



KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP Meeting

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TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019

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**MINUTES OF THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP
HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE, ON TUESDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2019, COMMENCING
AT 1:00PM.**

1. DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman welcomed Members and Officers and declared the meeting open at 1:00pm.

2. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE / APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE:

Sam Mastrolembro	Shire of Broome
Cr Chris Mitchell	Shire of Broome
Amanda O'Halloran	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Geoff Haerewa	Shire of Derby West Kimberley
Cr Paul White	Shire of Derby/West Kimberley
Carl Askew	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr David Menzel	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Cr Tony Chafer	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley
Noel Mason	Shire of Halls Creek
Cr Malcolm Edwards	Shire of Halls Creek
Debra Goostrey	Zone Executive - ATEA

APOLOGIES:

Cr Harold Tracey	Shire of Broome
James Watt	Shire of Broome
Cr Chris Loessl	Shire of Halls Creek
David Price	Shire of Christmas Island
Cr Gordon Thomson	Shire of Christmas Island
Cr Kee Heng Foo	Shire of Christmas Island
Andrea Selvey	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Tony Lacy	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
Cr Seriwati Iku	Shire of Cocos (Keeling) Islands
David Price	Shire of Christmas Island
Neil Thomson	Zone Executive - ATEA

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

8. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY COUNTRY ZONE

8.1 WALGA STATE COUNCIL AGENDA AND PRESIDENTS REPORT - 6 SEPTEMBER 2019	
LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Nil
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	13 August 2019

SUMMARY: To present the WALGA President's Report and consider the recommendations on Matters for Decision that will be tabled at the WALGA State Council Meeting on 6 September 2019.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The following matters are tabled for discussion:

	Matters for Decision	WALGA Recommendation	Zone Recommendation
5.1	Interim Submission - Draft Position Statement: Fibre Ready Telecommunications Infrastructure (05-036-03-0048 VJ)	That the interim submission to the WA Planning Commission on the draft Position Statement: Fibre Ready Telecommunications Infrastructure, be endorsed.	Support The WA Planning Commission released for public comment a new Position Statement called Fibre Ready Telecommunications Infrastructure. The position statement aims to ensure appropriate internet access in future land development within Western Australia. A key role of the position statement is to provide guidance on greenfield and infill subdivision and development applications of land for residential, commercial and industrial

			purposes.
5.2	Interim Submission on the WA Motorsport Strategy (05-053-03-0012 MM)	That the interim submission on the WA Motorsport Strategy be endorsed.	<p>Support</p> <p>The State Government released the WA Motorsport Strategy for consultation in May 2019. It provides a strategic framework to guide the motorsport industry to safely and sustainably develop the sport to benefit the industry and the wider community.</p> <p>While motorsport venues are not governed by Local Governments, they are a key stakeholder due to the numerous motorsport venues located on Local Government owned land.</p> <p>The Strategy focuses on six current and future bitumen-based motorsport venues – none of which are in the Kimberley.</p> <p>The main recommendation is for the State Government to review non-bitumen-based motorsport.</p>
5.3	Interim Submission on the State Strategy to Respond to the Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse) (05-057-03-0001 MM)	That the interim submission on the State Strategy to Respond to the Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse) is endorsed.	<p>Support</p> <p>In June 2019 the State Government released for consultation the Strategy to Respond to the Abuse of Older People (Elder Abuse). The strategy provides overarching direction for collaborative action towards greater awareness and understanding of the causes, signs and consequences of elder abuse. Some Local Governments provide direct age care services, while other Local Governments work closely with aged services providers, groups and stakeholders to foster healthy, resilient, thriving communities and may also provide facilities for lease and community transport.</p>

