

AGENDA Special Council Meeting 8 September 2023

Council Chambers, Calingiri AND via E-Meeting Protocol

Commencing – 11.00AM

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Commonly-used abbreviations				
AAS / AASB	Australian Accounting Standard / Australian Accounting Standards Board			
BF Act	Bush Fire Act 1954			
BFB	Bush fire brigade			
CEO	Chief Executive Officer			
CDO	Community Development Officer			
DBCA	Dept of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions			
DFES	Dept of Fire and Emergency Services			
DPLH	Dept of Planning, Lands and Heritage			
DWER	Dept of Water and Environmental Regulation			
EHO	Environmental Health Officer			
EFT	Electronic Funds Transfer			
FAM	Finance and Administration Manager			
JSCDL	Parliamentary Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation			
LEMA	Local Emergency Management Arrangements			
LEMC	Local Emergency Management Committee			
LG Act	Local Government Act 1995			
LGGC	WA Local Government Grant Commission			
LPP	Local Planning Policy			
LPS	Local Planning Scheme			
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding			
MRWA	Main Roads WA			
NNTT	National Native Title Tribunal			
OAG	Office of Auditor General			
OCM	Ordinary Council Meeting			
PTA	Public Transport Authority			
RRG	Regional Roads Group			
RTR	Roads to Recovery			
SAT	State Administrative Tribunal			
SEMC	State Emergency Management Committee			
SGC	Superannuation Guarantee Contribution			
SJAA	St John Ambulance Association			
SWALSC	South West Aboriginal Land and Sea Council			
WAEC	WA Electoral Commission			
WALGA	WA Local Government Association			
WSM	Works and Services Manager			

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AGENDA

Special Meeting of the Victoria Plains Shire Council
To be Held in the Calingiri Shire Chambers and via E-meeting Protocol
on 8 September 2023 commencing at 11am.

1.	DECLARATION OF OPENING
1.1	Opening
1.2	Announcements by Shire President
2.	REMOTE ATTENDANCE BY ELECTED MEMBERS
TH	AT:
•	Under regulation 14C (2)(b) of the Admin Regulations, the Shire President can approve Elected Member attendance by electronic means; In doing so, under r. 14C (5) the Shire President must have regard as to whether the location that the Elected Member intends to attend the meeting, and the equipment intended to be used to attend the meeting, are suitable; Electronic means includes, as per r.14CA(2) by telephone or video conference; Suitable equipment would include an electronic device that can hold a Teams meeting, and perhaps, the use of headphones; In accordance with r.14CA (5) the Elected Member must declare that they are able to maintain confidentiality during the meeting. Under r.14CA(7), the declaration by the Elected Member is recorded in the minutes of the meeting; Summarily, according to Departmental guidance, a suitable location is one that is quiet and private e.g. a private room in your house. If there are other people at the location at the time of the meeting, an Elected Member may be required to close a door and wear headphones.
Ар	proval to Attend and Declaration of Confidentiality
ТН	AT:
	has been approved to attend theby electronic means as proved by the Shire President and that a declaration has been received regarding fidentiality and other requirements as noted in Section 2 herewith.

3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE

Mem	bers present		
Staff	attending		
Apolo	ogies		
Appro	oved leave of abs	sence	
Visito	ors		
Mem	bers of the public	;	
4.	DISCLOSUR	ES OF INTEREST	
		vernment Act, Regulations, Code of Conduct, and Declaration Forms in Councillor	Ī
	folders. Type	Item Person / Details	
3.1	Financial		
3.2	Proximity		
3.3	Impartiality		
5.	PUBLIC QUE	ESTION TIME	
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5.1	Public Ques	stions With Notice	
5.2	Public Que	stions Without Notice	
6.	PRESENTAT	TIONS AND DEPUTATIONS	
6.1	Presentatio	ons	
6.2	Deputations	s	

7. APPLICATIONS FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE

8. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

8.1 Confirmation of Council Meeting Minutes

N/A



REPORTS REQUIRING DECISION

9.1 Caravel Copper Project – Assessment No. 2360 – Environmental Scoping Document Response

File reference					
Report date			7 September 2023		
Applicant/proponent			Department of Water and Environmental Regulation		
Officer disclosure of interest			Nil		
Previous meeting	g references		Item 9.5, OCM 23 August 2023 - 2308-06		
Prepared by			Sean Fletcher, CEO		
Senior Officer			N/A		
Authorised by			CEO		
Attachments					
			Under Confidential Cover - Caravel Minerals Draft Environmental Scoping Document		
Attachment 2 Page 37 Under Confidential Cover - Recommended Responses to Caravel Minerals Draft Environmental Scoping Document.					

