

ADDENDUM

12. MOTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

12.1 WALGA South West Prospectus – Removal of Reference to Timber Industry Development – Cr Meldrum

At the 12 August 2020 Ordinary Council Meeting, Cr Meldrum gave notice of the following motion:

MOTION

That Council notes the draft South West Prospectus is being developed by the WALGA Zone and requests the Zone remove the reference to the timber industry development because;

1. AMR Shire is opposed to native forest logging; and
2. The prospectus was being compiled on agreement from all 12 participating Walga Zone Councils and should a Council wish to lobby for issues in their own Shire to do so.

This addendum provides background and officer comments in relation to Item 12.1 WALGA South West Prospectus – Removal of reference to Timber Industry Development – Cr Meldrum:

BACKGROUND

The Outcome Report on the draft prospectus agenda item at the 26 June 2020 South West Zone meeting provided the following comment :

“It was noted that the Key Considerations discussed by members at previous zone meetings identified:

1. The election manifesto should include six to ten proposals of regional significance.
2. Proposals can include infrastructure projects, legislative changes, partnerships, but must be strategic and regionally significant.
3. The South West Region Election Manifesto will integrate with election advocacy on a tiered basis:
 - WALGA will develop advocacy covering state-wide local government sector issues
 - The South West Zone will develop a regional manifesto outlining six to ten proposals of regional significance
 - Each Local Government will advocate for local priorities with election candidates
4. The Election Manifesto is an advocacy document.”

The following documents were provided to the Shire by attached to this addendum:

- Draft Covering Letter - key strategic proposals - State Election Priorities;
- Draft Prospectus - Election Information Handout ; and
- South West Zone June meeting Agenda Item memorandum - Draft SW Group Election Priorities Manifesto.

On 9 September 2015, Council resolved the following in relation to opposition to logging native forests in the Shire:

MOTION / COUNCIL DECISION

CR HAYNES, CR TOWNSHEND OM2015/258

That Council notes with concern the recommencement of logging in Mowen Forest as it contravenes our Sustainability Policy. Council re-iterates its opposition to logging of native forests in the Shire in favour of preserving the forests of the South-West as a tourist attraction,

for the protection for the native flora and fauna habitat, the preservation of water resources and to mitigate the impacts of climate change.

*CARRIED 5/2
CRS SMART AND HASTIE VOTED AGAINST*

ATTACHMENTS

1. Draft Covering Letter - key strategic proposals - State Election Priorities
2. Draft Prospectus - Election Information Handout
3. South West Zone June meeting Agenda Item memorandum - Draft SW Group Election Priorities Manifesto

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BUNBURY WA 6231

Dear (CANDIDATE),

KEY STRATEGIC PROPOSALS - STATE ELECTION PRIORITIES – SOUTH WEST ZONE COUNCIL MEMBERS

I write to you in my capacity as Chief Executive Officer / Mayor / Shire President of XXXX and would like to congratulate you on nominating in the March 2021 State Elections thank you for your time you will take to read the following correspondence.

For many years, the Councils of the South West area have been progressing with the development of regional projects, in partnership not only with each other but with federal and state governments. This has included partnering to progress developments across the region.

The Bunbury-Wellington Group of Councils, Capes Regional Organisation of Councils and the Warren Blackwood Group of Councils, collectively titled the South West Group, consist of the following Local Government Authorities (LGAs).

Shire of Augusta Margaret River	City of Busselton	Shire of Donnybrook-Balingup
Shire of Boyup Brook	Shire of Capel	Shire of Harvey
Shire of Bridgetown-Greenbushes	Shire of Collie	Shire of Manjimup
City of Bunbury	Shire of Dardanup	Shire of Nannup

In preparation for upcoming the State Government Election, the twelve Local Government Authorities have jointly met to develop and agree to a list projects which may be delivered through a collective regional approach. These projects align with Government objectives relating to jobs and skills; infrastructure and investment; liveability and sustainability; innovation and digital opportunities; governance, planning and regulation and housing. The attached information pages provide further details on what the Group believe are key to social and economic prosperity under the topics of:

- ✓ Regional Liveability
- ✓ Regional Aviation and Busselton-Margaret River Airport
- ✓ Regional Road Network
- ✓ Bunbury Port Expansion
- ✓ Advance Manufacturing Hub
- ✓ Timber Industry Development
- ✓ Regional Waste Solution
- ✓ Climate Mitigation and Adaption

These areas include not only infrastructure that will deliver significant regional benefits but also generate employment opportunities and delivery of the projects/requests will provide improved regional outcomes and assist in enhancing the economic, social and health benefits for the South West Region.