<p>5.4</p>	<p>WA Public Libraries Strategy Forum (05-012-03-0001 KD)</p>	<p>That WALGA:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supports the proposed repurposing of the accounting treatment of existing capital funds to recurrent funding. 2. Supports the proposed transfer of ownership of stock from State to Local Governments for Tier 1 Local Governments. 3. Requests State Library WA to advise the Local Government sector of the State Government corporate budget schedule and expedite annual funding allocation notifications to Local Government as soon as possible in the new financial year. 	<p>Support</p> <p>The first Western Australian Public Libraries Strategy Consultation Report was endorsed by WALGA State Council in July 2018 followed by endorsement of the new Public Library Tiered Service Model in May 2019 meeting. WALGA delivered a forum on 21 June 2019, to consult with the Local Government sector to design and implement a way forward with the Strategy. The draft consultation findings are presented to WALGA State Council for final endorsement.</p>
<p>5.5</p>	<p>Submission on the Compliance Enforcement Policy (01-006-02-0003 MB)</p>	<p>That the submission to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation relating to the draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy be endorsed.</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has released a revised draft Compliance and Enforcement Policy which differs minimally from the existing DWER Enforcement and Prosecution Policy (July 2013) and reaffirms DWER's risk-based approach in the delivery of its compliance and enforcement functions in a number of operational areas. The submission reflects WALGA's significant concerns about whether the draft Policy can be effectively implemented and recommends a review of the effectiveness of the existing approach.</p>
<p>5.6</p>	<p>Submission on the Environmental Protection Authority's Greenhouse Gas Emissions Guidance</p>	<p>That the WALGA submission on the Environmental Protection Authority's proposed Greenhouse Gas Emissions</p>	<p>Support</p> <p>The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) released updated draft Guidelines in June 2019 regarding how it</p>

	(05-025-03-0001 LS)	Guidance be endorsed.	considers greenhouse gas emissions when assessing significant proposals in Western Australia. The Guidelines are being updated to ensure they reflect contemporary climate science, emissions trends, existing policies and regulation and risks to the Western Australian environment. WALGA's submission supports the proposed guidelines and calls for the EPA to take a stronger regulatory role in assessing and recommending conditions to mitigate the greenhouse gas emissions associated with major projects, within its Environment Impact Assessment process.
5.7	Road Safety Strategy for WA Beyond 2020 (05-009-03-0014 TAP)	That the submission to the Road Safety Council, for consideration in developing the next road safety strategy for Western Australia, be endorsed.	Support The current road safety strategy for Western Australia, Towards Zero, will expire in 2020. The Road Safety Council has initiated a consultation process to inform the development of a draft strategy and a draft submission, with a Local Government perspective, has been prepared to highlight some of the challenges and opportunities and make recommendations for improving road safety beyond 2020.
5.8	Interim Submission - Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy (05-006-02-0006 ID)	- That the interim submission to the Department of Transport on the draft Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy be endorsed.	Support The draft Revitalising Agricultural Region Freight Strategy identifies and prioritises specific infrastructure upgrades, and suggests regulatory and policy measures that will help make freight transport in WA's agricultural regions (which covers 63 Local

			Government areas) more productive, efficient and safer. This strategy does not cover the Kimberley region.
5.9	Policy Templates: (1) Works in the Local Government Road Reserve; and (2) Events in the Local Government Road Reserve (05-001-02-0008) MS)	That the Policy Templates be endorsed: 1. Works in the Local Government Road Reserve; and 2. Events in the Local Government Road Reserve	Support Local Governments have a responsibility to govern works or events in the road reserve subject to relevant legislation and Local Laws. There have been instances of work being executed without the knowledge of the Local Government and failures or poor quality reinstatement. Two Policy Templates have been developed: (1) Works in the Local Government Road Reserve, and (2) Events in the Local Government Road Reserve.

The WALGA President's Report is attached and includes the:

- Local Government Convention wrap-up;
- Local Government Amendment Bill and Local Government Act Review Phase 2;
- Climate Change (coastal erosion);
- Road Safety Strategy; and
- The first meeting of the Community Industry Reference Group, which consists of Directors and Managers in the area of community development.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY ZONE RESOLUTION:

(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That the Kimberley Zone:

- 1. Notes the Western Australian Local Government Association State Council Agenda;**
- 2. Notes the WALGA President's Report; and**
- 3. Supports the recommendations in the Matters for Decision.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. Agenda State Council 6 September 2019 (Under separate cover)
2. WALGA President's Report September 2019

