC responded to the Committee on 3 December 2012 advising that the proposed MRC Standing Orders Amendment Local Law 2013 will be presented to the next available Ordinary Council meeting scheduled for 7 March 2013.

### **DETAIL**

The MRC Standing Orders Amendment Local Law 2013 is contained in **Appendix No. 4**.

The purpose and effect of the local law reads as follows:

**The purpose** of the amendment is to delete subclause 5.9(3).

**The effect** of the amendment is to remove the power of the presiding person to rule that a member must not speak again on a matter.

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## STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The process for amending the text of a Local Law is covered in s3.12 of the Local Government Act 1995, which reads as follows:

*“3.12. Procedure for making local laws*

- (1) In making a local law a local government is to follow the procedure described in this section, in the sequence in which it is described.*
  - (2) At a council meeting the person presiding is to give notice to the meeting of the purpose and effect of the proposed local law in the prescribed manner.*
  - (3) The local government is to —*
    - (a) give Statewide public notice stating that —*
      - (i) the local government proposes to make a local law the purpose and effect of which is summarized in the notice;*
      - (ii) a copy of the proposed local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and*
      - (iii) submissions about the proposed local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given;*
    - (b) as soon as the notice is given, give a copy of the proposed local law and a copy of the notice to the Minister and, if another Minister administers the Act under which the local law is proposed to be made, to that other Minister; and*
    - (c) provide a copy of the proposed local law, in accordance with the notice, to any person requesting it.*
  - (3a) A notice under subsection (3) is also to be published and exhibited as if it were a local public notice.*
  - (4) After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and may make the local law\* as proposed or make a local law\* that is not significantly different from what was proposed.*

*\* Absolute majority required.*
  - (5) After making the local law, the local government is to publish it in the Gazette and give a copy of it to the Minister and, if another Minister administers the Act under which the local law is proposed to be made, to that other Minister.*
  - (6) After the local law has been published in the Gazette the local government is to give local public notice —*
    - (a) stating the title of the local law;*
    - (b) summarizing the purpose and effect of the local law (specifying the day on which it comes into operation); and*
    - (c) advising that copies of the local law may be inspected or obtained from the local government’s office.*
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(7) *The Minister may give directions to local governments requiring them to provide to the Parliament copies of local laws they have made and any explanatory or other material relating to them.*

(8) *In this section —*  
*making in relation to a local law, includes making a local law to amend the text of, or repeal, a local law.*

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(1) *Within a period of 8 years from the day when a local law commenced or a report of a review of the local law was accepted under this section, as the case requires, a local government is to carry out a review of the local law to determine whether or not it considers that it should be repealed or amended.*

(2) *The local government is to give Statewide public notice stating that —*

(a) *the local government proposes to review the local law;*

(b) *a copy of the local law may be inspected or obtained at any place specified in the notice; and*

(c) *submissions about the local law may be made to the local government before a day to be specified in the notice, being a day that is not less than 6 weeks after the notice is given.*

(2a) *A notice under subsection (2) is also to be published and exhibited as if it were a local public notice.*

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- (3) *After the last day for submissions, the local government is to consider any submissions made and cause a report of the review to be prepared and submitted to its council.*
- (4) *When its council has considered the report, the local government may determine\* whether or not it considers that the local law should be repealed or amended.*
- \* Absolute majority required.”*

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**COMMENT**

The Committee has advised the MRC of the disallowance of the Amendment Local Law and requested information as to what steps the MRC is undertaking to re-make the Amendment Local Law. To enact an amendment to a Local Law requires the same process as if a new Local Law was being enacted. Therefore it is recommended that the Council endorses the Mindarie Regional Council Standing Orders Amendment Local Law and confirm its purpose and effect and authorise it be advertised Statewide as required by s.3.12 (3) of the *Local Government Act 1995*.

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Council:

1. **Endorses the Mindarie Regional Council Standing Orders Amendment Local Law 2013 including its “purpose” and “effect” and provide a copy of the local law to the Department of Local Government;**
2. **Authorises the Local Law detailed in (1) above to be advertised (state-wide public notice) in accordance with section 3.12(3) of the *Local Government Act 1995* and provide a copy of the advertisement to the Minister for Local Government.**

**RESOLVED**

**Cr Gray moved, Cr Bissett seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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<b>9.6</b>	<b>LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE FOR THE MONTHS ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2012 AND 31 DECEMBER 2012</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>FIN/5-03</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix No. 5 Appendix No. 6</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Gunther Hoppe, Director Corporate Services</b>

**SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide details of payments made during the periods identified. This is in line with the requirement under the delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), that a list of payments made from the Municipal Fund since the last Ordinary Council meeting be presented to Council.

**COMMENT**

The lists of payments for the months ended 30 November 2012 and 31 December 2012 are at **Appendix 5 and 6** to this Item and are presented to Council for noting. Payments have been made in accordance with the delegated authority to the CEO which allows payments to be made between meetings. At the Ordinary Council Meeting held on 5 July 2012, the Council delegated to the CEO the exercise of its power to make payments from the Municipal Fund. In order to satisfy the requirements of Clause 13(2) of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations, a list of payments made must be submitted to the next Council meeting following such payments.

It should be noted that generally all payments are GST inclusive and the Mindarie Regional Council is able to claim this tax as an input credit when GST remittances are made each month to the Australian Tax Office.

Months Ended	Account	Vouchers	Amount
30 November 2012	General Municipal	Cheques	\$124,778.59
		EFT	\$3,213,447.47
		DP	\$563,150.11
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,901,376.17</b>
31 December 2012	General Municipal	Cheques	\$180,400.95
		EFT	\$2,597,446.87
		DP	\$440,518.70
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,218,366.52</b>

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the list of payments made under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, for the months ended 30 November 2012 and 31 December 2012 be noted.**

**RESOLVED**

**Cr Gray moved, Cr Newton seconded  
 That the recommendation be adopted.**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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<b>9.7</b>	<b>FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIODS ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2012 AND 31 DECEMBER 2012</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>FIN/5-03</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix No. 7 Appendix No. 8 Appendix No. 9</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Gunther Hoppe, Director Corporate Services</b>

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide financial reporting in line with statutory requirements which provides useful information to stakeholders of the Council.

### **BACKGROUND**

Reporting requirements are defined by Financial Management Regulations 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

The financial statements presented for each month consist of:

- Operating Statement by Nature – Combined
- Operating Statement by Nature – RRF Only
- Operating Statement by Function
- Statement of Financial Activity
- Statement of Reserves
- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Investing Activities
- Information on Borrowings
- Tonnage Report

### **DETAIL**

The Financial Statements attached are for the months ended 30 November 2012 and 31 December 2012 and are attached at **Appendix No. 7 and 8** to this Item. The Tonnage Report for the 6 months to 31 December 2012 is attached at **Appendix No. 9**.

The complete suite of Financial Statements which includes the Operating Statements, Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Financial Activity and other related information are reported on a monthly basis.

The estimates for Provisions for Amortisation of Cell Development, Capping and Post Closure expenditure are based on the estimated rates per tonne calculated with reference to estimated excavation cost of various stages of the landfill and the life of the landfill. An adjustment is made (if necessary) at the end of the year based on actual tonnages on a survey carried out to assess the “air space” remaining and other relevant information.

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Summary of results for the year to 31 December 2012

	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>t</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>t</b>
Tonnes – Members	122,260	126,166	(3,906)
Tonnes – Others	20,029	27,359	(7,330)
<b>TOTAL TONNES</b>	<b>142,289</b>	<b>153,525</b>	<b>(11,236)</b>
	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>
Revenue - Members	16,155,082	16,738,479	(583,397)
Revenue – Other	4,386,704	4,672,804	(286,100)
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>20,541,786</b>	<b>21,411,283</b>	<b>(869,497)</b>
Expenses	20,524,390	21,014,209	489,819
Loss/(profit) on sale of assets	5,909	(10,888)	(16,797)
<b>NET DEFICIT</b>	<b>(11,487)</b>	<b>407,962</b>	<b>(396,475)</b>

**VOTING REQUIREMENT**

Simple Majority

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Financial Statements set out in Appendix No. 7 and 8 for the months ended 30 November 2012 and 31 December 2012, respectively, be received.

