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Summary of Council Resolutions

| List of resolutions for the financial year 2022/2023 plus any outstanding resolutions from previous years | | | |
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| OCM /SCM Date | Item # | Resolution | Status |
| 29.09.2022 | 6 | That Council approves the request for Leave of Absence from Council duties for Cr Re on 24 November 2022. | For Information |
| | 8.1 | That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 25 August 2022 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. | For Information |
| | 9.2 | That the Council: 1. Appoint Cr Ferrante onto the Chief Executive Recruitment and Performance Review Committee. 2. Appoint Cr Castle as a deputy member onto the Chief Executive Recruitment and Performance Review Committee. | For Information For Information |
| | 9.3 | That Council: Receive the Financial Statements set out in Appendix No. 1 and 2 for the months ended 31 July 2022 and 31 August 2022. | For Information |
| | 9.4 | That Council: Note the list of payments made under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, for the months ended 31 July 2022 and 31 August 2022. | For Information |
| | 9.5 | That the Council: 1. Endorses the changes to Council Policies as contained in Appendix 6 and 7 of this report. 2. Endorses the delegations made to the Chief Executive Officer as detailed in Attachment 1 of this report. | For Information For Information |
| | 10 | That the Members Information Bulletin Issue No. 71 be received. | For Information |
| | 14.1 | That Council: 1. Endorses the publication of a tender for the provision of FOGO processing services. 2. Requests the CEO to bring back to council a report, detailing the outcome of the tender and recommendations regarding an award. 3. Approves an increase in the 2022/23 budget for the costs specified in the Financial Implications section of the report. 4. Endorses the recommendation to insure the Neerabup Resource Recovery Facility, as detailed in the Confidential Report. | For Action For Action Completed In Progress |
| | 14.2 | That Council 1. Note the advice contained in the report. 2. Requests the CEO to make a notation on the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 7 July 2022 at item 16.1 referencing the minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting of 29 September 2022. | For Information Completed |
| | 14.3 | That Council 1. Note the Full Risk Register 2. Note the Risk Assessment and Acceptance Criteria v3 3. Note the Risk Appetite Statement and Risk Management Plan 4. Note the Business Continuity – Information Technology | For Information |
| | 14.4 | That Council: 1. Notes that the appraisal of Scott Cairns, Chief Executive Officer, has been undertaken for the period 20 September 2021 to 30 June 2022. 2. Endorses the findings of the MRC CEO Performance Review Report 2021/22 as per confidential attachment 1. 3. Reviews the CEO's Total Remuneration Package for 2022/23 and endorses the adjustment to the CEO's total reward package as specified in Confidential Attachment 3 4. Approves the 2022/23 CEO Key Performance Indicators as per the amendments to confidential attachment 2 to this report. 5. Endorses the adjustment to the CEO's contract detailed in confidential attachment 4. | For Information For Information Completed Completed Completed |
| 25.08.2022 | 8.1 | That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 07 July 2022 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. | For Information |
| | 9.1 | That Council: Receive the Financial Statements set out in Appendix No. 1 for the month ended 30 June 2022. | For Information |
| | 9.2 | That Council: Note the list of payments made under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, for the month ended 30 June 2022. | For Information |
| | 10 | That the Members Information Bulletin Issue No. 70 be received. | For Information |
| | 11.1 | Notice of Motion That Council: 1. Requests that the Mindarie Regional Council Chief Executive Officer to explore the opportunities and risks associated with the amalgamation of the MRC and the TPRC. 2. Requests the MRC Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report on this subject to be brought to the Ordinary Council meeting on 24 November 2022. | For Information |
| | 11.2 | That Council: 1. Requests the Chief Executive Officer to prepare a report for the 24 November 2022 Ordinary Council meeting on the various options and viability of using the MRC facility at Neerabup for recycling strategies including general recycling and specific product recycling such as TVs. | For Information |