9. REPORTS FROM KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP

9.1 BUSINESS PLAN STATUS UPDATE

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Kimberley Region
APPLICANT: Nil
FILE: RCG01
AUTHOR: Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 16 August 2019

SUMMARY: This report provides an update of the Strategic Community Plan and Regional Business Plan 2018-2022 for the period 16 July 2019 – 15 August 2019.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan for the period 2018-2022 was adopted in December 2018. The attached report provides an update on progress towards the achievement of the Business Plan for items identified for completion by end of FY 2020. The following items have been progressed:

Item	Description	Comment
1.4.1.2	Develop a brand recognition strategy for the Zone including appropriate collateral.	Initial consideration of logos and branding.
1.5.1.1	Develop and adopt a member Communication and Engagement Plan.	Initial consideration of timeframes, frequency etc.
2.2.2.1	Develop a strategy for regional Integrated Waste Management, which includes waste generated in towns and communities, to explore the use of transfer stations, mobile and in-situ equipment and the re-use of	Continuing to work through the Waste TAG to consider investment in equipment.

	waste materials and any staging required for implementation. ¹	
3.1.1.1	Undertake a review of improvements to freight logistics (land, air and sea) identified in the endorsed reports.	Collation of current information in relation to the freight task commenced.
3.2.1.1	Savannah Way Business Case Implementation Plan. Review matters that remain outstanding in the Savannah Way Business Case and develop a Communications and Stakeholder Engagement Plan to progress those matters.	Review of documentation to develop a survey for Shires to identify priorities and progress. Limited action this period.
3.4.3.2	Develop a Discussion Paper on opportunities for alternative power provision in the Kimberley.	Limited action this period.
4.3.1.3	Alcohol Management Initiatives	Discussions with the Minister for Racing and Gaming and his staff; liaison with the Shire of Broome and other Kimberley Shires. Developed comparative small area data on Domestic Violence.
3.1.1.1	Develop a Freight Logistics Infrastructure Discussion Paper, including a gap analysis between existing priorities in third party reports, priorities identified by members, the need to develop or update the business case(s), and a recommended listing of integrated logistics priorities for Zone approval.	The emphasis this period has been on Defence in the north-west, including but not limited to the freight logistics required for operations in both the wet and dry season and the need for a local presence.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

¹ The work of the Waste TAG will inform the Discussion Paper.

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Effective engagement with Aboriginal governance structures

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Secure quality water supply

Integrated waste management

Reuse of waste water

Recognition of significant heritage areas.

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

Adequate land supply

High standard of infrastructure planning

Reliable and adequate power and communications.

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Innovative and joined up approach to housing development, ownership and design through community participation

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education

Greater participation in the community and workforce

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region

- Improved outcomes in employment
- Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences
- Sustainable primary industries
- Energy sustainability
- Sustainable Local Government revenue
- Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Business Plan Status Report as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. Business Plan Status Report August 2019

9.2 EXECUTIVE REPORT

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	16 August 2019

SUMMARY: This report provides an overview of the activity undertaken by the consultant to support the activities of the Kimberley Zone for the period 16 July through 15 August 2019.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The Kimberley Zone of WALGA (Zone) and the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) appointed ATEA Consulting on 22 July 2018 to perform the role of part-time Executive Officer.

This report provides an overview of the activities undertaken by ATEA Consulting in the period from 15 July – 16 August 2019 and is attached for consideration.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT***Local Government Act 1995*****FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:**

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Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education

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Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Generational advantage that captures the wealth for the region

Improved outcomes in employment

Sustainable tourism market and tourism experiences

Sustainable primary industries

Energy sustainability

Sustainable Local Government revenue

Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the Executive Report for the period 15 July – 16 August 2019 as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. Executive Support Report

9.3 ALCOHOL MANAGEMENT REPORT AUGUST 2019

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	22 August 2019

SUMMARY: To provide an update on member Shire activities in relation to Alcohol Management.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

It was agreed to implement a Standing Item on Alcohol Management in the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) Agenda with updates provided from each Shire.

