



SUMMARY MINUTES

STATE COUNCIL MEETING

July 2017

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting No. 3 of 2017 of the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council held at WALGA, 170 Railway Parade, West Leederville on Wednesday 5 July 2017 beginning at 4.06pm.

1. ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1.1 Attendance

Chair	President of WALGA	Cr Lynne Craigie
	Deputy President of WALGA	Mayor Tracey Roberts JP
	North Metropolitan Zone	
Members	Central Country Zone	President Cr Philip Blight
	Central Metropolitan Zone	Cr Janet Davidson OAM JP
		Mayor Heather Henderson
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Sue Bilich
		Cr Catherine Ehrhardt (Deputy)
	Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	President Cr Malcolm Cullen
	Gascoyne Country Zone	President Cr Cheryl Cowell
	Great Eastern Country Zone	President Cr Eileen O'Connell (Deputy)
	Great Southern Country Zone	President Cr Ken Clements
	Kimberley Country Zone	President Cr Elsia Archer OAM
	Murchison Country Zone	Cr Les Price
	North Metropolitan Zone	Cr Russ Fishwick JP
		Mayor Giovanni Italiano
	Northern Country Zone	President Cr Karen Chappel
	Peel Country Zone	Cr Wally Barrett
	Pilbara Country Zone	Mayor Peter Long
	South East Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Henry Zelones OAM JP
		Cr Fiona Reid
	South Metropolitan Zone	Mayor Carol Adams
		Cr Doug Thompson
		Mayor Logan Howlett
	South West Country Zone	President Cr Wayne Sanford
Guests	Mr Mal Wauchope AO	Commissioner, Public Sector Commission
		Public Sector Commission
Ex-Officio	Mr Steve Tweedie	Mr Jonathan Throssell
	Local Government Professionals (WA)	
Secretariat	Chief Executive Officer	Ms Ricky Burges
	Deputy Chief Executive Officer	Mr Wayne Scheggia
	EM Environment & Waste	Mr Mark Batty
	EM Governance & Organisational Services	Mr Tony Brown
	EM Finance & Marketing	Mr Zac Donovan
	EM Planning & Community Development	Ms Jo Burges
	EM Infrastructure	Mr Ian Duncan
	Manager Governance	Mr James McGovern
	Manager Strategy & Association Governance	Mr Tim Lane
Observer	Deputy Chief Executive Officer, Pilbara Regional Council	Mr Alexis Guillot

1.2 Apologies

Members	Great Eastern Country Zone	President Cr Stephen Strange
	Avon Midland Zone	Cr Darren Slyns
		Cr Stephen Pollard (Deputy)
	East Metropolitan Zone	Cr Darryl Trease JP
Secretariat	EM Business Solutions	Mr John Filippone
	Finance Controller	Mr Rick Murray
Ex-Officio	The Rt Hon Lord Mayor of the City of Perth	Ms Lisa Scaffidi

1.3 Announcement

The President, Cr Lynne Craigie congratulated the City of Kalamunda for becoming a City.

Public Sector Commissioner, Mal Wauchope AO

The Public Sector Commissioner provided a presentation to State Council.

Mr Mal Wauchope and Mr Steve Tweedie left the meeting at 4.45pm.

MEETING ASSESSMENT

President Cr Karen Chappel was invited to undertake meeting assessment at the conclusion of the meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

2.1 Minutes of May 2017 State Council Meeting

**[Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Cr Wally Barrett**

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) State Council Meeting held on Friday 5 May, 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

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CARRIED

2.1.1 Business Arising from the Minutes of the May State Council Meeting

Nil

2.2 Minutes of June 2017 State Council Meeting

**Moved: Cr Janet Davidson
Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight**

That the Minutes of the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Special State Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 June, 2017 be confirmed as a true and correct record of proceedings.

RESOLUTION 56.7/2017

CARRIED

2.2.2 Business Arising from the Minutes of the June Special State Council Meeting

Nil

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Pursuant to our Code of Conduct, the following State Councillors declared an interest:

- Cr Janet Davidson – Item 4.2 State Councillor Eligibility
- Cr Sue Bilich – Item 5.11 Honours Panel
- Mayor Henry Zelones – Item 5.11 Honours Panel
- Mayor Logan Howlett – Item 5.11 Honours Panel
- Mayor Giovanni Italiano – Item 5.11 Honours Panel
- Cr Catherine Ehrhardt – Item 6.4 Short Term Rental Accommodation

PAPERS

State Councillors were distributed the following papers under separate cover:

- President's Report (previously emailed to your Zone meeting)
- Item 5.8 – Executive Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB);
- Item 5.9 - Selection Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0011 MD);
- Item 5.10 – Use of Common Seal (01-004-07-0001 RB);
- Item 5.11 – Association Honours 2017 Minutes of WALGA Honours Panel and Flying Minute
- CEO' s report to State Council

4. EMERGING ISSUES

4.1 State and Local Government Partnership Agreement (04-001-03-0001 RB)

By Ricky Burges, Chief Executive Officer

As per WALGA's Corporate Governance Charter a State Council resolution is required to consider an Emerging Issue.

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel

Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the Emerging Issue on the State/Local Government Partnership Agreement be considered by the meeting.