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| 07.07.2022 | 10.1 | That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 26 May 2022 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11.1 | That Council: Receive the Financial Statements set out in Appendix No. 1 for the month ended 31 May 2022. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11.2 | That Council: Note the list of payments made under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, for the month ended 31 May 2022. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11.3 | That Council: 1. Approves the proposed amendment to the Mindarie Regional Council Waste Facility Site Amended Local Law 2022 as detailed in Appendix 4 for the purposes of public advertising, under section 3.16 of the Local Government Act 1995; and 2. Notes that the MRC is to invite submissions to the amended Mindarie Regional Council Waste Facility Site Amended Local Law 2022 by way of a statewide public notice; and 3. Notes that a copy of the proposed amendment to the Mindarie Regional Council Waste Facility Site Amended Local Law 2022 will be sent to the Minister for Local Government under section 3.12 of the Act and the Minister for Environment administering the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007; and 1. Notes that the matter will be referred back to the Council after the last day for submissions in relation to the proposed amendment to the Mindarie Regional Council Waste Facility Site Amended Local Law 2022. | In Progress | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 11.4 | That Council: (i) adopt the Budget for the Mindarie Regional Council for 2022/23 financial year. (ii) endorse the on-going strategy of deferred payment of operational surpluses, as approved by Council at its August 2005 meeting, for the 2005/06 financial year and future years to meet its on-going capital requirements. (iii) Approve the Capital Budget Program of \$7,340,062 for 2022/23 as follows: <u>New capital expenditures</u> <table><tr><td>• Buildings</td><td>150,000</td></tr><tr><td>• Office furniture and equipment</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>• Computer equipment</td><td>45,000</td></tr><tr><td>• Plant and equipment and vehicles</td><td>-</td></tr><tr><td>• Infrastructure</td><td>7,145,062</td></tr><tr><td>Total Capital Expenditure</td><td>7,340,062</td></tr></table> (v) approve that \$596,079 will be transferred from the Operating Surplus to the Site Rehabilitation Reserve. (vi) Approve that \$6,987,000 will be transferred from the Site Rehabilitation Reserve for Landfill Infrastructure Capital works. (vii) approve that \$353,062 be transferred from the Reserve for Capital Expenditure to Operating Surplus to fund capital expenditures. (viii) approve that any funds required for carbon abatement projects be transferred from the Carbon Abatement Reserve to the Operating Surplus. (ix) approve that all interest earned on cash funds associated with cash-backed reserves will not be credited to the respective reserves. | • Buildings | 150,000 | • Office furniture and equipment | - | • Computer equipment | 45,000 | • Plant and equipment and vehicles | - | • Infrastructure | 7,145,062 | Total Capital Expenditure | 7,340,062 |
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| • Office furniture and equipment | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Computer equipment | 45,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Plant and equipment and vehicles | - | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| • Infrastructure | 7,145,062 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Capital Expenditure | 7,340,062 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 16.1 | Substantive Motion That Council: 1. Award the tender for the auction of landfill capacity financial year 2022/23 (Tender Number: 13/154) to Cleanaway Pty Ltd, Kelair Holdings Pty Ltd and West Tip, and 2. Authorises the CEO to inform the unsuccessful tenderers of the decision. | Completed Completed | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 16.2 | That Council: 1. Award the tender for the crushing and screening of Tamala Park quarry limestone (Tender Number: 13/157) to WA Limestone Contracting Pty Ltd. | Completed | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 16.3 | That Council: 1. Note the Green Deal Alliance progress report. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 26.05.2022 | 6 | That Council approves the request for Leave of Absence from Council duties for Cr Jacob covering the period 04 July 2022 to 22 July 2022. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 8.1 | That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 24 March 2022 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9.1 | That Council: Receive the Financial Statements set out in Appendix No. 1 and 2 for the months ended 31 March 2022 and 30 April 2022. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9.2 | That Council: Note the list of payments made under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, for the months ended 31 March 2022 and 30 April 2022. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 9.3 | That Council 1. Endorse the change of the title of the current 'Audit Committee' to the 'Audit and Risk Committee'. 2. Adopts the revised Audit and Risk Committee Terms of Reference. | For Information For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 10 | That the Members Information Bulletin Issue No. 68 be received. | For Information | | | | | | | | | | | |