Summary

	Shire of Broome	Shire of Derby West Kimberley	Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley	Shire of Halls Creek
Meeting Held	14 August 2019	No meeting held	20 August 2019	N/A
Change of Position	No Change	No Change	No Change	N/A
Current Priorities	Implementation of voluntary alcohol restrictions	Ensuring the Liquor Accord meeting schedule is established.	Review of Liquor Accord model. Consideration of alternatives for alcohol management.	N/A

Shire of Broome

1. Date of most recent meeting of the Liquor Accord.
14 August 2019.
2. Any change from previous position of the Accord/Shire.
No.
3. Current actions by, and priorities of, the Liquor accord:
 - Met with Minister Papalia and staff with requests unsuccessful at this time for funding towards TAMs machines and participation in the Pilbara Banned Drinkers Register Trial.

- Funding continues to be sought to reach the amount required to conduct a one-year trial and review project.
 - Initial approach to Curtin University to prepare a Report on the success, or otherwise, for the project at the conclusion of the one-year trial.
 - Responded to the liquor industry's preference for Banned Drinkers Register with agreement that it would be supported in Broome, however the approach is currently not supported by the State Government outside of the Pilbara.
 - Continuing to move forward with a launch of the liquor restrictions after the tourism season, pending securing the required funding.
 - Initial procurement scoping for the TAMS machines has been undertaken.
4. Other noteworthy items.
Nil.

Shire of Derby West Kimberley

1. Date of most recent meeting of the Liquor Accord
No meeting held
2. Any change from previous position of the Accord/Shire.
No.
3. Current actions by, and priorities of, the Liquor accord:
 - The establishment of a meeting schedule continues to be the priority.
4. Other noteworthy items
Nil.

Shire of Wyndham East Kimberley

1. Date of most recent meeting of the Liquor Accord
20 August 2019.
2. Any change from previous position of the Accord/Shire.
No.
3. Current actions by, and priorities of, the Liquor accord:
 - A review of the Accord Documentation is to commence.
 - Research is to be undertaken in regards to the pros and cons of the Accord becoming registered.
 - A working group has been formed to develop a proposal to review and propose changes to current restrictions.
 - Research to be undertaken re alternatives to a "Banned Drinkers List" eg "Opt In" List.
4. Other noteworthy items
Nil.

Shire of Halls Creek

The Shire of Halls Creek has a Section 64 ban on takeaway alcohol in place and therefore no Liquor Accord exists.

Alcohol Management Waste TAG

At the meeting held on 11 June 2019, the KRG approved the formation of an Alcohol Management Regional Technical Advisory Group consisting of relevant officers from each member Shire to progress the implementation of Alcohol Management initiatives in a coordinated manner. Current activities towards this outcome include inter shire-liaison

and advice on key matters noting that only two Shires currently have officers with responsibilities inclusive of Alcohol Management initiatives.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995
Liquor Control Act 1988

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Community Goal – A vibrant community based on equity, inclusion and opportunity for all:

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in health

Improved Kimberley regional outcomes in education

Better alcohol management across the Kimberley.

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Improved outcomes in employment

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr G Haerewa

Seconded: Cr D Menzel

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the member Shire update on Alcohol Management.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

Nil

9.4 WASTE TAG MEETING MINUTES

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	16 August 2019

SUMMARY: The minutes of the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) Waste Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting held on 25 July 2019 are presented for consideration.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

The minutes for the Waste TAG meeting held on 25 July 2019 are provided as an attachment. The meetings are scheduled at monthly intervals to enable progress on the Regional Waste Management Plan.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

***Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act
Local Government Act 1995***

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Effective governance protocols and systems for business efficiency and improved services through collaboration

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Chairperson.....Date.....