CARRIED

In Brief

- Establishment of a formal agreement between the Western Australian State Government and the Western Australian Local Government sector has been an ongoing goal of WALGA and the Local Government sector and was a key priority of the sector in the lead up to the 2017 State Election;
- Following the State Election, the secretariat has been in negotiations with the State to commit to a partnership agreement;
- The attached agreement, largely based on a draft developed by the WALGA secretariat, has been agreed to by the State Government;
- The partnership agreement:
 1. Establishes a State and Local Government Partnership Group comprising the Premier, Treasurer, other Senior Government Ministers, the WALGA President and Local Government Professionals President; and,
 2. Outlines specific guidelines for the State Government to consult with Local Government.

Attachment

Proposed State and Local Government Partnership Agreement.

Relevance to Strategic Plan

Key Strategies

Engagement with Members

- Deliver a broad range of benefits and services that enhance the capacity of member Local Governments;
- Improve communication and build relationships at all levels of member Local Governments;
- Provide ongoing professional development and interactive opportunities for Elected Members to contribute to debate on sector issues;
- Build a strong sense of WALGA ownership and alignment.

Sustainable Local Government

- Continue to build capacity to deliver sustainable Local Government;
- Provide support to all members, according to need;
- Represent the diversity of members' aspirations in the further development of Local Government in Western Australia;
- Foster economic and regional development in Local Government.

Enhanced Reputation and Relationships

- Communicate and market the profile and reputation of Local Government and WALGA;
- Promote WALGA's advocacy successes with the sector and the wider community;
- Strengthen effective relationships with external peak bodies and key decision makers in State and Federal Government;
- Develop simple and consistent messages that are effectively articulated;
- Promote WALGA's supplier agreements to assist Local Governments.

Policy Implications

Establishment of a Partnership Agreement has been an ongoing goal of the Local Government sector and was a key priority of WALGA in advance of the 2017 State Election.

Budgetary Implications

Nil.

Background

Establishment of a formal agreement between the Western Australian State Government and the Western Australian Local Government sector has been an ongoing goal of WALGA and the Local Government sector and was a key priority of the sector in the lead up to the 2017 State Election.

The Local Government sector has had formal agreements with the State Government in the past, which have varied significantly in terms of content and commitment.

There was no formal agreement with the State Government between 2013 and 2017.

During the first term of the Barnett Government, a 'minimalist' agreement was signed in 2010, which stated that a communication and consultation protocol would be developed in the future, however this did not occur.

A comprehensive agreement was signed during the first term of the Gallop Government in 2002. This agreement established a State/Local Government Council comprising the Premier, Treasurer, other key Ministers as well as the Presidents of WALGA and the LGMA (WA). A communication and consultation protocol, which was signed in 2004, was developed as a result of this agreement.

Comment

Establishment of a formal Partnership Agreement with the State Government represents completion of a significant aim of the Local Government sector. The proposed agreement incorporates principles and practices relating to consultation and communication to mitigate against a delay in the development of a consultation protocol.

The attached agreement, which has been agreed to by the State, incorporates a number of tangible outcomes that will aid the sector's advocacy in a number of ways.

Firstly, the agreement establishes the State and Local Government Partnership Group that will aim to meet at least once per year. The Group comprises key State and Local Government leaders, as follows:

- Premier;
- Treasurer;
- Minister for Local Government;
- Minister for Planning and Transport;
- WALGA President;
- LGPA WA President; and,
- Such other Ministers and Local Government representatives as appropriate to the subject matter on the agenda.

Secondly, the agreement states that the State Government should consult with Local Government, where practicable for:

- 12 weeks – for proposals that will have a significant impact on Local Government responsibilities and operations;
- 8 weeks – for proposals to amend regulations or other compliance requirements that will have an impact on Local Government’s responsibilities or operations; and,
- 4 weeks – for proposals relating to changes in operating procedure or practice which will have a limited impact.

The full text of the proposed Partnership Agreement is attached for State Council consideration.

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That the State and Local Government Partnership Agreement (as attached) be endorsed for signing by the WALGA President.

AMENDMENT

Moved: Cr Fiona Reid
Seconded: President Cr Malcolm Cullen

That

- 1. The State and Local Government Partnership Agreement (as attached) be endorsed for signing by the WALGA President.**
- 2. That WALGA review the Partnership Agreement annually and report to State Council.**

CARRIED

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND

RESOLUTION 57.7/2017

CARRIED

State and Local Government Partnership Agreement

Preamble

The State Government and the Local Government sector are fully committed to working together in partnership to improve the quality of life for citizens and communities throughout Western Australia. Improved quality of life relies on workforce participation, social inclusion, a healthy environment, a growing economy, improving productivity and vibrant communities.

Working together, the two spheres of government are more equipped to confront the major challenges facing Western Australia as well as everyday issues affecting local communities. The State Government, with its leadership and ability to set policy and implement programs for all of Western Australia, and the Local Government sector, with a presence in all Western Australian communities, have complementary strengths that can be combined to benefit Western Australia.

In a large and diverse State, working together is necessary to address challenges and to use government resources efficiently. In this way, a partnership approach improves public sector efficiency and can ensure our communities remain inclusive and vibrant. A robust partnership, built on trust and mutual respect, ensures good governance and better decision-making across both spheres of government. By combining resources, shared objectives to develop local and regional economies, improve communities and ensure a healthy environment can be achieved.

State and Local Government political and administrative leaders are encouraged to work with their public sector colleagues across both spheres of government in a collegiate spirit, based on trust and mutual respect, to achieve outcomes for the benefit of all Western Australians.