**RESOLVED**

Cr Boothman moved, Cr Stewart seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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<b>9.8</b>	<b>MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW - 2012/2013</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>FIN/127</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix 10 Appendix 11</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>14 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Gunther Hoppe, Director Corporate Services</b>

#### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to describe the financial position and performance of the organisation in relation to the Adopted Budget and recommend changes that will reflect the anticipated outcomes for the remainder of the 2012/2013 financial year. This will provide stakeholders with a view of the likely results of the Mindarie Regional Council's (MRC) operations at the conclusion of the financial year.

It is anticipated that the MRC will move from a forecast surplus of \$643,652 to a forecast deficit of \$1,341,541 (**refer Appendix No. 10**).

The difference of \$1.98 million is primarily as a result of:

- a 20% decrease in non-members' tonnes (\$1.1 million);
- funding the Deloitte report (\$0.08 million);
- funding additional member fees and costs (\$0.04 million);
- funding additional capping expenditure in respect of Stage 2, Phase 1 (\$0.07 million)
- funding the tip face recovery project (\$0.049 million);
- adjusting the amortisation rate in respect of cell development costs and post closure/rehabilitation costs (\$0.9 million – non-cash impact);
- writing off Stage 1b development costs as part of the audit (\$0.22 million – non-cash impact);

totalling \$2.5 million in additional expenditure, offset by a net saving in other operational areas of \$0.52 million.

It is proposed that no adjustment be made to either the members' or non-members' gate fee, but rather that any residual deficit at 30 June 2013 be funded using the Participants' Surplus Reserve.

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**BACKGROUND**

Council at its meeting held on 5 July 2012, resolved as follows:

1. *Adopt the Budget for the Mindarie Regional Council for Financial Year 2013 subject to the following changes to that presented in Appendix 4:*
  - *the changes to the Schedule of Fees to correctly reflect the calculation of the GST on the Carbon Price inclusive fee to give a GST and Carbon Price inclusive non-members' gate fee of \$166.54 as follows:*

MINDARIE REGIONAL COUNCIL  
NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE BUDGET  
For the Year Ending 30 June 2013

SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR 2012/2013

		PROPOSED Fee (GST inclusive) from 1 July 2011	GST Payable to ATO	PROPOSED Fee (GST inclusive) from 1 July 2012	Carbon Price	GST Payable to ATO	
1	(a) GENERAL ENTRY General waste and household rubbish (domestic) excepting liquid waste, swill or semi liquid waste. Charge per tonne Minimum charge for entry to site	154.00 12.00	14.00 1.09	166.54 12.00	7.40 0.37	15.14 1.09	
	(b) Swill or Semi Liquid Waste	Not Accepted					
	(c) In the event of weighbridge breakdown due to power failure, maintenance or repairs the following fees shall apply to ( a ) above ( I ) All vehicles carrying uncompacted waste - per wheel of truck or trailer (larger than 1.8mx1.2m) Trailer (1.8mx1.2m or less) ( II ) All vehicles carrying compacted waste - per wheel of truck or trailer	40.00 40.00 80.00	3.64 3.64 7.27	42.20 42.20 84.40	2.00 2.00 4.00	3.84 3.84 7.67	
	(d) Asbestos - whole loads per tonne (incl burial fee)	200.00	18.18	200.00	-	18.18	
	(e) Unweighed Load (Drive-Aways)	60.00	5.45	65.00	3.00	5.91	
	2	SPECIAL BURIALS (SUPERVISED) At the discretion of the Site Controller in addition to the tonnage rates Charge per 5 cubic metres	200.00	18.18	200.00	-	18.18
	3	CONTROLLED WASTE PER TONNE	200.00	18.18	207.40	7.40	18.85
	4	SPECIAL COMMERCIAL ITEMS In lieu of the charges in 1, 2 & 3 above the following apply:					
		(a) Motor bodies and old machinery each item	25.00	2.27	26.00	1.00	2.36
		(b) Animal carcasses Small domestic animals Large animals (Sheep and cattle etc.)	8.00 20.00	0.73 1.82	8.50 21.00	0.50 1.00	0.77 1.91
(c) Tyres (Maximum disposal 4 )-per 4 tyre, pro rata for < 4 Per tonne		18.00 300.00	1.64 27.27	18.00 300.00	- -	1.64 27.27	
(d) Safe sharp containers 7 litre or less each Over 7 litres per litre		13.00 1.50	1.18 0.14	13.65 1.60	0.60 0.10	1.24 0.15	
(e) Light weight bulk material less 300 kg per cubic metre - each cubic metre		60.00	5.45	65.00	3.00	5.91	
5	REPLACEMENT OF LOST/DAMAGED DCS CARDS (a) Replacement of DCS Cards	50.00	4.55	50.00	-	4.55	
6	INFRINGEMENT AGENCY COSTS						
	(a) Debt Collection Fee (b) Dishonoured Cheque Fee		Debt Collection Agency's Costs plus 20% Admin Fee nil	Debt Collection Agency's Costs plus 20% Admin Fee 20.00	-	nil	
7	A discount may be granted at the discretion of the Chief Executive Office						

- the changing of the Members' gate fee to \$137.00 per tonne (excluding GST) to correctly reflect the impact of the Carbon Price
- the changes required in respect of the additional carried forward expenditures
- the changes required in respect of the increase in the value of the Carbon Price reserve
- Approve the Capital Budget Program of \$5,259,300 for 2013 as follows:

New capital expenditures

	\$
• Landfill infrastructure expenditure	34,000
• Office furniture and equipment	7,000
• Computer equipment	88,500
• Plant and equipment	51,000
• Vehicles	<u>204,000</u>
	384,500

Carried forward capital expenditures

• Landfill infrastructure expenditure	635,800
• Land Purchase (new Landfill Site)	4,000,000
• Computer equipment	48,000
• Vehicles	<u>191,000</u>
	4,874,800

Total Capital expenditure 5,259,300

2. endorse the on-going strategy of deferred payment of operational surplus, as approved by Council at its August 2005 meeting, for the Financial Year 2005/2006 and future years to meet its on-going capital requirement
3. approve the use of an on-going overdraft facility of \$1 million to manage cashflow 'short falls' during Financial Year 2013 and future years
4. approve the carry forward of the following operating budget to 2013:

• Computer Software Acquisition	25,000
• Computer Software Maintenance	27,000
• Landfill/Bushland Management	<u>29,100</u>
	81,100
5. approve that \$1 million will be transferred from the Operating Surplus to the Reserve for Capital Expenditure.
6. approve the transfer of \$484,600 from the Reserve for Capital Expenditure to fund capital expenditure during the year.
7. approve the de-designation of the Reserve for RRF Operational Requirements as a cash-backed reserve, with the reserve transferred to the Retained Surplus account and the cash restricted for this reserve transferred to unrestricted cash funds.

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8. *approve the creation of a new cash-backed Site Rehabilitation Reserve, the purpose of which will be 'to fund post closure site rehabilitation costs associated with the Tamala Park landfill site'.*
  9. *approve the transfer of the opening balance on the Site Rehabilitation Provision as at 1 July 2012, along with any movement for the year, to the newly created Site Rehabilitation Reserve, and that the cash required to back this reserve will be transferred from unrestricted funds to restricted funds.*
  10. *approve that all interest earned on cash funds associated with cash-backed reserves will not be credited to the reserve.*
  11. *approve the change in name of the "Reserve for Members' Revenue Equalisation" to "Participants' Surplus Reserve Account" and the purpose of the reserve from "To be used to fund any under recovery in the Members' tipping fees and any exceptional or extra ordinary expenditure" to "to fund any deficit or part of a deficit as shown in the annual financial report of the MRC".*
  12. *approve the creation of the Carbon Price Reserve and the purpose of the reserve, which is "To be used to fund the MRC's liability arising from the Carbon Price Mechanism".*

Council operations have been conducted in line with the Adopted Budget for 2012/2013. Monthly Financial Statements on the Actual Expenditure and Variations from the Adopted Budget have been submitted to each Council meeting. In addition, monthly management accounts have been provided to Councillors and Member Council Officers on a regular basis.

