

**14.2 2020-21 STATE BUDGET SUBMISSION**

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**OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

1. Note the Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) paper on the 2020-21 State Budget submission; and
2. Support the Town's response to WALGA's submission to the State Government outlining the following proposed strategic themes for the 2020-21 State Budget:
  - a) Empowering Local Governments to Contribute to the State's Priorities
  - b) A Strategic Approach to Economic Development in WA
  - c) Important Local Government Infrastructure
  - d) A Sustainable Environment for Our Communities

*SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE REQUIRED*

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is for Council to consider WALGA's submission on the 2020-21 State Government Budget, and support the Town's response regarding WALGA's position in the sector's priorities listed in the submission.

**DETAIL**

Each year, WALGA prepares a submission to the State Government outlining the sectors' priorities for the upcoming budget. For WALGA's submission to be considered in the 2019-20 Budget process, it must be submitted to the State Council in December 2019 for endorsement. The final State Budget submission is to be presented to Treasury in 2020.

Local Governments are to provide their advice and specific examples on the priority issues to WALGA by 27 September 2018, however the Town has been granted permission to submit its final submission following its October Ordinary Council meeting.

Submitting feedback on the above proposed strategic themes and priorities, will enable the Town to raise awareness in its local community about the need for continued funding for priority programs and infrastructure.

The Town has reviewed WALGA's Budget Submission to the State Government and has prepared a response which is outlined in Attachment 1 of this report. A brief overview of what the Town supports and provided comment on, in relation to the sector's priorities, are as follows:

- Legislative amendments and policy implications need to be considered by the sector and the appropriate levels of consultation.
- The removal of fees and charges from legislation and empowerment of Councils to set fees and charges for local government services.
- Develop a Regional Economic Development Strategy and Sports and Culture Infrastructure Strategy.
- Increase in State roads funding and prioritise funding in the Road Trauma Trust Account to maximise achievement of road safety outcomes.
- Funds raised from the Waste Levy are directed into strategic waste initiatives identified in the State Waste Strategy Action Plan.

## LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

In accordance with Policy 4/009 'Significant Decision Making', this matter is considered to be of low significance, because this item will not significantly impact the community or Council as a whole, nor have any significant financial implications

## CONSULTATION

### *Internal*

Executive Leadership Team

### *External Agencies*

WALGA

### *Community*

Nil

## LEGISLATION AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

There are no legislative or policy implications in relation to this item.

## FINANCIAL AND RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications in relation to this item.

## STRATEGIC AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The following sections of the Town's Strategic Community Plan 2018-2028 are applicable in the consideration of this item:

- 4.a.1 Town of Port Hedland is represented and advocated for in International, Federal, State and regional forums and policy development
- 4.b.2 Transparent and regular financial reporting and communication to the community is undertaken

There are no significant identifiable environmental, social or economic impacts relating to this item.

### *Corporate Business Plan*

The following action of the Town's Corporate Business Plan 2018-2022 apply in relation to this item:

- 4.a.1.1 Research and develop a coordinated response to town issues in line with the Strategic Community Plan

## RISK MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

There are no significant community, Council or financial risks associated with this item because the risk rating is considered to be Low (2). This is determined by an unlikely (2) likelihood and an insignificant (1) consequence. This report promotes good governance, transparency, accountability, the prudent expenditure of financial resources and informed decision making.

## OPTIONS

*Option 1 – Adopt officer’s recommendation*

*Option 2 – That Council does not endorse all of WALGA’s proposed strategic themes and priority initiatives for the 2020-21 State Budget Submission and highlights those most relevant to the Town of Port Hedland.*

*Option 3 – Do not adopt officer’s recommendation*

## CONCLUSION

It is recommended that Council supports the Town’s response relating to WALGA’s submission on the 2020-21 State Budget. The feedback submitted will enable the Town to raise awareness in its local community about the need for continued funding for priority programs and infrastructure.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. Submission - State Budget 2020-21 (under separate cover)
2. WALGA's 2020-21 State Budget Submission (under separate cover)