Partners

Partners to this agreement include:

- The Government of Western Australia;
- The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA); and
- Local Government Professionals Australia (WA) (LGPA WA).

Signed:

Hon Mark McGowan MLA Premier of Western Australia	Hon David Templeman MLA Minister for Local Government	Cr Lynne Craigie WALGA President	Mr Jonathan Throssell LG Professionals WA President
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Objectives

The State Government and the Local Government sector will work together to:

- enhance communication between both spheres of Government to promote—
 - transparent and accountable government
 - community engagement
 - seamless legislation and compliance requirements
 - better service delivery outcomes for communities across Western Australia;
- ensure appropriate consultation is undertaken between the two spheres of government; and

- provide good governance for, and on behalf of, the people of Western Australia.

Principles

This Partnership Agreement is based on the following principles:

1. Partnerships

- a. Both spheres of government recognise the importance and benefits of working together in partnership; and
- b. The complementary strengths of both spheres of government are acknowledged.

2. Communication

- a. Both spheres of government undertake open and timely communication in relation to matters affecting the other sector.

3. Consultation

- a. Both spheres of government undertake timely consultation regarding matters affecting the other sector; and
- b. Consultation timelines and processes will be guided by this Agreement.

4. Accountability

- a. Both spheres of government accept accountability for their decisions and decision-making processes.

5. Service delivery

- a. Both spheres of government aim to deliver appropriate services efficiently and effectively; and
- b. Both spheres of government aim to avoid duplication of services.

6. Community engagement

- a. Both spheres of government acknowledge the importance of appropriate community engagement practices; and
- b. The opportunity for Local Government Community Strategic Plans to inform State initiatives is considered.

7. Reciprocity

- a. A two way partnership conveying respect and consideration for engaging the other sector when matters arise.

8. Roles and responsibilities

- a. Both spheres of government acknowledge the roles and responsibilities of each sphere.

State and Local Government Partnership Group

A State and Local Government Partnership Group shall be formed and will aim to meet at least once per year to discuss matters of importance to both sectors.

The State and Local Government Partnership Group shall comprise:

- Premier;
- Treasurer;

- Minister for Local Government;
- Minister for Planning / Transport;
- WALGA President;
- LGPA WA President; and
- Such other Ministers and Local Government representatives as appropriate to the subject matter on the agenda.

The Partnership Group will address:

- Strategic issues relating to the relationship between State and Local Government;
- Strategic policy and program matters where State and Local Government are key stakeholders; and
- Policy formation of a State or community interest to Local Government or where Local Government will be impacted.

Meetings at Other Times

To facilitate robust relationships, it is important that senior figures from both spheres of government are available to meet as issues arise.

Communication and Consultation Principles and Protocol

Sufficient time for consultation and to identify stakeholders should be included in the planning stages for developing or amending legislation, policy and programs to ensure considered input and informed decision making.

Consulting with Local Government

Local Government is a major stakeholder in many State Government decisions relating to legislation, policy and programs. As a party to the Agreement, the State Government, in good faith, will endeavour to consult with Local Government where it is appropriate to do so. Both spheres of government acknowledge circumstances where consultation may be limited or not possible.

The State Government should consult with Local Government when developing, amending or reviewing State legislation and regulations, policies or programs that will significantly impact Local Government operations or resources.

Where appropriate and practicable, consultation should be for:

- 12 weeks – for proposals that will have a significant impact on Local Government responsibilities or operations. Examples include:
 - New legislation and amendments to existing legislation that will impact Local Government; and
 - Proposals and policy decisions that will have an impact on Local Government expenditure.
- 8 weeks – for proposals to amend regulations or other compliance requirements that will have an impact on Local Government’s responsibilities or operations. Examples include:
 - Regulatory change that will affect Local Governments – for example, regulations relating to the *Local Government Act 1995*, *Planning and Development Act 2005*, *Health Act 1911*, etc.

- 4 weeks – for proposals relating to changes in operating procedure or practice which will have a limited impact. Examples include:
 - Changes to operating guidelines; and
 - Circulars or policies clarifying or codifying existing responsibilities or arrangements.

When consulting at a State level, WALGA and LGPA WA should be the first point of contact. These two peak bodies are able, through formal and informal policy development processes, to develop representative responses and submissions on behalf of their respective memberships.

For more localised issues, it may be appropriate for Local Governments to be consulted individually or in groups. WALGA Zone groupings and WALGA Zone meetings may present opportunities for groups of Local Governments to be consulted.

Local Government should be consulted as early as possible in the process to elicit meaningful contributions.

Consulting with the State Government

The State Government is an important stakeholder in many Local Government decisions.

Individual Local Governments should consult with the State Government when developing or reviewing Local Government or Council policies, as well as local laws or planning schemes, which will impact State Government operations or resources.

For significant or State-wide issues, WALGA will liaise with the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries or the appropriate government agency. Individual Local Governments or regional groups of Local Governments will consult with the relevant government agency in relation to local or regional matters.

The State Government should be consulted as early as possible, with twelve weeks being the minimum suggested consultation period.

Governance and Transparency

State and Local Government must lead by example and demonstrate an unequivocal commitment to high standards of governance and transparency to maintain community confidence in government decision making.

Both spheres of government commit to working together to improve decision making processes that deliver greater transparency and community accountability: recognising and respecting that each sphere of government and the community are a partner in this process.

4.2 Confidential Item - WALGA State Councillor Eligibility

As per WALGA's Corporate Governance Charter a State Council resolution is required to consider an Emerging Issue.