In line with sound financial management practice, and in order to comply with Local Government Regulations, a detailed review of the MRC's operations, financial position and financial performance has been carried out as at 30 November 2012.

This reports highlights:

- those items that reflect significant trend variations to budgeted allocations,
- the anticipated revised financial projections to 30 June 2013; and
- and invites Council consideration of any new expenditure identified as a result of the review.

The Income Statement reflecting the Adopted Budget, Actual Expenditure to 30 November 2012 and projected expenditure to 30 June 2013 is enclosed as **Appendix No. 10** of this report.

A Statement of Investing Activities reflecting the Adopted Budget, Actual Expenditure to 30 November 2012 and projected capital expenditure to 30 June 2013 is enclosed as **Appendix No. 11** of this report.

## **DETAIL**

### Revenue

Forecast revenue for members is materially in line with budget expectations.

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Non-member tonnes are however down, and it is expected that only 80% of the originally budget 53,000 tonnes will be received by year end. This will result in a decrease in non-member gate fee revenue of approximately \$1,465,200, offset by a decrease in associated variable costs totally approximately \$381,482, resulting in a net decrease in profit of \$1,083,718.

The MRC is in dialogue with our significant customers in order to protect this waste stream, but the feedback seems to indicate that a number of commercial customers have been able to find cheaper alternatives for their waste. The robustness of the estimated tonnages for non-members was a discussion point for Councillors and Officers at the MRC's budget workshops in May 2012, where the feeling was that an aggressive target should be set, as any shortfall could be funded from reserves.

Revenue from grants and subsidies is \$360,000 below budget as a result of the waste audit project not being approved by the Department of Environment and Conservation. It is unlikely that any funding in this regard will be received before 30 June 2013. This is more than offset by a reduction in the corresponding Waste Minimisation expenditure of \$380,000.

### **Operating Expenditure**

A number of items have been approved by Council during the course of the year so far for funding in the half yearly budget review. These expenses included:

- \$80,000 in respect of the Deloitte Report on Stirling that was commissioned in September 2012;
- An increase in the fees paid to Councillors totalling \$42,500; and
- Additional expenditure in respect of the Stage 2 Phase 1 Capping project totalling \$69,531.

In addition to these expenses, it is anticipated that an additional net \$49,900 will be required to fund the Tip Face Resource Recovery Project (details of project is the subject of a separate report in this agenda) until the end of the financial year. .

On the back of the financial modelling that was done after the budget was approved as part of the year end audit process, \$222,000 of cell development expenses in relation to Stage 1b were written off, and the consumption rate used in respect of cell development amortisation allocations was also amended, resulting in an increased expenditure of \$906,600. Both of these adjustments are non-cash items, which although they affect the net surplus position, do not have any cash funding implications.

Significant operational savings are expected to be achieved in the areas of staff costs (\$123,000), Consultants and Contract Labour (\$239,200) and building maintenance (\$35,100). These savings are partially offset increased landfill (\$55,200) and plant (\$186,340) costs which include the costs associated with the Tipface Resource Recovery Project, but also additional costs in respect of machine maintenance incurred and expected to be incurred during the year. An additional \$65,000 in respect of the Tamala Park lease expenses is also expected to be incurred as a result of a true-up performed as part of the half year budget process.

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### Capital Expenditure

Capital expenditure for the year is tracking in line with budget. The following additional amounts have been added to the capital expenditure forecast for the year:

- An increase of \$2,173 in respect of the Education Vehicle as prices had changed in the period between budget setting and purchase of the vehicle;
- An additional \$19,600 for another tarpomatic spool, in order to further reduce the use of daily cover on the landfill;

\$123,852 of non-critical computer equipment expenditure has been put on hold pending the outcome of an IT Infrastructure review being undertaken by Multipro. This will be included as a consideration in formalising the 2013/2014 Annual Budget. In addition a further \$5,800 of Infrastructure and Equipment capital expenditure have been deferred.

\$4,000,000 in respect of a new landfill site location will be carried forward to 2013/2014.

### CONSULTATION

Consultation occurred with Member Councils (in relation to tonnages).

### STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

The Mid-Year Budget Review is carried out in accordance with the provision of the Local Government Act and Regulations.

### POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Nil

### STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

### FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that the deficit at 30 June 2013 (forecast to be \$1,341,541) be funded from the Participants' Surplus Reserve Account. Council approved that the purpose of this reserve was that it should be used "*to fund any deficit or part of a deficit as shown in the annual financial report of the MRC*".

### VOTING REQUIREMENT

Absolute Majority

Prior to the Responsible Officers Recommendation being moved and seconded the Director of Corporate Services advised members that the forecast deficit in part 1 of the recommendation of \$1,985,193 includes the budgeted surplus of \$650,000 and as such the forecasted estimated deficit should be \$1,341,541.

### RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

1. Approve by Absolute Majority the forecast deficit position estimated to be \$1,341,541 at 30 June 2013, which includes the following:
    - A net decrease in non-members' revenue of approximately \$1,083,718;
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- A decrease in grants and subsidies of \$360,000, offset by a corresponding saving of \$380,000 in respect of waste minimisation projects;
  - Expenditure of \$80,000 in respect of the Deloitte report;
  - An increase in Member Fees of \$42,500;
  - Additional expenditure in respect of Stage 2 Phase 1 capping works of \$69,531;
  - Additional expenditure of approximately \$49,900 in respect of the Tip Face Resource Recovery Project;
  - The write off of approximately \$222,000 in respect of Stage 1b cell development costs;
  - The amended cell development amortisation costs of approximately \$906,600; and
  - Additional operational cost savings of approximately \$520,000.  
(Absolute Majority Required)
2. Approve by Absolute Majority the increase capital expenditures of \$21,773, which includes:
- An increase of \$2,173 in respect of the Education Vehicle;
  - An additional \$19,600 for another tarpomatic spool;
  - The deferral of the \$4,000,000 land purchase to 2013/2014; and
  - The deferral of \$129,652 of other capital expenditure.  
(Absolute Majority Required)
3. Approve by Absolute Majority that the MRC continue to run a deficit budget until 30 June 2013, at which stage the deficit at year end (forecast to be \$1,341,541) as detailed in the Annual Financial Report will be funded using the Participants' Surplus Reserve.  
(Absolute Majority Required)

*Cr Stewart left the Chambers at 6.55pm and returned at 7.00pm*

**RESOLVED**

**Cr MacTiernan moved, Cr Withers seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.**

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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<b>9.9</b>	<b>ADOPTION OF 2012 ANNUAL COMPLIANCE RETURN</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>COR/12-03</b>
<b>Appendix(s):</b>	<b>Appendix 12</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>21 February 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>Gunther Hoppe</b>

### **SUMMARY**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information on the completed Compliance Audit Return (1 January – 31 December 2012).

### **BACKGROUND**

A Compliance Audit Return (the Return) is required to be completed by regional councils annually. The period of each return is 1 January to 31 December. The Administration has completed the Return. One area of non-compliance was recorded in the Return as follows:

“The CEO’s Primary Return was completed and returned within three months of his start date but was misplaced. A new Primary Return was signed four months after start date.”

The Audit was placed on the agenda of the Audit Committee’s meeting on 21 February 2013.