PURPOSE

For Council to adopt the CEO's recommended responses to DWER's request for comments on the draft Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) prepared by Caravel Minerals Ltd regarding the Caravel Copper Project which also refers to the indicative "Gillingarra" bore field.

BACKGROUND

Mr Richard Newman, Manager EIA South, EPA Services at the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has written to the author seeking comments regarding the draft Environmental Scoping Document (Attachment 1) prepared by Caravel Minerals regarding the Caravel (Wongan) Copper Project.

Mr Newman requires a response to his request by 13 September 2023.

Reason for Request

The Caravel Copper Project is currently being assessed by the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) under the Environmental Protection Act 1986. The EPA assess projects that are likely to have a significant impact on the environment.

The EPA has received and is currently reviewing the draft Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) submitted by the Proponent for the Project, which outlines the technical studies, investigations and management plans that the proponent will undertake.

A briefing note regarding this matter was circulated to all councillors on Friday 18 August 2023.

At its meeting on 23 August 2023 (Item 9.5), Council resolved the following:

That Council:

- 1. **REQUESTS** the CEO to prepare a response for its consideration regarding the draft Environmental Scoping Document (ESD) prepared by Caravel Minerals Ltd regarding the Caravel Copper Project.
- 2. **PRESENTS** the response regarding Point 1 for Council's consideration at a special council meeting before 7 September 2023.

CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS DECISION OF COUNCIL

The Shire's s Contract Environmental Health Officer, Mr Gordon Houston, in consultation with the author briefed Council on 23 August 2023 on the process regarding the EPA's assessment of Caravel Mineral's environmental scoping document. Councillors were also asked for any feedback they may have for consideration and inclusion in the recommended responses.

Mr Houston subsequently prepared the response document (Attachment 2) in consultation with the CEO. This was subsequently finalised on 5 September 2023. The CEO and President attended a stakeholders briefing by Caravel Minerals on 5 September 2023. Caravel Minerals will probably undertake the same presentation with Council at the September meeting.

A notice was then prepared by the President to the CEO on 6 September 2023 requesting a special meeting to consider this matter, along with motions for consideration at the WALGA September 2023 AGM

A copy of the recommended responses was then issued to all councillors electronically on the afternoon of 6 September 2023.

COMMENT

As per Mr Houston's recommended responses, he notes that while the Proposal includes a minesite with its own impacts (located within a neighbouring shire, this response is directed specifically to the proposed 8,257 ha Borefield Development Envelope (BDE) and the 928 ha Pipeline Development Envelope (PDE) contained within the Shire.

CONSULTATION

- August 2023 Council Briefing Session and further briefing session on 23 August 2023;
- Mr Gordon Houston, Contract Environmental Health Officer re development of draft response;
- Mr Robert Newman, EPA Services. Mr Houston discussed the requirements with Mr Newman;
- Cr Lovelock provided feedback to the CEO;
- Shire President regarding the EPA process and requirements;
- Ms Chantal Hartstone, Corporate Affairs Manager Caravel Minerals regarding the Shire being advised of the draft ESD and subsequently the type of information the Shire is required to provided (environmental studies, format of the ESD).

STATUTORY CONTEXT

Nil

CORPORATE CONTEXT

Strategic Business Plan/Corporate Business Plan

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 3. ENVIRONMENT	WE KNOW WE ARE SUCCEEDING WHEN
3.2 Conservation of our natural environment and resources	Nature reserves in our control are managed and protected
	Shire water resources are efficient, equitable and we advocate for improvements in the network

Strategic Priority 3.2 is at the heart maintaining a balance between commercial/industrial activity and development and its impact on the stewardship that the Shire has regarding the natural environments and resources, which includes water sources.