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Cr Fiona Reid

That the Emerging Issue on the WALGA State Councillor Eligibility be considered by the meeting and that the meeting go behind closed doors.

Mr Jonathan Throssell, Mr Mark Batty, Mr Zac Donovan, Ms Jo Burges, Mr Ian Duncan, Mr James McGovern and Mr Alexis Guillot left the meeting at 4.54pm.

Cr Janet Davidson declared an interest in item 4.2 and departed the meeting at 4:55pm.

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: President Cr Wayne Sanford

That:

- 1. The issue of amending the Constitution relating to State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio, eligibility be considered by the Governance Policy Team;**
- 2. The Policy Team to consider the implications of amending the Constitution so that if any State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio, is found guilty of a serious breach of the *Local Government Act 1995*, as amended, that person will become ineligible to become or continue as a State Councillor, ordinary or ex officio.**

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CARRIED

Cr Janet Davidson, Mr Jonathan Throssell, Mr Mark Batty, Mr Zac Donovan, Ms Jo Burges, Mr Ian Duncan, Mr James McGovern and Mr Alexis Guillot returned to the meeting at 5:20pm.

4.3 Emergency Management and Bushfire Management (05-001-03-0059 MP)

By Melissa Pexton, Manager Emergency Management

Moved: Cr Wally Barrett

Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the meeting return from behind closed doors

CARRIED

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight

Seconded: Cr Wally Barrett

That the Emerging Issue relating to Emergency Management and Bushfire Management be considered by the meeting.

CARRIED

In Brief

- Recommendations and opportunities for change are being implemented following the Special Inquiry into the Waroona Fire (January 2016).
- Members have raised concern over the time in which the recommendations are being implemented.
- The current activities and advocacy undertaken by WALGA in the areas of Emergency Management and Rural Fire management are presented for noting by State Council.

Attachment

Status of Recommendations from the Special Inquiry into the Waroona Fire (January 2016)

<https://oem.wa.gov.au/Documents/FergusonReportProgress.pdf>

Relevance to Strategic Plan

Key Strategies

Engagement with Members

- Improve communication and build relationships at all levels of member Local Governments;
- Build a strong sense of WALGA ownership and alignment.

Enhanced Reputation and Relationships

- Communicate and market the profile and reputation of Local Government and WALGA;
- Strengthen effective relationships with external peak bodies and key decision makers in State and Federal Government;
- Develop simple and consistent messages that are effectively articulated;

Background

WALGA President, Cr Lynne Craigie issued an email (Thursday 15 June 2017) acknowledging members' concerns regarding the issues of rural fire management in the state. A range of issues have been raised with the President and WALGA Chief Executive Officer on various interactions with members and reinforced in part due to the Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Fran Logan MLA, hosting an 'invite only' Bushfire Summit, with little representation from Local Governments and local bushfire expertise including Chief Bushfire Control Officers and volunteers.

There is no doubt the emergency management and rural bushfire management landscape is overdue for change. Numerous reviews and inquiries, including the most recent Special Inquiry

into the Waroona Fire led by Euan Ferguson, have recommended a number of transformational changes to the sector, along with opportunities for improvement.

The Special Inquiry into the Waroona Fire, was tabled in Parliament on 23 June 2016 and the government of the day accepted all recommendations. Following a change of government in March 2017, the government are awaiting outcomes of a number of recommendations, to inform their decision making. A range of activities and effort are underway to deliver on the recommendations, however of upmost significance to the sector are the following three bodies of work:

1. Funding for Bushfire Risk Management
2. Review of the Emergency Services Levy
3. Establishment of a Rural Fire Service

These three items have both an immediate and long term impact on the bushfire service delivery to communities within Western Australia and impact the way in which Local Governments interact with state departments before, during and after an emergency.

Comment

WALGA has requested and obtained a status report of all the recommendations from the State Government to ensure State Council is provided with the most recent update on progress towards implementing recommendations from the Special Inquiry into the Waroona Fire. The status report can be accessed at the following link:

<https://oem.wa.gov.au/Documents/FergusonReportProgress.pdf>

It is important to note that the Office of Emergency Management have officially been handed oversight of the recommendations and will chair the Ferguson report implementation working group which was previously undertaken by the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The Office of Emergency Management provide secretariat support to the State Emergency Management Committee of which WALGA Chief Executive Officer, Ricky Burges, is a member representing the sector.

As noted earlier the following bodies of work are critical for the sector and WALGA are involved in discussions on these matters.

1. Funding for Bushfire Risk Management

Three members wrote to WALGA to request support in gaining ongoing funding for the continuation of Bushfire Risk Management Planning. WALGA continues to advocate through formal and informal representation and have undertaken the following activities in support of this request:

- WALGA provide member representation on the State Bushfire Coordinating Committee and at their meeting 24 May 2017 gained agreement from the committee to support a recommendation to the Minister to approve ongoing funding to continue the momentum and strategic approach to Bushfire Risk planning in WA.
- Met with the Minister Emergency Services to discuss this issue and the Minister has asked WALGA to provide recommendations in writing for his consideration.
- WALGA gained four additional invites to allow Local Government representation at the Bushfire Mitigation Summit. There was broad support for the continuation of the Bushfire Risk Management Program.

2. Review of the Emergency Services Levy

WALGA has had extensive engagement with the sector on the review of the Emergency Services Levy (ESL) being undertaken by the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA). The Association provided a written submission to the ERA with input from 119 Local Governments and are currently awaiting the release of the draft report, which is scheduled for this Friday 7 July 2017.