### **DETAIL**

The Audit Committee at its meeting on 21 February 2012 considered the Return and resolved the following:

*“That the Audit Committee endorse the Compliance Audit Return as presented, for the year 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012.”*

### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Regional Councils are required to carry out a Return in accordance with the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996. The requirements set for the Return are contained in s.14 and 15 of the Regulations, which read as follows:

- “14. Compliance audits by local governments
- (1) A local government is to carry out a compliance audit for the period 1 January to 31 December in each year.
  - (2) After carrying out a compliance audit the local government is to prepare a compliance audit return in a form approved by the Minister.
  - (3A) The local government’s audit committee is to review the compliance audit return and is to report to the council the results of that review.
  - (3) After the audit committee has reported to the council under subregulation (3A), the compliance audit return is to be —
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- (a) presented to the council at a meeting of the council; and
  - (b) adopted by the council; and
  - (c) recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is adopted.
15. Compliance audit return, certified copy of etc. to be given to Executive Director
- (1) After the compliance audit return has been presented to the council in accordance with regulation 14(3) a certified copy of the return together with —
    - (a) a copy of the relevant section of the minutes referred to in regulation 14(3)(c); and
    - (b) any additional information explaining or qualifying the compliance audit,is to be submitted to the Executive Director by 31 March next following the period to which the return relates.
  - (2) In this regulation —
    - certified** in relation to a compliance audit return means signed by —
      - (a) the mayor or president; and
      - (b) the CEO.”

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

**COMMENT**

Nil

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

1. That Council adopts the 2012 Annual Compliance Audit Return as endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on 21 February 2013.
2. The adopted return detailed in (1) above be signed by the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer (certified) and submitted to the Executive Director prior to 31 March 2013.

**RESOLVED**

Cr Boothman moved, Cr Butler seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

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<b>9.10</b>	<b>METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL'S FINAL REPORT</b>
<b>File No:</b>	<b>GVR/18</b>
<b>Attachment:</b>	<b>1. Draft MWAC Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Final Report</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>1 March 2013</b>
<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	<b>CEO</b>

### **SUMMARY**

Purpose of this report is to consider whether a response to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's final report is required. The response period closes 5 April 2013.

### **BACKGROUND**

On 24 June 2011 the Local Government Minister, John Castrilli (the Minister) announced the appointment of an independent Panel to examine the social, economic and environmental challenges facing Perth as they relate to Metropolitan Local Government. The Panel's responsibility was to recommend appropriate boundaries and governance models for local government in the Perth metropolitan area. The Panel released its draft review findings in April 2012 (the Draft Report), which were open for public comment until 25 May 2012.

At its meeting on 5 July 2012 the Mindarie Regional Council (MRC) resolved to respond to the Draft Report as follows:

*"That the Mindarie Regional Council:*

- a. acknowledges that waste collection from residential premises is best managed by local government;*
- b. believes that the State Government should play a more proactive role in policy development, financing and ensuring that legislation addresses the requirements of waste management in the Perth Metropolitan Area with particular focus on the development and operation of Alternative Waste Treatment Facilities."*

### **DETAIL**

The Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's final report (the Report) was released on 25 October 2012. The Minister advised that the State Government would not take a definite position on the Report's 30 final recommendations until after local governments, committee members and stakeholders had been able to provide their views on the report. The public comment period closes on 5 April 2013.

The Report contains 30 recommendations of which 2 have direct implications for regional councils. The following extracts from the Report detail the recommendations that relate to regional councils:-

- "6. The State Government consider the management of waste treatment and disposal at a metropolitan-wide scale either be undertaken by a State authority or through a partnership with local government.*
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11. *The existing Regional Local Governments in the metropolitan area be dissolved, their provisions in the Local Government Act 1995 be repealed for the metropolitan area and a transitional plan for dissolving the existing bodies in the metropolitan area be developed.”*

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) has developed a comprehensive response to the review (*refer attached*).

The response presented by MWAC includes two recommendations as follows:

*“Recommendation 1: There is a need for greater leadership and support by the State Government in developing and funding the infrastructure required for managing waste. The State Government needs to establish its waste management credibility by immediately restoring full hypothecation of the Landfill Levy for waste and committing to the Sustainable Waste Hierarchy.*

*Recommendation 2: The number of Regional Councils should be based on shared objectives, and binding commitments with compulsory membership for the purposes of waste management treatment and disposal. These Regional Councils should be identified using an evidence based approach considering geographic location, tonnages of material and transport routes.”*

#### **CONSULTATION**

Nil

#### **STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT**

Nil

#### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

Nil

#### **COMMENT**

There does not appear to have been any new material relating to regional councils introduced between the draft and final reports that would change the position of the Council as resolved at its meeting on 5 July 2012. As such it is recommended not to provide any further comments on the final draft of the Metropolitan Local Government Review.

#### **RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Council does not provide a response to the Final Report on the Metropolitan Local Government Review, outside of its resolved position of 5 July 2012.**

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**RESOLVED**

**Cr Gray moved, Cr Stewart seconded  
That that recommendation be adopted**

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

*Cr MacTiernan advised members that MWAC is holding a forum on the 28 March 2013 prior to the closure of submission to the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel.*

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**ATTACHMENT 1**  
**TO ITEM 9.10**  
**ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**7 MARCH 2013**  
**DRAFT MWAC SUBMISSION ON THE**  
**METROPOLITAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT REVIEW PANEL'S FINAL REPORT**

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**Draft MWAC Submission on the  
Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Final Report**

**1. Introduction**

This Submission has been prepared by the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC) for the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA). MWAC is a standing committee of the Association with delegated authority to represent the Association in all matters relating to solid waste management. MWAC's membership includes the major Regional Councils (waste management), and a number of Local Governments. This makes MWAC a unique forum through which all the major Local Government waste management organisations cooperate.

This Submission relates specifically to recommendations 6 and 11 of the *Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Final Report*, as these have the potential to impact significantly on Local Government waste management activities. It should be noted, that if the State Government implements all of the Panel's recommendations, there will be significant implications for how waste is managed. This Submission should be read in conjunction with the WALGA Submission on the Final Report, as well as both the WALGA and MWAC Submissions on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Issues Paper, and Draft Findings.

This Submission was endorsed by MWAC on **Wednesday, 20 February 2013**.

**2. Recommendations**

**Recommendation 1:** There is a need for greater leadership and support by the State Government in developing and funding the infrastructure required for managing waste. The State Government needs to establish its waste management credibility by immediately restoring full hypothecation of the Landfill Levy for waste and committing to the Sustainable Waste Hierarchy.

**Recommendation 2:** The number of Regional Councils should be based on shared objectives, and binding commitments with compulsory membership for the purposes of waste management treatment and disposal. These Regional Councils should be identified using an evidence based approach considering geographic location, tonnages of material and transport routes.

**3. Waste management implications**

Panel recommendation 6

*"The State Government consider the management of waste treatment and disposal at a metropolitan-wide scale either be undertaken by a State authority or through a partnership with local government."*

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MWAC is of the view that this recommendation has not identified a conclusive course of action. As such, MWAC has opted to respond by detailing a number of points that need to be considered by the Government as it responds to the Report and makes a decision on future waste management structures. It is hoped that this Submission will assist the Government in understanding the current situation, and the possible repercussions of ill-conceived and reactive interventions.

### **3.1 Options for Change**

MWAC considers that a more flexible approach to Local Government governance in relation to waste management would be beneficial. As the Association highlighted in its Submission to the Panel on the Draft Findings Report - this could be achieved by employing the Regional Subsidiaries or Council Controlled Organisation (CCO) Models (WALGA Submission: Draft Findings, 2012). The CCO model is most appropriate for a significant waste management undertaking due to the flexibility of the model and its focus on commercial activities. The CCO model allows for directors with a commercial mindset and targeted expertise and experience to be appointed to the board of the CCO. Local Government anticipates that the State Government will consult with the sector, in making a decision on which structure will be utilised for waste management in the future.