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| | 14.1 | That Council: 1. Authorise the CEO to advertise a tender for the provision of waste to energy services, and 2. The CEO bring back to council a report, detailing the outcome of the tender and recommendations regarding award. | Completed For Action |
| | 14.2 | That Council: 1. Award the tender supply onsite security services at the Resource Recovery Facility (Tender Number: 13/153) to MA Services Group Pty Ltd, and; 2. Authorises the CEO to inform the unsuccessful tenderers of the decision. | Completed Completed |
| | 14.3 | That Council: 1. Appoints Learning Horizons as the external Human Resource Consultant, subject to their acceptance of the appointment, to conduct a review of the MRC's Chief Executive Officer performance, remuneration, and KPIs for the period 20 September 2021 to 1 July 2023. 2. Notes the Contract Action Plan as contained in this report. 3. Notes that the CEO probation period has passed and no further action is needed. | Completed For Information For Information |
| | 14.4 | That Council: 1. Note the High Risk Register. 2. Note the Risk Tables. 3. Note the Draft Risk Appetite Statement and Risk Management Plan. 4. Note the Audit Committee Recommendation to item 7.2 as detailed on page 8 of this report. | For Information For Information For Information For Information |
| 24.03.2022 | 8.1 | That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Council held on 27 January 2022 be confirmed as a true record of the proceedings. | For Information |
| | 9.1 | That Council: Receive the Financial Statements set out in Appendix No. 1 and 2 for the months ended 31 January 2022 and 28 February 2022. | For Information |
| | 9.2 | That Council: Note the list of payments made under delegated authority to the Chief Executive Officer, for the months ended 31 January 2022 and 28 February 2022. | For Information |
| | 9.3 | That Council: Resolve to revoke the following decision made at the Ordinary Council meeting held on 6 July 2017: <i>That the Chief Executive Officer be requested to conduct a review of the Mindarie Regional Council's (MRC) band classification as determined by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal (SAT) to ascertain if there is justification for the MRC in making a submission to the SAT to be reclassified from a band 3 Regional Council to a band 2 Regional Council.</i> | For Information |
| | 9.4 | That Council: 1. adopt the Local Government Compliance Audit Return in the form approved by the Minister for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021 as contained within the Appendices in accordance with the provisions of <i>Regulation 14(3) of the Local Government (Audit) Regulations 1996</i> and in line with the recommendation from the Audit Committee; 2. authorise the Chairperson and the Chief Executive Officer to complete the Joint Certification contained in the adopted Return detailed in (1) above; and 3. authorise the Chief Executive Officer to submit the adopted Return detailed in (1) to the Director General, Department of Local Government. | Completed |
| | 9.5 | That the Council: 1. Notes the information contained in this report. 2. Recommends that the MRC does not undertake a public tender process for the provision of insurance services, and continues to remain within the LGIS WA local government group self-insurance scheme. 3. Requests the CEO to investigate the advantages and disadvantages of undertaking a regular cyclic process for undertaking a public tender process for insurance services, and if necessary to seek independent expert advice, and bring a report back to Council by December 2022, including a recommendation for the procurement of insurances services in 2023. | for Information for Information In Progress |
| | 10 | That the Members Information Bulletin Issue No. 67 be received. | for Information |
| | 14.1 | That Council: 1. Note the Full Risk Register presented to the Audit Committee at the meeting held on 09 March 2022. 2. Note the Risk Tables presented to the Audit Committee at the meeting held on 09 March 2022. | for Information for Information |

MINUTES – MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL (MWAC)



MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL
"Getting the Environment Right"

Municipal Waste Advisory Council

Minutes

4:00pm Wednesday, 24 August 2022

Online

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Attendance

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| Cr Doug Thompson (Fremantle) | WALGA State Council | <i>Chair</i> |
| Cr Georgia Johnson (City of Bayswater) | Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council | <i>Deputy Chair</i> |
| Mayor Ruth Butterfield (Armadale) | WALGA State Council | |
| Cr Tresslyn Smith | Bunbury Harvey Regional Council | |
| Cr Bob Hall | City of Greater Geraldton | |
| Cr Karen Vernon (Victoria Park) | Mindarie Regional Council | |
| Cr Andrew Maurice (Mosman Park) | Western Metropolitan Regional Council | |
| Mr Tim Youé | Resource Recovery Group | <i>OAG Chair</i> |
| Mr Marcus Geisler | Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council | |
| Ms Hayley Williamson | City of Greater Geraldton | |
| Mr Scott Cairns | Mindarie Regional Council | |
| Mr Stefan Frodsham | Western Metropolitan Regional Council | |
| Mr Brett Jackson (Kalamunda) | Metropolitan Local Government | |
| Ms Josephine Taylor (Joondalup) | Metropolitan Local Government | |
| Mr Kevin Ketterer (Kalgoorlie-Boulder) | Non-Metropolitan Local Government | |
| Mr Peter Klein (Wyalkatchem) | Non-Metropolitan Local Government | |
| Ms Rebecca Brown | Municipal Waste Advisory Council | |
| Ms Tazra Hawkins | Municipal Waste Advisory Council | |
| Ms Gráinne Whelan | Municipal Waste Advisory Council | |
| Ms Candy Wong | Municipal Waste Advisory Council | |
| Ms Nicole Matthews | WALGA | |
| Mr Phil Melling | City of Greater Geraldton | <i>Observer</i> |