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

Natural Environment Goal – Responsible management of the environment:

Integrated waste management

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Liveable towns supporting regional communities

High standard of infrastructure planning

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

**KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)**

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the minutes of the 25 July 2019 Waste Technical Advisory Group meeting as attached.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

1. Waste TAG Minutes 25 July 2019

9.5 CANBERRA DELEGATION

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	16 August 2019

SUMMARY: It was agreed at the Kimberley Regional Group (KRG) meeting on 6 August 2019 that a KRG delegation to Canberra be organised from 25 to 28 November 2019 to promote the opportunities and needs of the Kimberley region, including hosting a function for invited Ministers. This item provides an update on arrangements.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Joint Meeting 6 August 2019 Item 9.7

COMMENT

At the KRG meeting held 6 August 2019, the KRG endorsed a delegation to Canberra for the sitting week 25 to 29 November 2019 with all Shires indicating that they will be represented.

A function has been organised for 26 November 2019 for members of parliament to meet with Shire Presidents, elected members and Chief Executive Officers for the purpose of discussing key matters of importance for the Kimberley. The list of proposed guests was provided at the KRG meeting on 6 August 2019.

A list of Ministers relevant to the current KRG priorities has been developed and will form the basis of requests for individual KRG meetings whilst the delegation is in Canberra. Relevant senior bureaucrats will also be approached.

Minister's Name	Ministerial Portfolio	KRG Strategic Priority to 2020
Hon Sussan Ley MP	Minister for Environment	Regional Waste Management
Hon Michael McCormack MP	Minister for Infrastructure, Transport and Regional Development	Freight Logistics
Hon Scott Buchholz MP	Assistant Minister for Road Safety and Freight Transport	Freight Logistics

Senator Matt Canavan	Minister for Resources and Northern Australia	General matters related to the Kimberley
Hon Linda Reynolds CSC MP	Minister for Defence	Defence of the North West (note, this is an emerging issue and not currently in the Strategic Plan)
Hon Melissa Price MP	Member for Durak and Minister for Defence Industry	General matters related to the Kimberley
Hon Scott Morrison MP	Prime Minister	General matters related to the Kimberley
Hon Ken Wyatt MP	Minister for Aboriginal Affairs	General matters related to the Kimberley
Senator Jonathon Duniam	Assistant Minister for Regional Tourism	General matters related to tourism in the Kimberley

Promotional materials (Advocacy Agenda) will be prepared to support the work of the delegation.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Governance Goal – A collaborative group demonstrating strong regional governance:

Secure funding for regional initiatives

Recognition of Kimberley Local Government issues and opportunities

Alignment and integration of regional and local priorities for member Councils.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION: (REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr G Haerewa

That the Kimberley Regional Group notes the update on the delegation to meet with

Federal Ministers in Canberra from 25 to 28 November 2019.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

Nil

9.6 MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT

LOCATION/ADDRESS: Kimberley Region
APPLICANT: Nil
FILE: RCG01
AUTHOR: Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S: Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER: Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST: Nil
DATE OF REPORT: 22 August 2019

SUMMARY: To amend the Kimberley Regional Group's (KRG) Governance Agreement to reflect reasonable timeframes for the preparation of the Annual Performance Report.

BACKGROUND

Previous Considerations

Nil

COMMENT

The KRG's Governance Agreement, which is the agreement governing the Kimberley Regional Group, has a finite life and is to terminate on 30 June 2022.

The Governance Agreement currently requires that an Annual Performance Report for the KRG (including audited annual financial reports) is presented back to the each Participant of the group within 2 months of the end of the financial year. This timeframe places unreasonable pressure on the Secretariat given the time taken to finalise financial year operations, reconcile accounts and have an external audit completed and signed off.

It is proposed to amend the Governance Agreement to allow for a three month period following the end of the financial year to finalise and present the Annual Performance Report.

The Governance Agreement would be amended as follows:

10.8 Performance report

Within ~~two~~ 3 months after 30 June each year, the Host Shire CEO or their delegate must, in consultation with the Board, prepare and provide to each Participant an end of year performance report setting out the annual performance of the KRG and addressing the matters referred to below:

- a) a description of the activities carried out by the KRG with reference to the Strategic

9.7 DEFENCE IN THE NORTH WEST OF AUSTRALIA

LOCATION/ADDRESS:	Kimberley Region
APPLICANT:	Nil
FILE:	RCG01
AUTHOR:	Zone Executive
CONTRIBUTOR/S:	Nil
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER:	Director Corporate Services
DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST:	Nil
DATE OF REPORT:	28 August 2019

SUMMARY: To provide an overview of meetings held between local government representatives in the Pilbara and the Kimberley, the identified actions agreed by participants and a proposed amendment to Item 3.1 of the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan to recognise this matter.