Should the Government choose to alter the waste management structure in the future and diminish the responsibilities of Local Government; appropriate amendments will need to be made to the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* (WARR Act 2007). Currently, Local Government is the only entity with a defined legislative responsibility for any part of the waste stream - Local Government waste. Any legislative shift in responsibilities for waste would clearly have an impact on businesses, consumers and the Western Australian economy, thus triggering the requirement for a Regulatory Impact Assessment (Regulatory Impact Assessment Guidelines, 2010).

### **3.2 Vision**

A clear statutory plan is needed for waste management in the metropolitan area. Such a plan would allow high level coordination of the infrastructure and policies needed to meet the targets identified in the State Waste Strategy and ensure efficient and effective collection, treatment, recovery and disposal of waste. The current Metropolitan Region Scheme (MRS) offers an example of a good strategic approach. Under the MRS, a high resolution plan is established at a metropolitan scale with finer grain detail developed through more localised plans.

If the Government seeks to change the current structures for managing waste, the motivating factors for change need to be clearly identified. If the Government is seeking to address existing challenges with the waste management structure, these need to be clearly understood or there is the potential that they will be passed onto a new entity tasked with waste management.

MWAC is of the view that there are a number of challenges with the current Regional Council structure that need to be addressed. These challenges include:

- Basis for membership of a Regional Council: the way the membership groupings have evolved means they are no longer based on geographic regions;
  - Instability of Regional Council membership: there are no requirements for Local Governments to be a member of a Regional Council, or to remain as a member on a long term basis;
  - Role of Elected Members: Councillors serving on both a Local Government and Regional Council can face challenges in making decisions for the benefit of an entire region, while still representing the interests of their individual Council;
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- Constraints with securing capital for waste treatment infrastructure: these come in the form of legislation, long term supply agreements, and the borrowing capacity of members; and
  - Governance constraints: Regional Councils are required to operate under the *Local Government Act 1995*. The Act imposes a governance structure on Regional Councils which may not be advantageous for making strategic decisions.

Additionally, the Government needs to undertake an assessment as to the effectiveness of structures that have been established in the past to provide an overarching solution for a particular issue, such as the Swan River Trust (SRT). While the SRT does achieve positive results, it still faces a number of challenges in addressing the issues it was established to resolve. These challenges centre on inadequate funding, and a lack of legislative backing to address the cause of problems with the river system (for example, the input of nutrients, contaminants and sediment from multiple sources). MWAC believes a similar structure for a service such as waste treatment and disposal would struggle to be effective.

### **3.3 Transparency**

The concept of waste is something that is accessible and 'understood' by the general public. As such, there is a need for a high level of transparency and accountability in relation to the treatment and disposal options employed by whichever entity manages and treats waste. Identifying drivers for action would assist in establishing a transparent decision making process. A significant driver in making decisions includes the provisions of the WARR Act 2007 in that the Waste Hierarchy is part of the Act and should guide the decision process (s5, WARR Act 2007).

### **3.4 Expertise**

As the complexity of the waste stream has increased, along with knowledge of environmental impacts of waste, the profession of managing waste has significantly evolved. It is a sector that rarely receives recognition for the important role it plays; Local Government has invested heavily in developing the various expertise required in this field. When considering its involvement in waste management, the State Government should assess the level of internal expertise and capacity available to develop infrastructure and deliver services.

Should the Government take on a greater role in waste treatment and disposal, there is a need for the Government to consider the logistics and time involved in doing so. Substantial planning is required to avoid a situation where whichever body is responsible for managing waste, has to develop an environmentally acceptable waste treatment solution on a *metropolitan scale* with only a limited lead time.

### **3.5 Market monopolies**

There is a continued theme throughout the Final Report, of a move towards a metropolitan solution to managing waste. MWAC requests that the Government carefully considers this method of service delivery, as it can (if managed poorly over a prolonged period of time) result in a market monopoly that stifles competition and discourages innovative approaches to recovering resources. In both metropolitan Adelaide and Brisbane, the management of the kerbside recycling stream is currently contracted out to a *single private company*. This makes it difficult for other service providers to establish themselves within the market.

This type of service delivery arrangement can not only reduce the number of service providers, but can also have implications for managing financial and operational risks.

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Using multiple, smaller scale waste treatment facilities as opposed to one 'super plant' to treat waste can be an effective strategy to minimise these risks. For example, when an emergency situation arises, the volumes of waste that are generated can surpass the capacity of pre-existing service providers or plants. There are added benefits of employing localised solutions, including reduced transport distance for waste and consequently less carbon emissions and damage to roads.

In pursuing economies of scale, the Government needs to employ an approach that encompasses and encourages competition.

### **3.6 Finances**

MWAC is concerned with the potential for increases in the cost of living should the State Government become involved in waste treatment and disposal. MWAC understands that although some Government services are subsidised (2013 Economic and Fiscal Outlook, pg 308); others are required to bring an annual financial return to the Government. Council services are provided on the basis of benefits to the local community rather than profit. The *Local Government Act 1995* stipulates that charges for services can only be based on the cost of providing a service. This places considerable constraints on raising funds to finance regional infrastructure. Additionally, individual Local Governments that underwrite loans for regional infrastructure, face a situation where their capacity to borrow money in the future is affected. The State Government could assist in reducing these constraints, by underwriting loans or lending finance with low interest.

In relation to the current funding situation for waste management, it should be noted that Local Government is highly concerned by the State's handling of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Levy. As commented in the previous MWAC Submission to the Panel, *"the restoration of full hypothecation of the landfill levy will go some way to establishing the State Government's legitimacy as a leader in regards to waste management."*

The recent history of the WARR Levy was incorrectly documented by the Panel in the Final Report. In 2009, the Government increased the levy from \$7 to \$28/tonne for putrescible waste. This was done without consultation with the sector. Additionally, the majority of collected funds (75%) were diverted to finance the operations of the wider Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). Since then, funding available for waste initiatives in the wider sector has generally reduced, with the 25% allocated to waste management increasingly covering the staffing costs of the Waste Authority, Waste Management and Industry Regulation Branches of the DEC.

### **3.7 Implications for the non-metropolitan area**

MWAC is concerned that recommendation 6 could result in a structure that effectively creates a further divide in the level of services and treatment options between the metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas. A new entity with responsibility for managing waste from the majority of the State's population would have greater lobbying power than those in remote areas.

Non-metropolitan Local Governments have expressed concerns that the approach (yet to be determined) by the State Government towards managing waste in the metropolitan area, could be applied to the non-metropolitan area at a later date. It is considered that this application has not been effective for other services such as water and power, as the administration of these services is based predominately in Perth. There is an expectation that the non-metropolitan area has access to the same level of support and benefits as the metropolitan area.

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**Recommendation 1:** *There is a need for greater leadership and support by the State Government in developing and funding the infrastructure required for managing waste. The State Government needs to establish its waste management credibility by immediately restoring full hypothecation of the Landfill Levy for waste and committing to the Sustainable Waste Hierarchy.*

#### **4. Regional Council implications**

Panel recommendation 11

*“The existing Regional Local Governments in the metropolitan area be dissolved, their provisions in the Local Government Act 1995 be repealed for the metropolitan area and a transitional plan for dissolving the existing bodies in the metropolitan area be developed.”*

The Panel has not presented sufficient justification for this recommendation. Furthermore, it appears contrary to the intention of the review, to dissolve a structure that has facilitated cooperation between Councils. It should be noted that the Regional Council model can be successfully used to deliver other services in areas where it is difficult to obtain staff such as Environmental Health Officers and Building Surveyors. As noted in section 3.2 of this Submission and previous Submissions to the Panel, there are issues with the current Regional Council structure, however these can be resolved. MWAC requests that the Government clearly states the approach it will take in developing any new model for waste treatment and disposal; failing to do so, will result in continued uncertainty and a further fracturing of the relationship between the State and Local Government.