Apologies

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| Ms Ruth March (Albany) | Non-Metropolitan Local Government | <i>OAG Deputy</i> |
| Cr Karen Chappel JP | WALGA President | <i>Observer</i> |
| Cr Peter Abetz | City of Gosnells | |

Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of the lands on which we work throughout Western Australia, recognising their unique cultural and spiritual relationships to the land, waters and seas. We pay our respects to their ancestors and Elders, past and present.

1 Procedural Matters

1.1 MWAC Minutes tabled at WALGA State Council

A summary of the Minutes of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council meeting held on Wednesday, 29 June 2022 will be noted at the next WA Local Government Association State Council meeting.

1.2 Confirmation of the Previous MWAC Minutes

MUNICIPAL WASTE ADVISORY COUNCIL MOTION (CR THOMPSON/MAYOR BUTTERFIELD)

The Minutes of the meeting of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council held on Wednesday, 29 June 2022 were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the proceedings.

2 Business Arising

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| A | Issue | June 2021 MWAC Item 5.8 FOGO in MUDs | | |
| | Action | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Executive Officer will follow up to determine if information on the <i>Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007</i> can be provided to DAPs so the members understand the regulatory requirements regarding Local Government waste collection. The Chair requested that the Executive Officer provide information on how the amount/type of education a Local Government undertakes can impact on their contamination rate. | | |
| | Timeframe | | Status | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete. To be completed. |

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| B | Issue | June 2022 MWAC Item 7.1 Rivers Regional Council FOGO/NOGO Feasibility Report | | |
| | Action | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That the Municipal Waste Advisory Council request that members have access to the Rivers Regional Council <i>FOGO Feasibility Report</i> as soon as it is cleared for publication. | | |
| | Timeframe | | Status | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Complete, this has been requested from the RRC CEO. |

3 Decision Items

No Decision Items for consideration.

4 Discussion Items

4.1 Consultation on Implementation of EP Act Changes

In Brief

- WALGA anticipates the DWER will soon release a Discussion Paper on Regulatory Reforms relating to the changes to the Environment Protection Act.
- Consideration is requested on the scope and process for consulting on this Paper.

For Discussion

- Process and input for the Consultation Paper.

Background

The amendments to the *Environmental Protection Act 1986* (EP Act) passed in November 2020. The amendments are being implemented in a staged way with provisions for compliance and enforcement commencing in February 2021, and changes to environmental impact assessments and clearing provisions commencing in October 2021. The third stage is the regulation of emissions and discharges under Part V Division 3 of the EP Act. The three main reforms from the amendment to this section of the EP Act are:

1. Regulation of prescribed activities rather than prescribed premises under a licence
2. Removal of the requirement for a separate works approval
3. Removal of categories currently requiring registration.

There are a range of changes which will be required to implement these reforms. WALGA anticipates a Discussion Paper will soon be released.

Timeframe for Consultation

It is anticipated the Discussion Paper will be released for a 12-week consultation period. The proposed process for engagement with the sector:

- Week 1 – 2: MWAC team review Discussion Paper and engage internally with WALGA to seek feedback.
- Week 2 – 4: Hold Workshop with Local Government to gather feedback on Discussion Paper.
- Week 4 – 6: Develop Draft Submission for consideration by the sector. MWAC team engage with industry bodies, e.g. WMRR, WRIWA to ensure a consistent approach.
- Week 6 – 9: Feedback from Local Government on Draft Submission (including engagement with MWAC and OAG).
- Week 10: WALGA Environment Policy Team review Submission* .
- Week 11: WALGA State Council review Submission.