WALGA have built a strong relationship with the ERA and have secured Nikki Cusworth, Chair ERA, to present the Draft Report at the WALGA Convention (Friday 5 August) to provide members with direct access to the ERA enabling a two way conversation on the recommendations within the report. WALGA will also have a 'pop-up' policy display to answer questions and discuss the report with members throughout the convention. Further to the Convention, WALGA are working with the ERA to develop face to face opportunities within the regions to provide further opportunities for members to discuss this important issue.

WALGA will again facilitate the development of a submission to the ERA, who have requested that where possible the sector put forward a sector position on the key recommendations. Local Governments are able to provide their own submission as some did in the first phase of the review. It is important to note that the ERA is an independent statutory authority established by the Parliament of Western Australia. They work independently of industry, government and other interests to ensure decisions and recommendations are free from bias. The *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003* articulates legislative obligations for the ERA and its Minister. Of interest to members is that the final report produced by the ERA is to be laid before each House of Parliament within 28 days after the Minister receives the report. (*ERA Act 2006, s.26 (6)*). WALGA encourages all members to feed into the ERA process so that it can be dealt with by the Government in a formal manner.

Further information will be communicated once the draft report has been released and official timelines have been set by the ERA for consultation and submission deadlines.

3. Establishment of a Rural Fire Service

The Minister has advised at both the Bushfire Mitigation Summit and the Association's meeting that it is unlikely that an independent rural fire service will be created given the financial constraints of Government. Invitees at the Bushfire Mitigation Summit were asked to provide thoughts on a model through the public submissions following the summit. No model was put forward or discussed in detail at the summit.

In some instances, individual Councils have come to their own resolution on a preferred model and have made the Minister aware of these. The Minister has indicated that he is awaiting the outcomes of the Review of the ESL to guide his decision. Furthermore, the machinery of government changes and public services reform currently underway are also feeding into this decision.

The Association has requested that the Minister factor in timely consultation with Local Governments given their current legislative responsibilities for bushfire brigades and the impact changes would have on volunteers and the safety of our communities in readiness for this bushfire season.

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson

Second: Cr Fiona Reid

That State Council:

- 1. Note the status of the recommendations of the Ferguson inquiry as provided by the Office of Emergency Management.**
- 2. Note the advocacy and representation provided by WALGA on behalf of members.**

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CARRIED

Mr Wayne Scheggia left the meeting at 5:22pm and returned at 5:25pm.

5. MATTERS FOR DECISION

5.1 Local Government Act and Regulations Review (05-034-01-0007 TB)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA

1. Note the Local Government Act Review process announced by the Minister for Local Government.
2. Endorse the consultation process outlined in this report.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That WALGA:

1. Note the Local Government Act Review process announced by the Minister for Local Government.
2. Endorse the consultation process outlined in this report.

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CARRIED

5.2 Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline for Sealed Roads (05-006-03-0008 MB)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline for Sealed Roads be endorsed as a model policy for Local Government adoption.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight
Seconded: Cr Les Price

That the Heavy Vehicle Cost Recovery Policy Guideline for Sealed Roads be endorsed as a model policy for Local Government adoption.

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CARRIED

5.3 Single Use Plastic Bag Ban (05-070-01-0001 RNB)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA:

1. Advocate for a state wide ban for single use plastic bags.
2. Support members seeking to implement a Local Law to ban single use plastic bags.

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
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

GREAT SOUTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

That, in relation to item 5.3 – Single Use Plastic Bag Ban, the Great Southern Zone of WALGA accepts Point 1 of the recommendation but proposes that Point 2 be deleted and replaced with the words:

2. The ban needs to be implemented by WA State Government legislation rather than by Local Law.

PEEL ZONE

That the Peel Zone amends item 5.3 to include point 3, to read as follows:

1. Advocate for a state wide ban for single use plastic bags
2. Support members seeking to implement a Local Law to ban single use plastic bags.
3. Strongly advocate that all products be biodegradable and request WALGA to refer this issue back to the State Government for the preparation of appropriate legislation.

NORTH METROPOLITAN ZONE

1. Advocate for a state wide ban for single use plastic bags.
2. That WALGA supports urgent advice being obtained from the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation as well as independent legal advice in terms of its views of Local Governments' lawful ability to enter private land to enforce the local law.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

Seeking legal advice on a model Local Law will form part of WALGA's support to members on implementing a Local Law.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

That:

The SW Zone reiterates position that That the South West Zone of WALGA advise the WA Local Government Association that it supports the principle of a ban on one use plastic bags, thin (supermarket) shopping bags, on the basis that a considered State-wide or National implementation and consultation plan is developed which covers issues such as community education, environmental alternatives and an equitable transition period.

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

(a) Amend part 1 of the recommendation to read "That the WA Local Government Association advocate for the State Government to introduce a state wide ban on single use plastic bags,";
and

(b) Delete part 2 of the recommendation.