##### **4.1 Current role of Regional Councils**

The Panel has observed that each Regional Council *“is tending to implement a solution for its own region, without considering an overall metropolitan solution”* (Final Report, pg 46). In responding to this observation, it is important to note that this can be directly attributed to a defined legislative responsibility for a geographical area. It is not the responsibility of a Regional Council (under the current structure) to provide services on a wider scale. However, it should be noted that Regional Councils *do* contribute at a much wider scale. The innovative waste management outcomes that have been achieved by Regional Councils (such as having the most AWT capacity of any other jurisdiction), in spite of the numerous challenges associated with the current structure should be commended. Increased involvement by the State Government is welcomed, particularly in terms of leadership in planning and providing support and funding for future waste management needs (refer to section 3.6).

##### **4.2 Future challenges**

The Panel has not presented any solutions (other than total dissolution) for the challenges facing Regional Councils. There is a very real possibility that using the Panel’s approach of dissolution will result in a situation where the challenges experienced in the current structure are simply passed onto a new entity tasked with waste management. This previously occurred with the creation of Development Assessment Panels (DAP’s). In broad terms, DAP’s were established to make planning determinations on State significant development applications, but was only granted the same planning powers as a Local Government. This means that all decisions are still subject to an appeals process (State Administrative Tribunal), and a DAP faces the same challenges as Local Government in considering an application and resolving any conflicts in reaching a decision.

MWAC believes that Regional Councils should be established based on shared objectives and binding commitments along with compulsory membership for the purposes of waste

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treatment and disposal. The number of Regional Councils should be identified by utilising an evidence based approach, considering the geographical location, tonnages of waste and transport routes. Additionally, due regard should be made of the comments in this Submission on the various options available to establish entities tasked with managing waste (section 3.1).

Should the Government accept the Panel's recommendation to dissolve Regional Councils, MWAC supports the Panel's suggestion for the overall reform process, for the establishment of an independent commission to oversee the transition to a new entity (Final Report, pg 11). The Government will need to strike a balance between utilising the current expertise in the sector as well as potential competing interests if it chooses to develop an alternative waste management structure in the future.

#### **4.3 Potential for misinformed decisions**

MWAC requests that the Government does not take the Panel's documented observations 'as read,' but carries out its own objective analysis of statements such as the following on page 46 of the Final Report:

*"Currently, it seems that Perth will have five or six resource recovery facilities, reflecting the fact that each Regional Council is tending to implement a solution for its own region, without considering an overall metropolitan solution. Brisbane, with a population greater than Perth, will ultimately only have one or two such facilities."*

This statement does not accurately reflect the current situation in Brisbane where there are very different economic drivers to Perth (for example, landfill is more affordable). Additionally, Brisbane also has a market monopoly in place for managing the recycling stream (refer to section 3.5). For these reasons, these comments by the Panel should not be used as a justification for recommendation 11. MWAC is also concerned that the Panel has remained silent in response to calls for its reasoning to be revealed on the observation that Regional Councils operate with "flawed accountability" (MWAC Submission: Draft Findings, 2012).

#### **4.4 Impact of the reform process**

The current metropolitan Local Government reform process is having an impact on Local Government's future planning for waste management. Local Governments, Regional Councils and the private sector are understandably unwilling to commit to projects with this level of uncertainty.

***Recommendation 2:*** *The number of Regional Councils should be based on shared objectives, and binding commitments with compulsory membership for the purposes of waste management treatment and disposal. These Regional Councils should be identified using an evidence based approach considering geographic location, tonnages of material and transport routes.*

#### **5. Final Comment**

The reform process to date has caused considerable damage to the relationship between Local and State Government, as well as hindering investment in improving the management of waste. MWAC welcomes the call by the Panel for the State Government to make a decision on reform as soon as possible. In making a decision on a future waste management structure, Local Government anticipates that it will be fully consulted with to avoid unnecessary implications of ill-conceived interventions.

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## 6. References

Department of Treasury and Finance (updated 2010). Regulatory Impact Assessment Guidelines for Western Australia.

Department of Treasury 2012 -13 Budget Economic and Fiscal Outlook Budget Paper no.3, pg 308.

MWAC (2012). Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Issues Paper.

MWAC (2012). Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Draft Findings.

WALGA (2012). Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Issues Paper.

WALGA (2012). Submission on the Metropolitan Local Government Review Panel's Draft Findings.

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### *Legislation*

*Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007*

*Local Government Act 1995*

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**10 MEMBERS INFORMATION BULLETIN – ISSUE NO. 9**

**RESPONSIBLE OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That the Members Information Bulletin Issue No. 9 be received.

**RESOLVED**

Cr Butler moved, Cr Boothman seconded  
That the recommendation be adopted.

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**11 MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**12 URGENT BUSINESS**

Nil

**13 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF WHICH DUE NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN**

Nil

**14 MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

Nil

**15 NEXT MEETING**

*Next meeting to be held on Thursday 2 May 2013 in the Council Chambers at City of Wanneroo commencing at 5.30pm.*

**16 CLOSURE**

*The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.12pm and thanked the City of Joondalup for their hospitality and the use of their meeting facilities.*

*These Minutes were confirmed by the Council as a true and accurate record of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 7 March 2013.*

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated this ..... day of ..... 2013

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CITY OF VINCENT

**LOCAL HISTORY AND HERITAGE ADVISORY GROUP**

**Thursday, 7 March 2013 at 5.30 pm**

**Venue: City of Vincent – Local History Centre**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

City of Vincent Council Members:

Councillor Joshua Topelberg – Chairperson  
Councillor Julia Wilcox  
Councillor Warren McGrath

Community Representatives:

Ms Helen Griffiths  
Dr Susanna Iuliano (Apology)  
Ms Anne Mills  
Mr Roger Smith  
Ms Anne Topelberg  
Ms Marie Slyth

City of Vincent Staff:

Rob Boardman; Director Community Services  
Elizabeth Scott; Manager Library and Local History Services (MLLHS)  
Tory Young; Manager Strategic Planning, Sustainability and Heritage Services (MSPSHS)  
Julie Davidson; Senior Librarian, Local History (SLLH)  
Maxine Laurie; Library Officer, Local History (LOLH)

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**1. Welcome / Declaration of Opening**

Cr Topelberg declared the meeting open at 5.35pm. Welcome back for 2013.

**2. Apologies**

Dr Susanna Iuliano

**3. Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 8 November 2012 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**3.1 Heritage maintenance workshop (Item 4.2 in November Minutes)**

About 25 attended, with a very positive feedback, also on Facebook.

3.2 German Artists in Residence (Item 5.4 in November Minutes)

Marie Slyth met with them as part of interviews with various groups. The project resulted in the installation of creative street signs. These are currently under investigation by Landgate Geographic Names Committee.

4. **Business**

4.1 Heritage Signs and Plaques Program

There have been a number of applications which staff are processing. Only two hotels responded to the invitation to sponsor signs. (Oxford and Northbridge) Community Development is pursuing the statue program as part of recognising the Aboriginal heritage at Weld Square.

4.2 Events and Festivals

Angove Street Festival to be held 7 April 2013. Cr Josh Topelberg to speak to Festival Organisers for shops to promote and sell books. Discussion of guided or self guided history walks around View and Angove streets. MSPSHS to send map of previous walk to Josh to see if it can be used.

**ACTION: MSPSHS and Cr Topelberg**

4.3 Bottle Yard Collection

The audit is now completed; the bottles have been divided into:

- best of
- good but plenty of them
- damaged, to reuse in interpretive works

Archaeological consultant Stuart Rapley has been consulted in keeping with original Council resolution. This has now been referred to The Western Australian Museum to investigate and report their recommendations.

4.4 The History and Impact of Indian and Anglo-Indian Migration to this area

This subject came about from a discussion between Cr McGrath and the Mayor. The Local History staff are currently focusing on migrant oral histories; there has not been a focus on any one group. Cr McGrath to follow up with the Mayor.

