

## Elected Member External Groups Representation Information Statement

### 1. Objective

This Information Statement stipulates elected member positions endorsed by Council as representatives of the Town of Port Hedland (Town), at various external groups of which the Town is a party to. The Town has a vested interest to working in unison with various external groups and community stakeholders with the aim to foster relationships, promote open communication, develop concepts, address concerns and provide services across the community.

Elected Members appointed to attend meetings on behalf of the Town of Port Hedland is required to abide by the Town's Code of Conduct.

Arrangements to attend meetings in respect to the below groups must be done in accordance with 4/010 'Elected Members Travel and Training' policy.

A resolution of Council is required at the first Ordinary Meeting of Council following the local government elections to formalise each appointment.

### 2. Formal Appointment to External Groups

#### 2.1 *WALGA Zone Representation*

State Councillors are elected to State Council from one of 17 Zones, which are groupings of Local Governments convened together on the basis of population, commonalities of interest and geographical alignment.

The relationship between State Council and Zones within the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) is a critical one in the political representation of Local Government at the State and Federal levels.

Zones have an integral role in shaping the political and strategic direction of WALGA. Not only are Zones responsible for bringing relevant local and regional issues to the State decision making table, they are a key player in developing policy and legislative initiatives for Local Government. Zone delegates are elected or appointed to represent their Council on the Zone and make decisions on their Council's behalf at the regional level.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed Deputy Chair for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the Pilbara Zone.

## *2.2 Joint Development Assessment Panel*

The Joint Development Assessment Panel (JDAP) was formed as a key component of planning reform in the state. The intention of JDAP is to improve the balance between technical advice and local knowledge. This is achieved by determining development applications within a threshold type and value, through consistent, accountable and professional decision-making. The Northern JDAP encompasses the Kimberley, Pilbara and Gascoyne region.

The Minister for Planning appointed the Commissioner of the Town to represent the Town on JDAP until January 2020.

## *2.3 Regional Roads Group*

The Regional Road Group (RRG) of the Pilbara was established under the State Road Funds to Local Government Agreement (between the state Government of Australia and the Western Australian Local Government Association). This is overseen by a State Advisory Committee. The RRG comprises of elected member representatives from each Local Government within the Pilbara.

The intention of the RRG is to make recommendations on the allocation of funds available from the State Government sources for local roads according to areas of greatest need and where they will provide maximum benefit to all roads users.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the RRG.

## *2.4 Local Emergency Management Committee*

The Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC) is established under provision 38 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* (WA). The purpose of the LEMC is prescribed in section 39, to provide advice to Council, liaise with external authorities, complete any mandated emergency management activities.

Given the specifics and demands of the role in the event of an emergency, The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Town's representative for the LEMC.

## *2.5 Hedland Community Road Safety Group*

The Hedland Community Road Safety Group was founded in 1994 as a joint initiative between state, local and regional government in conjunction with the community to implement the Towards Zero state road safety strategy for 2008-2020. This group aims to encourage safe road use, improve roads safety raise community awareness and develop and coordinate road safety strategies.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed as Chair for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the Hedland Community Road Safety Group.

### *2.6 Regional Capitals Australia*

Regional Capitals Australia (RCA) was formed in 2012 to bring Australia's 51 regional capital cities together as one unified voice. The RCA vision is to provide an alliance, a reference group, a 'strength-in-numbers' body that understands all things 'regional capitals'. Through their local government member councils, they present to the Federal Government the needs of combined communities, voicing the social and economic issues specific to our cities.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective *term as Council*, as the Town's representative for the RCA.

### *2.7 Regional Capitals Alliance Western Australia*

The Regional Capitals Alliance Western Australia (RCAWA) work in unison with both state and federal government to achieve a sustainable development future for Western Australia encompassing social, economic and environmental resources, infrastructure and funding requirements of sub-regional centres and strategies for the state's growing population.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the RCAA.