Moved: Cr Catherine Ehrhardt

Seconded: Mayor Henry Zelones

- 1. Advocate for a state wide ban for single use plastic bags.**
- 2. Support members seeking to implement a Local Law to ban single use plastic bags.**
- 3. Strongly advocate that all products be biodegradable and request WALGA to refer this issue back to the State Government for the preparation of appropriate legislation.**
- 4. Any state wide ban to be supported by community education, environmental alternatives and an equitable transition period.**

AMENDMENT

Moved: Mayor Peter Long

Seconded: Cr Fiona Reid

That WALGA:

- 1. Advocate for the State Government to introduce a state wide ban of single use plastic bags.**
- 2. Ensure any state wide ban is supported by community education, environmental alternatives and an equitable transition period.**
- 3. Refer the matter of biodegradable products to the Municipal Waste Advisory Council for investigation and determination.**
- 4. Note that while a state-wide approach is preferred some Local Governments are progressing Local Laws and WALGA has a role supporting these Local Governments to ensure consistency of approach.**

CARRIED

RESOLUTION 62.7/2017

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED

5.4 Interim Submission on the Australian Government's Review of Climate Change Policies (05-028-03-0018 LS)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That the interim submission in response to the Australian Government's Review of Climate Change Policies 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	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH METRO ZONE

That the interim submission in response to the Australian Government 's review of Climate Change Policies Discussion Paper be endorsed subject to WALGA State Councils believes that situation brought about a motion stating Climate Action Should Be Immediate in June 2009, is today reaching a climate emergency.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE

That the WALGA Recommendation be supported however the Central Country Zone express its continuing concern at the number of WALGA State Council items that relate to seeking endorsement of a submission that has been submitted some time earlier.

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: President Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the interim submission in response to the Australian Government's Review of Climate Change Policies Discussion Paper be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 63.7/2017

CARRIED

5.5 Coordinated Corella Project (05-046-02-0003 MH)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council:

1. Note the outcomes of the Coordinated Corella Control pilot program.
2. Endorse WALGA's proposed approach to the continuation and expansion of the Program in 2017/18.

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
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

That:

The item be amended by the addition of a further point

- That DPAWS provide adequate funding to support the project, as that is a wildlife control issue

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE

1. Note the outcomes of the Coordinated Corella Control pilot program.
2. Endorse WALGA's proposed approach to the continuation and expansion of the Program in 2017/18.
3. *Expand the program to include the whole of State. (addition to the recommendation)*

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That State Council

1. Note the outcomes of the Coordinated Corella Control pilot program.
2. Endorse WALGA's proposed approach to the continuation and expansion of the Program in 2017/18.
3. Seek to have the program expanded to the whole of the State, including the provision of adequate resources.

RESOLUTION 64.7/2017

CARRIED

5.6 Productivity Commission Inquiry into Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation 05-001-03-0006 DM)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council endorse WALGA's submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation in Australia.

Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

SOUTH EAST METROPOLITAN ZONE

That WALGA be requested to review its draft submission with a view of focussing on improving the existing methods of calculation of the GST as a matter of urgency rather than just focusing on increasing the level of tax collected.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE

That WALGA be requested to review its draft submission with a view to focusing on the existing methods of calculation of the GST as a matter of urgency rather than focusing on increasing the level of tax collected.

AVON MIDLAND COUNTRY ZONE

That the Zone requests the removal in the Comment section of the Agenda item of the reference to poor financial management on the part of the previous State Government.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The submission canvasses both the scope and amount of the GST.

Cr Doug Thompson left the meeting at 5:42pm and returned at 5:44pm.

Moved: President Cr Phillip Blight Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

<p>That State Council endorse WALGA's submission to the Productivity Commission Inquiry into Horizontal Fiscal Equalisation in Australia with an amendment to remove the reference to the loss of the vehicle licensing concessions.</p>
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<u>RESOLUTION 65.7/2017</u>

<u>CARRIED</u>

5.7 WALGA Draft Housing Strategy Guide and Housing and Community Profile Database (05-036-03-0020 CG)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That WALGA;

1. Note the Draft Housing Strategy Guide and Housing and Community Profile Database currently out for members comment;
2. Liaise with all relevant State Government agencies to seek feedback on the draft Housing Strategy Guide; and
3. Seek a commitment from these agencies that the Draft Housing Strategy Guide is a suitable best practice guide for Local Governments in preparing their Housing Strategies.

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
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Northern Country Zone	Not Mentioned
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Supported

KIMBERLEY ZONE

That the Kimberley Zone of WALGA;

1. Notes the State Council Meeting Agenda and Presidents Report, and
2. To refer item 5.7 of the State Council Agenda to WALGA to seek further advice.

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Heather Henderson

That WALGA;

1. Note the Draft Housing Strategy Guide and Housing and Community Profile Database currently out for members comment;
2. Liaise with all relevant State Government agencies to seek feedback on the draft Housing Strategy Guide; and
3. Seek a commitment from these agencies that the Draft Housing Strategy Guide is a suitable best practice guide for Local Governments in preparing their Housing Strategies.

RESOLUTION 66.7/2017

CARRIED

Mayor Carol Adams left the meeting at 5:48pm and did not return.

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

5.8 Executive Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TB)

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
 Seconded: Cr Wally Barrett

That the Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held 28 June 2017 be endorsed.

RESOLUTION 67.7/2017

CARRIED

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

Moved: Mayor Henry Zelones
 Seconded: President Cr Ken Clements

1. The recommendations from the Selection Committee Minutes of 27 June 2017 be endorsed by State Council,
2. The resolutions from the Selection Committee Minutes of 27 June 2017 be noted by State Council.