*As the reforms are broader than waste management, the WALGA approval process for Submissions will be used, which requires consideration by the Policy Team and State Council.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council

WALGA will seek to engage with the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia (WMRR), and Waste and Recycling Industry of Western Australia (WRIWA) which are both waste industry bodies. It is important for Local Government and private industry to discuss a consistent approach so that the outcome of this consultation will result in a more streamlined process that is risk based and beneficial for the whole sector.

4.2 Waste Export Ban Process and Implications

In Brief

- The Federal Export Ban on plastics (mixed and single resin/polymer) is now in place, however reprocessing infrastructure for these materials has yet to be developed.
- To provide an update to the sector, a Waste Export Ban Webinar is being held on Tuesday, 30 August.
- As the bans progress, there is the potential for community concern regarding the end destination of these materials. There is also a high likelihood of cost increases for recycling.

For Discussion

- MWAC member concerns on this issue and any resources needed.

Background

Export bans for [plastics \(mixed and single resin/polymer\)](#) are now in place, however the reprocessing infrastructure for these materials, funded by the [Recycling Modernisation Fund](#), have yet to be completed. This means to recycle these products material recovery facilities either have to send them interstate for further processing or receive an export ban exemption. It is understood several of the material recovery facilities have export ban exemption requests with the Federal Environment Minister.

Research by the Australian Council of Recyclers (ACOR) indicates that even with the proposed facilities there will still be a shortfall of material processing capacity.

A Webinar to provide the sector with an update on this matter has been developed (scheduled for Tuesday, **30 August** – register [here](#)). Speakers will include the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, ACOR, and recyclers dealing with the current ban and developing infrastructure.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council

Resource Recovery Group (RRG) are currently sending mixed and single stream plastics by train to South Australia for reprocessing and distribution into domestic and international markets. RRG are also preparing to host a plastics processing facility within their Canning Vale site. This new facility is scheduled to be operational in 2023 and will have the capacity to process mixed plastics from other material recovery facilities.

5 Information Items

5.1 Program Update

Bin Tagging Program

- WALGA worked with Resource Recovery Group, Western Metropolitan Regional Council, Town of Bassendean, City of Wanneroo and City of Vincent to implement the Program.
- Pre and post bin tagging audit of waste, recycling and FOGO from City of Vincent have been completed by Resource Recovery Group as part of the Program.
- WALGA has provided feedback on the Bin Tagging App to the developers and anticipates the App will be updated by the end of 2022.

- WALGA has released an [Expression of Interest](#) for the final year of the Program (deadline Friday, **16 September**). An information session is being held on Tuesday, 23 August regarding the Program.
- This Program will be completed in the 2022-23 financial year.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council

It was suggested that the Executive Officer provide a presentation at the next MWAC meeting on the outcomes from the most recent Bin Tagging Programs, including the use of the Bin Tagging App and waste audits.

Better Practice Guidelines for Multiple-Dwelling Developments (MDDs)

- The draft Better Practice Guideline is currently being finalised.
- The Better Practice Pilot Project has been completed and the Better Practice Guideline, including the result from the pilot, is being completed.
- An MDD and Commercial Development waste generation rates calculator has been developed to assist architects, planners and Local Governments in implementing Better Practice Waste Management.
- It is anticipated this project will be completed by the end of August 2022, with all resources being available via the WasteNet website.

E-waste Recycling Program

- WALGA is currently working on the final report for this Program. Over the Program, material recovered included:
 - 39,216 kgs of electronic waste, 22,159kg material covered by the TV and Computer Product Stewardship Scheme and 16,807kgs of material outside the Scheme.
 - 3,974 items were collected.
- The Program is now complete.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council

This Program was an \$80,000 grant for WALGA to implement e-waste collection days in non-metropolitan areas. As the State Government is progressing their strategy to ban e-waste from landfill, it is understood that there will be significant investment in recycling infrastructure however this will not address the cost of recycling e-waste.

WALGA will be seeking to advocate for the Federal Government to expand the scope of the [National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme](#) (NTCRS) to include all e-waste and to ensure that the Scheme covers the full cost of recycling. At the moment it costs \$300 per tonne, plus transport, for Local Governments to recycle televisions, computers and some peripherals covered under the Scheme. E-waste items outside the Scheme cost \$700 per tonne for recycling, plus transport.