Risk Analysis

Consequence	Consequence Rating:	Likelihood Rating:	Risk Rating	Risk Acceptance/ Controls	Mitigation and Outcome
By not having input into the review of the draft Caravel ESD: The opportunity is lost to have input into the EPA's initial assessment of the ESD; This could be construed as Council having no concern regarding the environmental impacts of the Shire	Catastrophic (5) Uncontained irreversible impact EPA has made it clear this is a significant impact, hence this agency's involvement in the assessment process	Likely (4) The event could occur at some time(At least once in 10 years	Extreme (20)	CEO & Council Risk generally not acceptable	Council/CEO using available opportunities to provide comment/feedback on proposals The overall environmental risk will still remain high. However, the Shire meets its expectations regarding stewardship in these matters.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

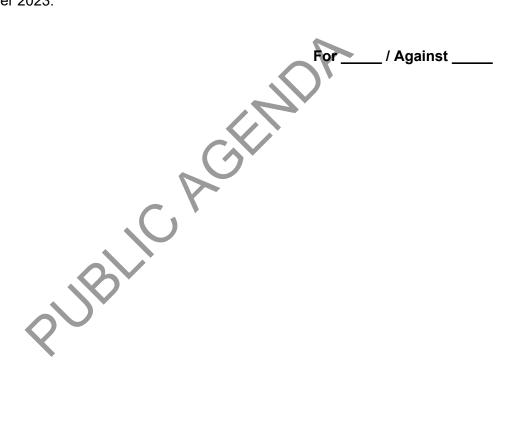
VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority required: No

Officer Recommendation	
Moved Cr	Seconded Cr

That Council:

- 1. **ADOPTS** the CEO's recommended responses in Attachment 2 regarding DWER's request for comments on the draft Environmental Scoping Document prepared by Caravel Minerals Ltd regarding the Caravel Copper Project which also refers to the indicative "Gillingarra" bore field; and
- 2. The CEO **SUBMITS** the responses referred to in Point 1 to EPA Services at DWER by 13 September 2023.



9.2 WALGA's Annual General Meeting 18 September 2023 – Consideration of Executive and Member Motions

File reference				
Report date			7 September 2023	
Applicant/propor	ent		Council	
Officer disclosure	e of interest		Nil	
Previous meeting	Previous meeting references			
Prepared by			Sean Fletcher, CEO	
Senior Officer			Nil	
Authorised by			Sean Fletcher, CEO	
Attachments				
Attachment 1 Page 2		2	WALGA AGM Agenda 18 September 2023	

PURPOSE

For Council to consider the motions put forward at the WALGA AGM on 18 September 2023 at the Crown, Perth.

BACKGROUND

WALGA holds its Annual General Meeting each year as part of the Local Government Convention (Local Government Week). As part of the AGM, the WALGA Executive and member local governments can put forward motions for consideration. There are six motions for consideration at this year's AGM (Attachment 1 – Page 2).

COMMENT

The following is a summary of the motions to be presented and background information to whether assist the Shire's voting delegates at the AGM

Motion	In Brief	Comment	Support Yes/No
5.1 Local Governments'	representation at the State Adr	ninistrative Tribun	al relating
to planning matters withi	in its district		
Shire of York to Move:	The Planning and Development (Development Assessment		Yes
That WALGA lobby the	Panels) Regulations 2011 and the	both the AROC	
State Government for	State Administrative Tribunal Act	Governance Group	
legislative reform to	2004 do not currently enable a	and the AROC	
enable Local	local government the automatic	Officer's Group.	
Governments the	right to be included as a Party to		
automatic right to be a	the SAT.	As per the In-Brief	
represented party at all		comments I	
State Administrative	This impacts local governments'		
Tribunal hearings related	ability for input and consultation		
to planning matters within	on development proposals within		
its district.	its district, and the ability for the		
	local government to appropriately		
	represent and act on behalf of its community.		

Shire of Moora to Move: The future of the Australian agriculture sector holds tremendous potential. To harness this potential, it is vital to ensure preservation of agricultural land against its displacement by non- The future of the Australian notes the alarming loss of Wheatbelt agricultural land due to its conversion for carbon sequestration	rt)
That WALGA establish and promote policies to protect and prioritise the preservation of agricultural land against agriculture sector holds tremendous potential. To harness the alarming loss of Wheatbelt agricultural land due to its conversion for carbon	
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protect and prioritise the preservationthat our agricultural sector can access the necessary land and water resources.due conversion carbon	
agricultural land against water resources. carbon	
its displacement by non-	
agricultural activities that The Shire of Moora urges purposes. This	
lead to a net reduction of WALGA to adopt a policy that conversion locks	
the State's productive actively preserves the existing significant parcels	
agricultural land. agricultural land mass from of land away for	
further loss to unproductive uses. extended periods,	
hindering innovative farming	
practices and	
shorter-term	
restorative	
initiatives.	
State Planning	
Policy 2.5	
stipulates	
supporting primary	
production and	
WAPC will seek to	
protect rural land as a state resource	