**ACTION: Cr McGrath**

4.5 Heritage Strategic Plan 2013-2017

The current Plan has been reviewed and upgraded, and is to go to Council on 26.03.2013. MSPSHS will circulate for comment.

**Action: MSPSHS**

**5. General Business**

- 5.1 Heritage Trees is a new program under consideration as a result of a community request to Heritage List some trees. Trees of Significance Register to go to Council next week; most of the trees are on Council land.
- 5.2 Beatty Park book sales are slow. The Group believes that once Beatty Park's new entrance is operational, there will be better marketing and display opportunities available. Cr Topelberg suggested "join up and get a book" as part of the new membership drive.
- 5.3 Lacey Street Precinct: Discussion on how to create a heritage area? A dedicated Policy on the preparation and adoption of a Heritage Area is to be prepared by the City's Strategic Planning and Heritage Services during the course of 2013. Example of View Street, North Perth was provided by Cr Topelberg as a possible Heritage Area, particularly given its limited individual private ownership.
- 5.4 Interim review of the MHI is underway, as reported in the 12.03.2013 OMC.
- 5.5 SLLH Julie Davidson provided a program of the upcoming events in the Local History Centre. Request to provide as a list to members. Suggested members subscribe online to The News Quarterly and The Vine newsletters for all events information. [click here to subscribe](#)
- 5.6 On 21 April 2013 at 1.30pm the Cleaver Precinct Group, along with Council staff will be doing a heritage walk; meeting place is Ivy Park.
- 5.7 Local History Photographic Awards entry forms to become available in April 2013. Entries will close on Monday 2 September 2013.

**ACTION: SLLH**

**Information only**

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Local History and heritage Advisory Group will be 9 May 2013, in the Local History Centre.

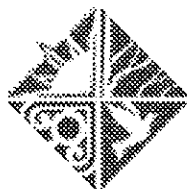
**8. Close of Meeting**

The Chairperson declared the meeting closed at 6.35pm.

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Local History and Heritage Advisory Group held on 7 March 2013.

Signed: .....  
Chairperson

Dated this.....day of.....



**CITY OF VINCENT**

**BRITANNIA RESERVE MASTERPLAN WORKING GROUP**

**13 February at 5.30pm**

**Venue: Function Room**

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

**City of Vincent Councillors:**

Cr. Matt Buckels (MB) (Chair)

**City of Vincent Officers:**

Craig Wilson (CW)	A/Director Technical Services
Jacinta Anthony (JA)	Manager Community Development
Jeremy van den Bok (JvdB)	Manager Parks & Property Services
Angela Cole (AC)	Senior Community Development Officer

**Community Representatives:**

Richard Thelan (RT)	Rugby WA
Jeremy Mathews (JM)	Leederville Cricket Club

Val Martin (VM)	Community Representative
Norelle O'Neill (NO)	Community Representative
Paul Katris (PK)	Community Representative

**Guests:**

Dr May Carter (MC)	Executive Director, PlaceScape
Kerry O'Flaherty (KO)	Senior Designer & Project Manager – Syrnix Environmental

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**1.0 Welcome / Opening**

The Chair Cr. Matt Buckels declared the meeting open at 5.46pm

**2.0 Apologies**

|                        |                             |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cr. Dudley Maier (DM)  | Elected Member              |
| Cr. Roslyn Harley (RH) | Elected Member              |
| Stacy Pilkadaris (SP)  | Floreat Athena Soccer Club  |
| Graham Lantzke (GL)    | Community Representative    |
| Rick Lotznicker (RL)   | Director Technical Services |

### 3.0 Confirmation of minutes from the previous meeting

Minutes of 7 November 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record of the meeting.

### 4.0 Matters arising/actions from Minutes of 7 November 2012

4.1 Dog signage not clear, further check of alignment of signage required COMPLETED, Ranger services have advised that signage is adequate, however JvdB to meet on site with a community representative at some future point to discuss issues.

4.2 Scope for weekend workshop – clarify with all respondents COMPLETED

### 5.0 Business

#### 5.1 Dr May Carter, PlaceScape – *Britannia Reserve Master Plan*

##### 5.1.1 Update

###### Workshop:

The workshop was held on 9 December 2012 and there were 25 attendees and staff:

- 7 Vincent Staff
- 7 Clubs
- 4 Working Group Members
- 5 Residents
- 2 Leederville Gardens Representatives

During the workshop the scope and current use were discussed and then a sight survey took place. Following this further discussion and review of the results of the survey occurred.

###### Following the Workshop:

PlaceScape then collated all the responses into site attractions and detractions. Taking the design options and putting them onto one plan and adjusting it from there.

Placescape met with the City of Vincent officers (Rick, Jeremy & Jacinta) to review the draft document.

NO suggested that the draft should have been brought directly to the Working Group without the Council officers previewing it.

JA advised this was a standard practise for employing a consultant to ensure that they had followed the guidelines of the brief.

MC confirmed that this was to check the draft was not contravening any local laws, acts etc and to ensure the documents were in the correct format.

KO & MC both confirmed that no changes had been made to the draft document.

This was accepted.

Comments received in regards to reserve were as follows;

Attractions: some people enjoyed the openness, green environment, it was very good for sport and it was used for a lot of different activities.

Detractions: some people thought the park was visually unappealing, limited passive recreation area, very little shade around the facilities, limited toilet facilities (mostly to the northern end), limited recreation for older people and young children and there was a parking congestion issue on busy days.

KO then outlined the design process and draft plan, the key points arising and how to spatially compile that onto a plan;

- Retaining the open space and sporting activities;
- Improving the circulation in connection to safety;
- Increasing the diversity of experience in amenities;
- Increasing the integration and enhancement of the reserve edges (looking at the buffers of the park and how that could become useful space around the reserve).
- Improved traffic management.

Overview of plan was then given via power point presentation and discussion regarding overflow parking, nature play zones, social nodes, fencing, lighting upgrades (sporting, dog and path-potential for art).

The trike track (bike track) has been kept further away from the houses onto Brentham Street after discussion with the residents and therefore making more social nodes in this area.

Discussion on the impact to the existing reticulation took place.

MB enquired if while there is no sport can the dog off leash rule for the entire reserve not apply. Further investigation will be conducted by the City's officers.

**ACTION: JvdB**

Reconfiguration of the car park involves mainly the appearance of the car park, greening areas/alternate uses. Improving sightlines into the reserve, what welcomes you into the reserve. Prepare signage for bays not to be used except on Saturdays (peak times), there may be a few bays lost and this leads into the discussion about the pull in bay the other side next to Litis Stadium including an overflow parking area. Changing the look of this area would encourage people to use it.

Defining the staging of this design so the budgeted amount can be used this financial year and being approved by the Council.

Sports lighting is required and did come up as a key request for the plan, JvdB advised that some years ago a costing was undertaken and it proved that locating the lights and the sorts of lights required was quite difficult due to the current configuration.

Comments:

Overall the group seemed happy and it was agreed that the draft would be emailed out for the group to further review and then provide comments over the following week.

Maybe a notice board advising of what the seasonal booking are so that users can see what would be occurring from day to day. Including this information on the website as well.

**ACTION: JvdB**

## **5.2 Where to from here?**

- 5.2.1** Distribute the presentation for the working group to further review and comment on by 20 February 2013.
- 5.2.2** Present the Draft Plan at the next Council Forum
- 5.2.3** Take a report thereafter to the Ordinary Meeting of Council and request that it be approved in principal.
- 5.2.4** Go out for community consultation subject to approval from the Council.
- 5.2.5** Letter to be sent out by MC to keep the respondents informed and that this plan is being presented at the Council Forum.

**6.0 General Business**

6.1 Nil

**7.0 Next Meeting**

TBA – following the Council Forum/Council Decision.

**8.0 Close of Meeting**

The chair closed the meeting at 6.48pm.

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Britannia Reserve Masterplan Working Group held on 13 February 2013.