Community Sharps Program

- Sharp containers have now been delivered to Local Governments
- Installation of the sharps units is underway, and WALGA is compiling GPS locations for all units
- This Program will be completed by the end of 2022.

5.2 HHW Program Update

- For the 2021-22 financial year a total of \$1,914,114 was expended.
- A total of 480,585 kg of HHW was collected from the 15 Permanent facilities.
- The main materials collected through the Program in 2021-22 were LPG gas cylinders, household batteries and flammable liquids.
- Ten HHW training sessions were delivered (online and in-person), training 52 attendees, from 12 HHW facilities.
- Two HHW Operators meetings were held on 18 November 2021 and 16 March 2022, to provide updates on the Program activities, budget expenditure and the opportunity to discuss operational issues or share information.
- Local Product Stewardship arrangement with Kleenheat saved the Program \$35K in 2021-22 and has put 8,153 LPG cylinders back into the market to be reused.

5.3 Landfills and Transfer Stations

- WALGA has continued discussions with DWER regarding the next steps for better practice approaches for landfills and transfer stations and the potential for a webinar series. As agreed at the April OAG.
- It is anticipated that the webinar series will be organised in September/October, following Waste Authority/Ministerial consideration of the DWER report.

5.4 State Infrastructure Strategy

- The WA first 20-year State Infrastructure Strategy *[‘Foundations for a stronger tomorrow’](#)* was tabled in Parliament on 3 August. It sets out a long-term infrastructure outlook to guide planning and investment decisions to 2042. The State Government has 6 months to develop its formal response to the Strategy’s recommendations.
- The Strategy has a number of recommendations relating to waste management:

Recommendation 9: Clarifying the roles and responsibilities of entities providing municipal infrastructure and services including roads, waste management and sport and recreation facilities.

Recommendation 54: Achieve the vision of a sustainable, low-waste circular economy by accelerating implementation of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030, including:

 - a. prioritising and expediting legislative and regulatory reforms, including:
 - i. reviewing the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 to reposition waste as a resource
 - ii. developing a waste-derived materials framework that enables the recovery of materials derived from waste and provide for their safe use in products with recycled content
 - iii. reviewing the Waste Levy, including the rate and geographical application to regional areas where feasible and practical
 - iv. reducing Waste Levy avoidance and evasion practices
 - v. implementing the Waste Data Strategy to improve waste data collection and reporting to provide a more detailed understanding of WA’s waste streams
 - b. preparing a waste-derived materials market development plan that sets out actions required to grow demand for products with recycled content

- c. strengthening the role of the WA public sector in supporting the circular economy through government procurement policies that set ambitious and progressively increasing targets to avoid and reduce waste generation, increase recovery and reuse of materials and purchase products with recycled content
- d. presenting a clear roadmap and time frames for the implementation of waste legislative and regulatory reforms (see Recommendation 54a) and market development (see Recommendations 54b and 54c), and increasing the use of the Waste Levy funds to fast-track implementation
- e. investigating opportunities to improve the way mining and resources sector site waste is regulated and managed to increase recovery
- f. investigating the potential for more local governments to participate in collective arrangements to enhance the provision of waste services and infrastructure, and whether local governments not participating in collective arrangements undermines the provision of cost-effective waste.

Recommendation 55: Guide long-term planning and development of waste infrastructure by prioritising finalisation of a state waste infrastructure plan. The plan should include:

- i. identifying infrastructure required by material type and geographic location (at regional and sub-regional level, including remote areas and Aboriginal communities) and considering population growth and commercial and industry development trends
 - ii. considering the infrastructure required to manage and recover site waste from the mining and resources sector, in collaboration with the sector
 - iii. identifying infrastructure required to manage hazardous wastes and clinical-related wastes that are feasible to process and recycle in WA
 - iv. developing a clear implementation plan and public reporting framework that:
 - o prioritises implementation findings to inform infrastructure decision-making
 - o includes actions for government and industry to work together to identify and secure strategic sites and separation distances to protect existing and future waste infrastructure facilities and
 - v. support opportunities for co-location.
- Waste Infrastructure – at the Waste Reform Advisory Group meeting an update was provided on the State waste infrastructure plan. A draft infrastructure plan is being developed. There will be webinars, an online survey and written submissions invited during a 12-week consultation period on the draft plan.