RESOLUTION 68.7/2017

CARRIED

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

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
 Seconded: President Cr Karen Chappel

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

Document	Document Description	Signatories	State Council prior approval
Letter of Offer	Letter of Offer (Restatement) - Western Australian Local Government Association as trustee for the LGIS Local Government Insurance Scheme	Cr Lynne Craigie Ricky Burges	No

RESOLUTION 69.7/2017

CARRIED

5.11 Honours Panel Committee Minutes (01-006-03-0006 TL)

Mayor Henry Zelones, Mayor Giovanni Italiano, Cr Sue Bilich, Mayor Logan Howlett declared an interest and left the meeting at 5:50pm.

President Cr Wayne Sanford left the meeting at 5:50pm and did not return.

Moved: Mayor Heather Henderson
Seconded: President Cr Cheryl Cowell

That the Minutes of the Honours Panel meeting held 19 May 2017 and the Flying Minute of the Honours Panel held on 4 July 2017 be received.

RESOLUTION 70.7/2017

CARRIED

Mayor Henry Zelones, Mayor Giovanni Italiano, Cr Sue Bilich, Mayor Logan Howlett returned to the meeting at 5:51pm.

6. MATTERS FOR NOTING / INFORMATION

6.1 Discussion Paper - Third Party Appeal Rights in Planning (06-03-01-0001 GC)

That State Council note that feedback on the *Third Party Appeal Rights in Planning* discussion paper has been extended until 14 July 2017.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

PEEL ZONE

That the Peel Zone requests that an extension on *Third Party Appeal Rights in Planning* be extended to 31 July 2017.

SECRETARIAT COMMENT

The Zones request can be administered by the secretariat.

Moved: Cr Les Price
Seconded: Cr Fiona Reid

That State Council note that feedback on the *Third Party Appeal Rights in Planning* discussion paper has been extended until 14 July 2017.

RESOLUTION 71.7/2017

CARRIED

6.2 Bushfire Risk Mitigation Program (05-24-02-0001 MP)
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WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note WALGAs advocacy for the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Program to receive ongoing funding to enhance bushfire mitigation in Western Australia.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

PEEL ZONE

That the Peel Zone amends Item 6.2 to read as follows:

That State Council note WALGA's advocacy for the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Program to receive ongoing funding to enhance bushfire Mitigation in Western Australia and that this program funding be provided directly to Local Government authorities, or alternatively, bushfire mitigation be included as an eligible fund under the ESL Grants Manual.

Moved: Mayor Logan Howlett
 Seconded: President Cr Ken Clements

That State Council note WALGA's advocacy for the Bushfire Risk Mitigation Program to receive ongoing funding to enhance bushfire Mitigation in Western Australia and that this program funding be provided directly to Local Government authorities, or alternatively, bushfire mitigation be included as an eligible fund under the ESL Grants Manual.

RESOLUTION 72.7/2017

CARRIED

6.3 Control of off-road vehicles (05-053-03-008 NH)
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WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note WALGA's further initiatives to address Local Government feedback concerning the control of off-road vehicles.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded: Mayor Tracey Roberts

That:

1. State Council note WALGA's further initiatives to address Local Government feedback concerning the control of off-road vehicles;
2. WALGA undertake further consultation with members to consider the options to extend the 'control areas' as provided for in the *Control of Vehicles (Off Road) Act 1978*; and,
3. WALGA present this feedback to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for action.

RESOLUTION 73.7/2017

CARRIED

6.4 Short-Term Rental Accommodation and the Sharing Economy Discussion Paper (05-036-03-0016 CG)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the '*Short-Term Rental Accommodation and the Sharing Economy Discussion Paper*' and request for feedback on the paper.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt declared an interest and left the meeting at 5:58pm

Moved: Mayor Heather Henderson Seconded: Cr Fiona Reid

That State Council note the '*Short-Term Rental Accommodation and the Sharing Economy Discussion Paper*' and request for feedback on the paper.

RESOLUTION 74.7/2017

CARRIED

Cr Catherine Ehrhardt returned to the meeting at 5.59pm.

6.5 Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2015/16 (06007030016 MB)

WALGA RECOMMENDATION

That State Council note the Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2015 /16.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: President Cr Phillip Blight

That State Council note the Report on Local Government Road Assets and Expenditure 2015 /16.

RESOLUTION 75.7/2017

CARRIED

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

That State Council note the resolution of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 26 April 2017 meeting.

Avon Midland Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Central Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Gascoyne Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Goldfields Esperance Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Eastern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Great Southern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Kimberley Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Murchison Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
North Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Northern Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Peel Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
Pilbara Zone	No Minutes Received
South East Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South Metropolitan Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted
South West Country Zone	WALGA Recommendation Noted

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That State Council note the resolution of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council at its 26 April 2017 meeting.

RESOLUTION 76.7/2017

CARRIED

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 Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Key Activities Report from the Environment and Waste Unit to the July 2017 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 77.7/2017

CARRIED

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

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Key Activities Report from the Governance and Organisational Services Unit to the July 2017 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 78.7/2017

CARRIED

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

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Key Activities Report from the Infrastructure Unit to the July 2017 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 79.7/2017

CARRIED

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

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the Key Activities Report from the Planning and Community Development Unit to July 2017 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 80.7/2017

CARRIED

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

Moved: Cr Doug Thompson
Seconded: Mayor Logan Howlett

That the report on the key activities of the Association's Policy Forums to the July 2017 State Council meeting be noted.

RESOLUTION 81.7/2017

CARRIED

7.3 President's Report

Moved: President Cr Karen Chappel
Seconded: Cr Janet Davidson

That the President's Report for July 2017 be received.