Local government delivers for its community but we occasionally need support and resources from the State Government to implement large scale projects. Investments through local governments strengthen local communities and help to deliver projects which without the Government's assistance, may not come to fruition.

With the 2021 State Election only XX months away, we wish you all the very best in your campaign and are hopeful that you support our priorities which will ensure that these projects are delivered.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me on (08) XXXXXXXX. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours sincerely,

Title
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER / MAYOR / SHIRE PRESIDENT
CITY OF / SHIRE OF

Enc: South West Group Election Priorities



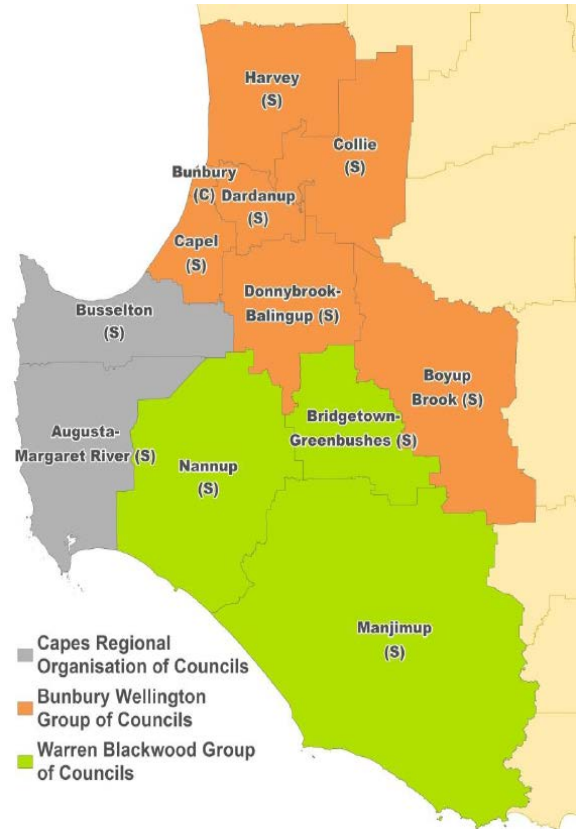
South West Group - Election Priorities



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The South West Region

Close to 200,000 people live in the South West region of Western Australia. An international biodiversity hotspot, with a diverse economy, a range of industries and an enviable lifestyle, the South West region has significant opportunities for growth and progress.

With an area close to 24,000 square kilometres, the South West Group have developed the following 8 projects which outline the key strategic proposals necessary to provide jobs, buttress the regional economy, strengthen our community and ensure the South West region remains a desirable place to live, work and play.

The key strategic proposal may be delivered through a collective regional approach and those which align with the Government objectives which relate to jobs and skills; infrastructure and investment; liveability and sustainability; innovation and digital opportunities; governance, planning and regulation; and housing has been developed.

Our Priorities

The attached information pages provide further details on what the Group believe are the utmost strategic importance to the South West region and key to social and economic prosperity under the topics of:

- ✓ Regional Liveability
- ✓ Regional Aviation and Busselton-Margaret River Airport
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- ✓ Climate Mitigation and Adaption

REGIONAL LIVEABILITY

To continue to grow the South West region and its attractiveness as a region to live, work and invest, we must ensure:

- Our digital infrastructure supports household and business connectivity, and the ability of primary, secondary and tertiary students to learn remotely online;
- Progression towards enhanced education offerings including digital classrooms and other remote education opportunities;
- Strategic funding of sport and recreation facilities to enable a healthy and active lifestyle;
- Support and development for the tourism industry, particularly during the recovery from the economic impact of the Covid-19 pandemic;
- Support and development for the creative industries through the provision of infrastructure, promotion and funding;
- Support initiatives that address homelessness and the shortage of social housing throughout the region.



The issues and industries listed above all support the attractiveness of the region in terms of liveability, and all provide jobs to support economic growth, which is absolutely crucial as we recover from the economic fallout of the Covid-19 pandemic. Further, enhanced liveability in the South West region, coupled with opportunities for digital connection, provides opportunities for decentralisation away from the metropolitan region.

THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- An increase the CSRFF Funding pool to \$25M per annum and reverting the contribution ratio to 50% split to enable more community programs and infrastructure to be delivered in the region.
- An increase in State Govt funding to the SW Creative and Cultural Industries of \$10M per annum for equity in the funding of regional arts facilities and to grow the development of creative industries in the Region.
- That the Government consider the introduction of a \$15M per annum Arts and Cultural fund similar in nature to the CSRFF Fund, for the development and renewal of Cultural Infrastructure.
- A funding commitment of \$750,000 per annum for a 4-year period to deliver a Destinalional Marketing Campaign for the South West through:
 - Bunbury Geographe Tourism Partnership
 - Margaret River Busselton Tourism Association
 - Southern Forests and Blackwood Valleys Tourism Association.
- A commitment to adequate planning and provision of government services and utilities to allow the future growth of the region and allow for the expansion of regional communities. (eg: Sewer, Electricity, Gas, Water, Road Infrastructure)
- State Government support for the landing of a submarine fibre optic cable into the South West and the duplication of the land-based fibre optic link in conjunction with private industry.
- A significant increase to Capital funding to allow the continued investment in the Trail Strategy Network across the South West Region.
- Advance the State Governments commitments contained within "*All Paths Lead to a Home: Western Australia's 10-Year Strategy on Homelessness 2020–2030*" Strategy in the South West Region including the provision of wrap around services and social housing offered throughout the Region as the impacts of people experiencing homelessness and mental health issues increase.

REGIONAL AVIATION AND BUSSELTON-MARGARET RIVER AIRPORT

To support the growing South West population and national and international tourism in the region, Busselton Margaret River airport remains a significant strategic priority. Expansion of the capacity of the airport to support national and international tourism in a post-Covid-19 world is critical to the growth and development of the South West region.

The unique attractions of the South West are a drawcard to WA for tourists from other states of Australia and around the world. Direct flights linking the eastern seaboard and South East Asian hubs with the South West region would unleash significant tourism potential.

Continued support for the roles of the Regional Airports is also required as these are complementary to Busselton-Margaret River Airport in the provision of services they provide.

Further funding is required to assist with the planning, development and operation of light aviation to cater for the projected population growth of the Bunbury-Geographe Region.



THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- Provision of a new airport terminal at the Busselton-Margaret River Airport capable of handling both domestic and international passenger traffic via the release of \$15M and to provide for greater freight opportunities to increase the provision of export capabilities allow more South West Region Businesses to grow exports (wine, arts etc)
- Continued support for the development light aviation infrastructure at the Bunbury and Manjimup Airports to allow for the growth in light aviation field as and emergency services provision of the ES Facilities - Royal flying doctor and Waterbombing Aircraft etc

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING HUB

Development of advanced manufacturing in the South West region is critical to support job creation, industry growth and regional wealth.

There are significant opportunities to cultivate higher value creation opportunities in manufacturing in the South West region.

In addition, there are opportunities for collaboration and growth in existing manufacturing industries, particularly food and beverage production and related sectors.

THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- State Government support for the detailed feasibility study and business case for the advanced manufacturing hub within the Bunbury-Geographe Region (\$500K).

UNION PROPOSES 500HA CENTRE TO RIVAL

INDUSTRY HUB PUSH FOR PICTON RAIL SITE

MAN MURPHY — An advanced manufacturing hub that rivals the scale of the Australian Maritime College at Henderson is being considered for a site near the old Picton railway close to Bunbury. The McGowan Government is maintaining a proposal to create the sprawling industrial park in the South West, with proponents saying it would give WA engineering companies the capacity to win manufacturing work currently performed overseas.

The 500ha site at Picton has been earmarked by the Australian Manufacturing Workers Union as suitable for the South West advanced manufacturing hub because of its road, rail and port access. The City of Bunbury is understood to be backing the plan and engineering companies have been brought into the tent. Crucially, the union has had to make within the ALP caucus to get the proposal in front of key ministers.

AMWU state secretary Steve McCarty, pictured, said COVID-19 had exposed gaps in the resource supply chain and it was a perfect time to address the issue of local manufacturing.

The union believes a comprehensive facility at Picton included on the ABC would allow WA firms to manufacture, rising stock and raw infrastructure for agriculture, mining and freight but to one facility supported that pipeline of work would cover the base level of activity needed to support the local workforce and take on more complicated projects such as land reclamation, earth screening and crushing equipment.