5.5 Container Deposit Scheme Update

- The Container Deposit Scheme is progressing, with a 60% recovery rate achieved for the 2021-22 financial year. Reports on the Scheme's progress are available [online](#).
- It is anticipated that DWER will consult on the scope of the containers covered by the Scheme this calendar year, with a national consultation on the deposit amount following.

Discussion at the Municipal Waste Advisory Council

Since the commencement of the Container Deposit Scheme in Western Australia, the amount of containers recovered has almost doubled. WA Return Recycle Renew Limited (WARRRL) must achieve the legislated 85% redemption target by the end of the 2023-24 financial year.

5.6 Waste & Recycle Conference Update

- The [Waste & Recycle Conference](#), hosted by the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia (WMRR), Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER), and WALGA, will be held at Crown Towers Perth on **14 and 15 September**, with tours on 13 September.
- Earlybird registration ends on Friday, 26 August. [Register now](#).
- Speakers include **Dr Karl Kruszelnicki**, **Hon Reece Whitby MLA** Minister for Environment; Climate Action, **Michelle Andrews** Director General Department of Water and Environmental Regulation, and **Professor Peter Newman AO**.

5.7 COVID-19 Update

- WALGA are members of the Waste Reform Advisory Group COVID-19 Sub Committee, which has been meeting fortnightly to ensure any issues which arise are immediately addressed.
- To date there has been minimal disruptions to waste services.
- Any information on impacts on Local Government waste services are welcomed.

6 Reports

6.1 MWAC Groups

- 1. Metropolitan Regional Council Working Group**
Delegates/Nominees: Mr Tim Youé, Working Group Chair
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC Meeting.
- 2. Reducing Illegal Dumping Working Group**
Delegates/Nominees: n/a
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC Meeting and will be removed from the list.
- 3. Consistent Communications Collective**
Delegates/Nominees: n/a
The CCC met on Wednesday, 10 August and discussed the issues with FOGO and PFAS.
- 4. Industry Training Reference Group**
Delegates/Nominees: n/a
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC Meeting.
- 5. Household Hazardous Waste Advisory Group/Operators Meeting**
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC Meeting.

6.2 External Committees & Working Groups

- 1. DWER Waste Reform Advisory Group**
Representative: MWAC Chair, MWAC Executive Officer and CEO of RRG
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC meeting and is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, 16 November.

2. DWER Regulatory Reference Group

Representative: WALGA Executive Manager, Strategy Policy and Planning
This Group met on Friday, 17 June.

3. DWER FOGO Reference Group

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer, SMRC, EMRC, WMRC,
This Group meet on Thursday, 7 July and will meet again on Thursday, 13 October.

4. DWER Single-use Plastic Working Group

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer
This Group is scheduled to meet on Monday, 12 September.

5. Australasian Packaging Label Working Group

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer
This Group met on Wednesday, 13 July.

6. Hazard Coordinating Committee

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC meeting.

7. Across Agency Asbestos Group

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC meeting.

8. Waste Authority C&D Working Group

Representative: Waste Management Specialist
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC Meeting.

9. Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer, CEO of SMRC
This Group will meet on Thursday, 25 August.

10. Charitable Recyclers Australia

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer
This Group has not met since the previous MWAC Meeting.

11. Keep Australia Beautiful Council

Representative: MWAC Executive Officer
This Group met on Thursday, 11 August and will meet again on Thursday, 25 August.

7 Other General Business

7.1 Waste Authority Update

Elizabeth Carr AM has been appointed the new Chair of the Waste Authority. Deputy Chair Lee Broomhall, CEO of Workpower, and Tim Youé, CEO of the Resource Recovery Group, have been reappointed for five-year terms. Members Dr Joshua Byrne, Director of Josh Byrne & Associates, and Kelly Howlett, CEO of Bloodwood Tree Association, have been reappointed for four-year terms. The next meeting of the Waste Authority is scheduled for Tuesday, 20 September.

The meeting closed at 4:21pm.

8 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council will be held online at 4:00pm on Wednesday, **26 October 2022**.