RESOLUTION 82.7/2017

CARRIED

7.4 CEO's Report

Moved: Cr Janet Davidson
Seconded: Mayor Tracey Roberts

That the CEO's Report for July 2017 be received.

RESOLTUION 83.7/2017

CARRIED

7.5 Local Government Professionals (WA) Report

Local Government Professionals (WA) President Mr Jonathan Throssell presented on the activities of the Local Government Professionals (WA).

8. ADDITIONAL ZONE RESOLUTIONS

Mayor Logan Howlett left the meeting at 6:06pm and returned at 6:08pm.

Moved: Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded: Cr Fiona Reid

That the South East Metro Zone item on media coverage on rate increases be discussed.

RESOLUTION 84.7/2017

CARRIED

Moved: Mayor Henry Zelones
Seconded: Mayor Peter Long

That WALGA implement a media response to the negative press that arises annually regarding Local Government rate increases.

RESOLUTION 85.7/2017

CARRIED

Moved: Cr Janet Davidson
Seconded: Cr Doug Thompson

That the additional Zone Resolutions from the July 2017 round of Zones meetings as follows be referred to the appropriate policy area for consideration.

RESOLUTION 86.7/2017

CARRIED

PEEL ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services)

Capping of Rates Rebate to Seniors Card Holders

That the Peel Zone requests WALGA to urgently express its concerns to the State Treasurer in relation to the announced capping of the rates rebate available to Seniors Card Holders, both in terms of the impact on the Community and the impact on Local Governments to deliver this change through their corporate computer systems.

SOUTH EAST METRO ZONE (Environment)

WALGA Policy Statement on Climate Change

That the South East Metropolitan Zone:

- 1. Requests WALGA review its Policy Statement on Climate Change, to include considerations of awareness and behaviour change strategies for climate change mitigation and energy efficiency.**
- 2. Forwards the motion, as detailed in Part 1 above, to the State Council, requesting a review of the Policy Statement on Climate Change to address climate change mitigation and to consider actions and targets for behaviour change and awareness in this regard.**

SOUTH EAST METRO ZONE (Finance and Marketing)

WALGA Response – Negative Media Local Government Rate Increases

South East Metropolitan Zone requests WALGA implement a media response to the negative press that arises annually regarding Local Government rate increases.

EAST METRO ZONE (Infrastructure)

LED Street Lighting

That WALGA bring pressure to bear on the new State Government to consider installation and funding of LED Street Lighting particularly on major highways.

SOUTH WEST COUNTRY ZONE (Economics)

That:

The key priorities as identified by WALGA as the proposed priorities for WALGA's 2018-19 State Budget Submission be endorsed

NORTHERN COUNTRY ZONE (People and Place)

Shire of Chapman Valley – Discussion Paper - Registration of Farmer Firefighting Units

1. NCZ express its serious concerns with WALGA on Office of Emergency Management's "*Registration of Farmer Firefighting Units*" Discussion Paper and lobby for this matter to be discussed at the forthcoming WALGA AGM.
2. Seek a further extension of the debate to the 31st December 2017.

SOUTH METRO ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services)

Council Resolution Advocating for Changes to the Local Government Act – Silent Electors

That the Zone requests that WALGA consider changes in which the *Local Government Act 1995* and Regulations treat silent electors on the Federal and State electoral rolls who may wish to stand for election, or be elected, to Councils *or employed by a Local Government*.

SOUTH METRO ZONE (Environment)

Urban Forest Strategy – Request for Collaborative Approach

That the South Metropolitan Zone request the Western Australian Local Government Association to coordinate a collective approach by Local Governments to commissioning or participate in research to support Local Government Urban Forest Management specifically:

- the vulnerability of existing urban tree species in Perth to predicted climate change impacts;
- the identification of potential new street tree species with climatic tolerance suitable for predicted Perth conditions to 2100;
- the relationship between the urban forest and local hydrology, and urban forest sustainability models under predicted climate scenarios.

GASCOYNE ZONE (Economics)

2018-19 State Budget Submission

That the proposed approach be endorsed with the inclusion of the following programs:

- i. Funding for the capacity building component of the Country Local Government Fund;
- ii. Funding for Ageing in Place;
- iii. Increase in emergency services funding;
- iv. Funding for country ambulance upgrades;
- v. Funding for implementation of the *Public Health Act 2016*; and
- vi. Continuation of the funding identified in the report, as follows:
 - a. State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement
 - b. Road Trauma Trust Account
 - c. Community Sport and Recreation Facilities Fund
 - d. DFES Local Government Grants Scheme

GREAT EASTERN COUNTRY ZONE (Governance and Organisational Services)

Changes to Accounting Standards – Implementation of Related Party Disclosures

That Great Eastern Country Zone through WALGA seek, as a matter of urgency, an exemption from the implementation of AASB 124 for local government in Western Australia.

CENTRAL COUNTRY ZONE (Economics)

That the Central Country Zone note the proposed submission for the 2018/2019 Budget and seek input from individual members Councils, subject to the Zone expressing concern to WALGA at the limited opportunity for improved funding for primary health and mental health in the region.

9. MEETING ASSESSMENT

President Cr Karen Chappel provided feedback as to the effectiveness of the meeting.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That the next meeting of the Western Australia Local Government Association State Council be held in the North Metropolitan Zone at a location and time to be advised on Wednesday 8 September 2017.

11. CLOSURE

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 6:15pm.