Local companies would also have a chance at making the processing and storage equipment for the emerging lithium and hydrogen industries. The hub would provide concrete, steel infrastructure to support large and small manufacturers, as well as support collaboration and the development of new, high-tech technology manufacturing. The union says its goal is to produce a pipeline of graduates to feed the industry. It would provide opportunities for research, as well as facilitating the involvement of local universities, TAFE colleges and schools. It would complement WA's existing strategic

REGIONAL ROAD NETWORK

Continued investment in the regional road network is critical to supporting growth and development in the South West region for a range of industries.

Road infrastructure that provides safe passenger vehicle movements while improving efficiency and strengthening freight networks is vital to growth and a key focus.

The road network needs to be responsive and integrated with other transport networks including airports, rail and ports.

Growth and industry development for agriculture and tourism in the South West region more broadly, and the lower South West in particular, requires further improvement to the road network.



THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- A dedicated funding allocation of \$15M annually (over and above the current road funding allocation) towards assisting with road safety outcomes on the narrow country sealed road network across the region, with funds to be distributed via the Regional Road Group on a 2/3rd 1 1/3rd basis to Local Governments.

TIMBER INDUSTRY DEVELOPMENT

Development of the timber industry to support jobs and value creation is a key strategic focus for the South West region.

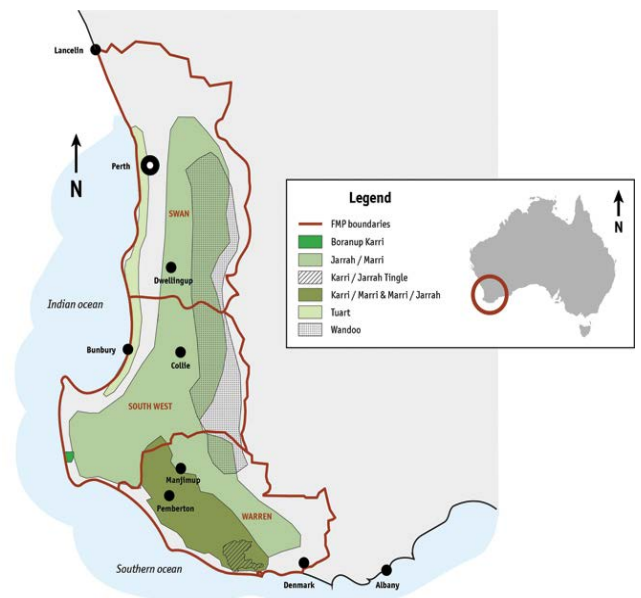
There are a range of strategic opportunities for the future of the South West timber industry including the development of higher value products such as veneers and other value-added products.

Collaboration between industry and all spheres of government to ensure reduced cost structures and long-term sustainability of the industry remains a key focus.



THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- Support the sustainable growth and development of the local timber industries and down stream manufacturing. This to include support for renewable manufacturing timber industry and opportunities to value add to the South West Timber Industry possibly through the introduction of a Timber Hub Facility (eg: Constructing Laminated Timber facility) in the South West Region.



BUNBURY PORT EXPANSION

Expansion of the Bunbury Port to meet the export and import needs of the South West and contribute to the freight task needs of Western Australia is a key priority. The ultimate aim is for Bunbury Port to be a maritime centre supporting freight logistics connected to a national distribution network and major industry parks.

In addition, it is crucial that an integrated road and rail network provides access to the port with sufficient capacity to service long-term cargo needs.



THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- Further development and investment into Bunbury Port to support exports and imports across the South West Region and to assist with the State's freight task requirements (eg: roll on roll off and containerisation).
- As part of the investment to the Bunbury Port, the South West requests the Government complete delivery of the rail linkages to the Bunbury Port capable of meeting export growth and distributing on a national scale including the increase of axle loads and crossing loop extensions. This includes:
 - Completion of the dualling and grade separation of South West Main Railway Line Brunswick to Bunbury, where current bottleneck issues are being experienced, to create additional capacity.
 - Developing a spur freight rail into Kemerton
 - Government to advise of their firm position on whether the integrated Freight Network will proceed for the area of Greenbushes to allow the region to future plan.

CLIMATE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION

There is the need for new approaches to sustainable development that take into account complex interactions between climate and social and ecological systems.

Local governments are experiencing increasing pressure from the community to demonstrate climate mitigation and adaptation measures as we are at the forefront of responding to the impacts of events including as bushfires, severe weather events and other natural hazards.