BACKGROUNDPrevious Considerations

Nil.

COMMENT

Representatives from Shire's in the Pilbara and the Kimberley met in June 2019 in Karratha and in Perth in August 2019 to discuss the need for a greater Defence force presence in the North West of Western Australia and the inadequacy of existing infrastructure for the purposes of defence. Participants at the meetings discussed:

- the need to protect billions of dollars of vital infrastructure, with particular reference to the oil and gas fields, including offshore installations;
- the current inadequacy of the road network to deploy troops across the wet season and the lack of viable alternatives where a route is rendered impassable due to seasonal or other events; and
- the flow on benefits to the North-West region of a higher Defence investment.

It was tentatively agreed that a joint Kimberley/Pilbara paper be developed to:

- document key infrastructure and, where relevant, the notional value;
- identify any existing military installations and their level of activation;
- review existing literature, including but not limited to the White Paper on Defence and supporting documentation;
- summarise the current geopolitical changes occurring in the Indo-Pacific region that have implications for Australia's North West; and
- describe the flow on benefits that could accrue to the region and broader Australia.

In order to leverage local knowledge, it is proposed to seek feedback from local government on noteworthy assets for the purposes of Defence including military installations and vital infrastructure related to high value exports, fuel supplies within Australia and key transport infrastructure.

Further works including the Literature Review, summary of the geopolitical changes in the Indo-pacific region and the description of flow on impacts may be undertaken either through use of the secretariat resources or through a procurement model, noting the role of the Pilbara local governments in this project.

Defence is not currently identified in the Strategic Community Plan 2018-2022 or the Business Plan covering the same period, so no allocation of resources has been made in the KRG budget for the purpose of progressing this issue. It is proposed that an amendment is made to the Strategic Community Plan, Business Plan and the KRG budget to allow for these works to be undertaken.

Proposed Addition to the Strategic Plan

Built Environment

(Existing) Goal 3: Improved and secure transport communications, community and essential services.

(Existing) 3.1 Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports.

(New) 3.1.3 Ensure that infrastructure in the region is fit-for-purpose including for Defence.

(New) 3.1.3.1 Develop a paper that identifies the key Defence infrastructure imperatives and how they relate to public, private and community assets throughout the Kimberley in the context of the North West of Australia and the geopolitical circumstance of the Indo-Pacific region.

CONSULTATION

Nil.

STATUTORY ENVIRONMENT

Local Government Act 1995

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Nil.

STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS

Built Environment Goal – Improved and secure transport, communications, community and essential services:

Improved regional arterial road network, ports and airports

Economy Goal – A sustainable and diverse economy:

Improved regional infrastructure

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Simple Majority

KIMBERLEY REGIONAL GROUP RESOLUTION:
(REPORT RECOMMENDATION)

Moved: Cr M Edwards

Seconded: Cr C Mitchell

That the Kimberley Regional Group:

- 1. Supports the development of a paper on Defence infrastructure for the North West of Australia with a focus on the resilience and adequacy of existing infrastructure.**
- 2. Endorses the Secretariat liaising with the Pilbara local governments where procurement is required for the development of the Defence paper.**
- 3. Endorses the inclusion in the Strategic Community Plan and Business Plan 2018-2022 recognition of regional Defence as detailed in this item.**

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 4/0

Attachments

Nil

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Nil.

11. GENERAL BUSINESS

11.1 That the timeframe identified in the Memorandum of Understanding for nominations for the positions of Chair and Deputy Chair be extended in 2019 until 5pm on 2 December 2019.

11.2 Malcolm Edwards advised members that the Animal Hazards Advisory Group met.

11.3 Geoff Haerewa updated members that the Liquor Accord had met and voted to implement TAMS.

12. MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

Nil.

13. MEETING CLOSURE

The Chairperson closed the meeting at 1:33pm.