Motion	In Brief	Comment	Support Yes/No
5.3 Transparency - Mana	gement Order Determinations		
Shire of Carnaryon to Move:	A review of management orders	The Shire of	Yes
Griffe of Garriar voir to wove.	that recognises the cost impost	Carnarvon, like	103
That WALGA:	on Local Government in	most Local	
That WALGA.		Governments	
4 Advantas for	managing reserves and removes		
1. Advocates for	the restrictions on local	across the State,	
Department of	government to enter into	have many	
Planning, Lands and	commercial leases that could	reserves it	
Heritage to consult and	assist with cost recovery, is	manages on behalf	
collaborate with Local	urgently needed.	of the State	
Governments in		Government. The	
reviewing and	The current policies, decision	reserve is a form of	
publishing its policies,	making criteria and guidelines	tenure over Crown	
decision making	lack transparency and appear to	Land.	
criteria, guidelines and	disadvantage local governments.		
procedures associated		WALGA has been	
with the administration		informed that	
of management orders;		DPLH, under	
		delegated	
2. Ensure the review		authority, is	
recognises the cost		refusing some	
burden on local		Local Government	
governments in		requests for new or	
managing reserves		renewed leasing of	
and options for		Crown Land	
and options for	l .	C.CVIII Land	

supporting local governments in meeting that responsibility; and	subject to Management Orders	
3. Calls for proactive consultation and advice to Local Government management bodies.		

Motion	In Brief	Comment	Support Yes/No
5.4 Regional and Remote	Housing		
Shire of East Pilbara to Move:	Calls on WALGA to broaden its advocacy for additional affordable housing in remote and	A lack of affordable key worker housing is a significant	Yes
That WALGA advocates to	regional areas to incentivise	barrier to economic	
the WA State and	small business expansion and	development in	
Commonwealth	attract key workers and their	many regional	
Governments to address		areas of the state.	
the dire shortage of	areas of WA.		
affordable key worker		One of the road	
family housing options in		blocks now at both	
regional and remote		Commonwealth	
towns to encourage		and State level re	
families to live and work in		appropriate	
regional and remote		housing is the	
towns. Social housing is		switch in focus from	
addressed at both the		key worker housing to social or	
State and Federal levels.			
		affordable housing	
		only.	
	Y) T	Regional areas	
		need both key	
		worker housing and	
		social housing	

Motion	In Brief	Comment	Support Yes/No
5.5 Proposed New WALG	A Constitution		
Executive Member to Move:	This item (recommending a new Constitution to give effect to the	Council at its meeting on 14	No
That a new WALGA	alternate model) will be presented	December 2022	
Constitution giving effect	first, as only one version of the	resolved the	
to an alternate	Constitution can be endorsed. If	following regarding	
governance model be	this item does not receive 75	the proposed	
adopted, as	percent	Governance Model	
per the attached:	approval from Members, the next		
	item (recommending	1 Option 1	
Minimum of 8 up to a	amendments to the current	2 Option 5	
maximum of 11 Board	Constitution but	3 Option 3	
members:	otherwise maintaining the current	4 Option 2	
President of State	governance model) will be	5 Option 4:	
Council	presented.	,	
Deputy President of		A separate	
State Council		overview of each	

6 members elected from and by State Council members (3 from Metropolitan; from Country) Up to 3 'independent' members appointed by the Board for their skills which can include Elected Members. State Council members are not eligible.	If this item (for a new Constitution) is successfully passed by a special majority of Members, the second item will not be put to the vote. Amendments to the Constitution require endorsement by a special (75 percent) majority at State Council, as well as a 75 percent majority of Members at a General Meeting.	option is provided below
Board members elected for a 2 year term; maximum Board Tenure Limit is 8 years (4 terms).		
The President and Deputy President is limited to 2 terms, maximum limit of 4 years. This maximum is in addition to the Board Tenure Limit, which means a person serving as President or Deputy President (or both) could be a Board member for up to 16 years.		