Signed:.....Chairman

Dated this.....day of.....2013



CITY OF VINCENT

**LEEDERVILLE TOWN CENTRE ENHANCEMENT WORKING GROUP**

City of Vincent Administration and Civic Centre

Monday 25 February 2013 at 6:00pm

Venue: Function Room

**UNCONFIRMED MINUTES**

**Attendees:**

City of Vincent Councillors:

|                                    |                |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Mayor Hon. Alannah MacTiernan (AM) | Mayor (Chair)  |
| Cr. Matt Buckels (MB)              | Council Member |
| Cr. Roslyn Harley (RH)             | Council Member |

Business Representatives (3):

Mr Lidio Fiore (LF)  
Ms Deanne Williams (DW)

Community Representatives (2):

Ms Claire Hodgson (CH)  
Ms Bronwyn McCormack (BM)

City of Vincent Officers:

|                           |                                                                |
|---------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| John Giorgi (JG)          | Chief Executive Officer                                        |
| Craig Wilson (CW)         | Manager Asset & Design Services (departed 6.55pm)              |
| Jeremy van den Bok (JvdB) | Manager Parks & Property Services                              |
| Tory Young (TY)           | Manager Strategic Planning, Sustainability & Heritage Services |
| Jacinta Anthony (JA)      | Manager Community Development                                  |
| Tracy Hutson (TH)         | Executive Secretary – Technical Services                       |

1. **Welcome / Declaration of Opening**

AM opened the meeting with introductions at 6:05pm.

2. **Apologies**

|                         |                             |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Ms Lisa Montgomery (LM) | Community Representative    |
| Rick Lotznicker (RL)    | Director Technical Services |

3. **Confirmation of minutes of 12 December 2012;**

The minutes of the 12 December 2012 were confirmed as a true and correct record.

Moved: MB                      Seconded: DW

4. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**

Matters 4.1 – 4.3 were noted by the group at the end of the meeting.

#### 4. Business

##### 4.1 Presentation by Tony Blackwell (TB) and Stuart McGowan (SM) (Blackwell & Assoc. Pty Ltd)

TB gave an overview of Blackwell's understanding of the project brief, documentation and expectations of the group. From there TB went into their perception of the strengths and weaknesses of the park.

Following this a presentation of their preliminary design options for the Park and Streetscape (copy of the presentation to be forwarded to group members), discussing the key elements with priority on the park.

AM confirmed that there was further funds to be listed for consideration on the draft 2013/2014 budget.

TB suggested that Blackwell's could come up with a 'staged' works schedule to allow for the budgeting process.

The presentation continued and three (3) park options were shown. Blackwell's suggested a theme could be used for the children's play area and in the youth area items such as table tennis, chess or basketball hoops (practice hoops).

Some feedback from the group was as follows;

RH discussed looking for a balance of groups visiting the park, people having a morning coffee, lunch (business) people, and weekend users. Would like to have the feeling of 'meandering' through the park.

LF suggested a focus on families.

BM people will come to the park to use the surrounding cafes/businesses and watch the children play.

JG queried if the Oxford Town Square (mentioned in the Leederville Master Plan) should be taken into consideration. Can this background knowledge be considered when planning the park so when redeveloped occurs full redevelopment would not be required, looking at financial implications.

Discussion in regards to the development of possible movement of the pedestrian overpass, the Avenue car park area and Water Corporation then took place.

AM suggested that the Oxford Town Square would be at least ten (10) years away and the opinion was that maybe a larger park was warranted with all the other development.

DW looking at Option 1 what would be the square meter of the enclosed play area shown?

TB the area can be varied, however currently it is approximately 500sqm.

AM/RH suggested that Option 1 the proportions of the various areas (play, passive) are right.

MB suggested that incidental visits to the park rather than large gatherings would be preferable.

Discussion ensued and the overall feeling of the group was that drawing people to the park could only promote Leederville Town Centre.

TB commented that the existing 'vibe' in their opinion should be retained and if possible keep the trees in the area as these elements are positive contributors.

Presentation of the options for the Street Profile down Oxford and Newcastle Streets was then given.

The four (4) options shown considered increasing the footpath width, adding or removing the street trees and varying the kerb (which in TB's opinion requires upgrading no matter what option is undertaken).

Discussion then ensued and the following comments considered:

RH the pop-up cafés are very successful and we do not want to restrict the use of them. (there is a commitment in regards to the servicing of the cafés and therefore consideration on where they are located is required).

AM would be nice to have wider footpaths.

MB can we decrease the car lanes to make the footpaths wider?

RH capacity for changeover of the pop up cafés must be considered. Leaving the possible raised parking bays (as per the Northbridge example) all one colour is dangerous.

TB then presented options for the Newcastle Street/Carr Place intersection and options for the Water Corporation Laneway.

Following this part of the presentation the Chair called for comments from all group members in regards to the three (3) options for the park.

Comments were as follows;

- LF** Pop-up cafés are fantastic – keep them possible.  
Any of the options are good  
See more seating near the car park (Cranked) end of the park
- DW** Option 1 – don't want two (2) paths, can we remove the palm  
Like the classic look, can we install BBQ's, flying fox,  
see a view of the skate park  
Weekend markets  
Expand the cafés capacity (out onto the footpaths) over the weekends.  
Possible removing all driving on weekends at the park end of Oxford St.
- BM** Parts of Options 1 & 3  
Position of the fence – not straight lines  
Prefer the non classic look to the south end (prefer option 3).  
Could the playground weave in and out of the trees.  
Small walkways – pockets for sitting.
- CH** Option 3 – it's more an open space, contemporary and dynamic space  
People could you for their lunch, use the WiFi we are introducing.  
Breaks and fluid shapes and allowing market stalls potential  
Like the link potential near cranked and raised areas.
- MB** Option 3 – enlarge green zones  
Like the walkway link through  
More movement around the play area – get rid of the palm.  
Maybe a fountain/artwork/bronze statue instead (not a water playground). Prefer this style of surround - Like the raised areas.  
Can we look into the Skate Park so that the people in the path can see what is happening.
- AM can we look into opening up the basket ball court in the skate park when they are not operating and opening the connecting end for the visibility of people using the park.
- RH** Option 3 – some elements of Option 1.

market stall areas.  
raised areas for sitting on and around.  
Not keen on the steel structures (option 3) the look to harsh.

#### 4.2 Way Forward

AM Therefore we shall proceed with a combination of Option 1 & 3 seem to be preferred, unusual shapes, small paths, A significant art work in the park instead on the Newcastle/Carr round-a-bout where the palm is currently located (maybe a water feature – bronze with modern edge).

Keep an idea of some kind of artwork on Newcastle Street in the future.

JA raised whether we wanted to consider designating an area for performances – the group discussed this and there are a number of planning and OHS matters which would blow out the budget and limit other uses in the park.

TB suggested not having BBQ's and is a toilet required? Group agreed after discussion that BBQ's not a good idea (working against surrounding business) and definitely require a toilet.

AM will further investigate toilet options as well, if not the skate park then a universally accessible toilet.

#### To Do: Focus on the Park

- Email presentation and park ideas (photos) to group members. **ACTION: JvdB**
- Blackwell's to develop further plan for the park and artwork as priority, with preliminary costings (staged works). Using existing paving with new elements as discussed and new kerbs. Once prepared email to group members for review prior to meeting. **ACTION: TB**
- Arrange another working group meeting within the month to potentially approve a working plan **ACTION: JvdB**
- Present the plan to OMC before the end of March and then proceed if acceptable to community consultation.

4.3 JG raised that there is currently an application for weekend markets with the planning department. What advice should we give this applicant?

Discussion ensued and agreement reached that no applications would be considered so that the redevelopment of the park can continue without impediment.

#### 5. Closure

Meeting closed at 7.50pm.  
Next meeting: TBA

These Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Leederville Town Centre Enhancement Working Group held on 25 February 2013.

Signed: ..... Chairperson

Dated this .....day of ..... 2013