### *2.8 The Port of Port Hedland Community Consultative Committee*

The Port of Port Hedland Community Consultative Committee ('Port Committee') was established in 2015 to promote and facilitate communication between the Pilbara Port Authority and the community in regards to port operations.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the Port Committee.

### *2.9 East Pilbara District Health Advisory Committee*

The East Pilbara District Health Advisory Committee (EPDHAC) is established by the Western Australian Country Health Service to identify issues and improve health care experiences in regional centres, and promote community health information and services.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the EPDHAC.

### *2.10 Hedland Senior High School Independent Public School Board*

The Hedland Senior High School Independent Public School Board (School Board) was formed in 2013 to integrate the community business and resource sector in conjunction with community stakeholders to provide quality education for students and a future long term vision for the school.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representatives for the School Board.

### *2.11 Port Hedland Technical Advisory and Consultative Committee*

The Port Hedland Technical Advisory and Consultative Committee ('Technical Committee') was established in 2006 by the Pilbara Port Authority. The purpose of the Technical Committee is to provide a platform for the discussion of dredging and ocean disposal of dredged material with community stakeholders, including the consideration of environmental matters and long term permitting arrangements.

The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative on the Technical Committee.

### *2.12 Port Hedland Industries Council*

The Port Hedland Industries Council (PHIC) was established by industry port users in 2009 to provide a collaborative approach to cumulative industry issues. PHIC provides a single industry point of contact and coordinates inter-industry responses to issues such as air quality and noise. The Council is the lead representative body on issues where two or more operators are involved. The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative on the PHIC.

### *2.13 Spoilbank Community Reference Group*

*The Spoilbank Community Reference Group (SCRG) will provide Stakeholder input and advice regarding the ongoing development of the Spoilbank Marina Project. This group have a particular focus on the landside development.* The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative on the SCRG.

### *2.14 Hedland Community Safety Advisory Forum*

The Hedland Community Safety Advisory Forum (HCSAF) will identify and advise Council on current and emerging community safety and crime prevention issues within the forum Hedland community. The HCSAF has an interest in collaboration and partnerships, promoting community safety and creating a voice for the Hedland community on a State and Federal spectrum. The Commissioner of the Town is appointed for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative on the HCSAF.

### *2.15 Hedland Collective*

Hedland Collective was formed in 2017 as a group of public, private, and not-for-profit organisations dedicated to improving outcomes and opportunities for the community of Hedland using a collective impact approach.

The Town is a Project Partner for the Hedland Collective and the Commissioner of the Town is appointed as a member for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative on the Hedland Collective.

## 3. Nomination to External Groups

### *3.1 Pilbara Development Commission*

The Pilbara Development Commission (PDC) was established in 2013 under the *Regional Development Commissions Act 1993*. PDC facilitates the planning and development for the Pilbara region to broaden economic base, improve social infrastructure and attract and sustain a rapidly growing residential population. The PDC delivers the Pilbara Cities program to build Pilbara cities into attractive and sustainable communities.

The Commissioner of the Town is being nominated for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the PDC.

### *3.2 BHP Stakeholder Engagement Group*

The BHP Stakeholder Engagement Group (SEG) is an innovative forum for Pilbara stakeholders to meet, discuss BHP related issues and have input into aspects of the planning of our operations. The SEG will provide an opportunity for BHP to request feedback regarding its operating environment, growth programs, sustainable development and environmental and economic impacts to assist with internal decision making.

The Commissioner of the Town is being nominated for his respective term as Council, as the Town's representative for the Hedland on the SEG.

## 4. Self-Select Nomination to External Groups

### *4.1 Pilbara Community Legal Service INC*

The Pilbara Community Legal Service Inc. (PCLS) is a not-for-profit, government-funded community organisation. The main objective of PCLS is one of providing services to reduce disadvantage, increase the capacity of individuals to understand their rights and obligations and to empower people to manage their lives effectively.

The Commissioner of the Town is located in the Pilbara and therefore is eligible to nominate himself to become a member on the board of management for the PCLS.