Summary of Options 1 - 5

Option	Pros	Cons	Comment
	1111		
1	Board is reduced from 25 to 11 members, with up to three independents	Policy Council. Creates an additional layer of governance and is perhaps unwieldy given that it can be split into policy teams	 From a management perspective, teams of no more than 8 -10 are generally considered the most productive; Zones are retained as is
2	 Board is reduced from 25 to 11 members; The Shire can nominate its preferred regional body i.e. a body that has similar communities of interest; Perhaps more agile 	Local governments may perceive that the regional bodies are too large	Zones are abolished
3	 Board is reduced from 25 to 15 with two independent members from outside; Zones reduced 	Country Zones may not be quite correct. Significant redrawing work required	Metro Zones are expanded

4	 Board is reduced from 25 to 11 members, with up to three independents; Members can choose the type of regional group to be a part of Perhaps more agile 	In this scenario, the local government could be part of one entity or many.
5	Local government is familiar with this current process	 Board is too large; Slow to respond; Zones may not suit some members

Although Council did resolve that the governance model as proposed in the AGM agenda (this is framed as the alternate model to the current model) was its first choice, the current model was endorsed as its second choice.

Feedback was subsequently sought from Members in relation to the proposed alternate model. A further report detailing the feedback was presented to State Council at its last meeting on 3 May 2023. At that meeting, State Council resolved to receive the report, and that:

Two sets of constitutional changes be developed for consideration by State Council at the July 2023 meeting to be put to the 2023 Annual General Meeting, that:

- a. Give effect to the revised Model 1, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and
- b. Refine the current constitution to address inconsistencies and other issues while maintaining the current governance model.

This resulted in two versions of the Association Constitution being presented to State Council for consideration at the meeting on 5 July 2023 as follows:

- The first being a new Constitution, giving effect to an alternate governance model, as per the Best Practice Governance Review Final Report; and
- 2. The second being a marked-up version of the current Constitution, which retains the current governance model of WALGA, with necessary changes. State Council resolved by special majority to put both versions to Members for consideration at the 2023 AGM.

Given that State Council resolved the above, it perhaps suggest that there is some lack of confidence around the proposed alternate governance model. In this situation, Council may wish to suggest to its delegates that the status quo is retained.

CONSULTATION

CEO

STATUTORY CONTEXT

Nil

CORPORATE CONTEXT

Strategic Community Plan

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 4. CIVIC LEADERSHIP	WE KNOW WE ARE SUCCEEDING WHEN
4.1 Forward planning and implementation of plans to achieve community priorities	We attend meetings of key local and regional organisations to jointly plan for our community

Risk Management (Risk Governance Framework)

Consequence	Consequence Rating:	Likelihood Rating:	Risk Rating	Risk Acceptance/ Controls	Mitigation and Outcome
Reputation As member of the local government system, the Shire needs to have and put a position on the motions before the AGM	Minor (2) Substantiated, low impact, low news profile Example Local paper/Industry news article, Facebook item seen by multiple groups	Possible (3) The event will probably occur in most circumstances(>50% chance) At least once per year	Moderate (6)	Risk acceptable with effective controls, managed by senior management / executive and subject to monthly monitoring Control Rating: Effective	By the CEO providing advice on such matters, Council makes informed decisions regarding the suitability of motions presented to the WALGA AGM The above keeps the risk very low

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Travel and accommodation costs may be required for those who attend the WALGA AGM.

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Absolute majority required: No

Officer's Recommendation	
Officer's Recommendation	
Moved: Cr	Seconded Cr
That the Shire's position regarding each of the motions is as follows:	
5.1 Local Governments' representation at the State Administrative Tribunal relating to planning matters within its district - SUPPORT	
5.2 Land Use Policy – SUPPORT	

- 5.3 Transparency Management Order Determinations SUPPORT
- 5.4 Regional and Remote Housing SUPPORT
- 5.5 Proposed New WALGA Constitution NOT SUPPORT

For _____ / Against _____



Signed

10. MEMBER MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

11.	NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE REQUIRING DECISION
	Admitted by resolution of Council
12.	MEETING CLOSED TO PUBLIC
13	CLOSURE OF MEETING
There	being no further business, the Presiding Member declared the meeting closed at
pm	
CER ⁻	TIFICATION
These 2023.	minutes were confirmed at the Ordinary Council Meeting held on

Council Minutes are unconfirmed until they have been adopted at the following meeting of Council.

(Presiding member at the meeting which confirmed the minutes)

Date_