These events present serious challenges to local government and test our capacity to adapt but there is the need for local governments to identify areas of potential risk and identify strategies and resources to mitigate or reduce these risks.



THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- Increased funding and resourcing for additional climate mitigation and adaptation strategies and initiatives relating to increased bushfire risks, coastal erosion and availability of water for agriculture.
- Ongoing Investment in renewable of energy in the South West region.

REGIONAL WASTE SOLUTION

The identification and development of a long-term waste solution for the South West region is a critical priority. Such a solution will need to include new and emerging technologies to optimise waste management processes and minimise landfill. Ultimately, all regional waste would be recycled into energy production or an alternative.

The South West is a growing economy with a population of over 180,000 people which generates over 115,000 tonnes of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) each year. The quality of waste facilities within the region provides a real opportunity to lead waste practices in Western Australia.

The South West Regional Waste Group is an informal collaboration between the twelve land-based Councils of the Bunbury-Geographic, the Vasse and the Warren-Blackwood economic areas, the Bunbury Harvey Regional Council and the South West Development Commission in a supporting role.

This regional approach to managing waste issues coordinates the pursuit of opportunities that could most benefit the region.

The South West Regional Waste Group has now formed a new alliance, the South West Sustainability Alliance (SWA) which is a collaborative initiative between the South West Regional Waste Group, Regional Development Australia, Bunbury-Harvey Regional Council, South West Development Commission, the Noongar Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Main Roads WA.



THE SOUTH WEST REQUESTS:

- The State Government to recognise and support the South West Sustainability Alliance (SWSA) acknowledging that there is the need to find a long-term waste solution for the South West Region.
- A commitment of \$5M to support the utilisation of waste streams such as glass, plastics, tyres and construction and demolition wastes to provide sustainable recycled products into the future and a further commitment of \$25M towards the delivery of capital development for new and emerging technologies to optimise waste management processes and minimise landfill as a South West solution.



WALGA SOUTH WEST ZONE AGENDA ITEM

Submitting Council	City of Bunbury
Meeting Date	26 June 2020
Subject	SW Group – Election Priorities
Recommendation	That the SW WALGA Zone note the South West Regional Election Priorities Advocation Manifesto
In Brief	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To prioritise key projects, policy positions or requests to inform the development of a pre-election manifesto to guide regional advocacy with election candidates before, during and after the 2021 State Election campaign• Election Manifesto Prioritisation Workshop Agenda was held Friday 26 June and a list prepared.• CEO's met Friday 24 July to review and further develop the priorities
Background	<p>The state election sees an opportunity for members to canvass candidates running with the intention of securing funding to assist with these projects as part of the 2021 State Election campaign.</p> <p>In conjunction with the last Zone Meeting in Boyup Brook, the workshop was held resulting in a draft election priorities manifesto.</p> <p>The draft election priorities document was kept really high level to provide a general overview of the issues and then some discussion of the ultimate aim.</p> <p>It was noted that the Key Considerations discussed by members at previous zone meetings identified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The election manifesto should include six to ten proposals of regional significance.

	<p>2. Proposals can include infrastructure projects, legislative changes, partnerships, but must be strategic and regionally significant.</p> <p>3. The South West Region Election Manifesto will integrate with election advocacy on a tiered basis:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WALGA will develop advocacy covering state-wide local government sector issues • The South West Zone will develop a regional manifesto outlining six to ten proposals of regional significance • Each Local Government will advocate for local priorities with election candidates <p>4. The Election Manifesto is an advocacy document.</p>
<p>Comment</p>	<p>In preparation for upcoming the State Government Election, the twelve Local Government Authorities have jointly met to develop and agree to a list projects which may be delivered through a collective regional approach. These projects align with Government objectives which relating to jobs and skills; infrastructure and investment; liveability and sustainability; innovation and digital opportunities; governance, planning and regulation and housing. The attached information pages provide further details on what the Group believe are key to social and economic prosperity under the topics of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Regional Liveability ✓ Regional Aviation and Busselton-Margaret River Airport ✓ Regional Road Network ✓ Bunbury Port Expansion ✓ Advance Manufacturing Hub ✓ Timber Industry Development ✓ Regional Waste Solution ✓ Climate Mitigation and Adaption <p>These areas include not only infrastructure that will deliver significant regional benefits but also generate employment opportunities and delivery of the projects/requests will provide improved regional outcomes and assist in enhancing the economic, social and health benefits for the South West Region.</p> <p>In previous discussion, the assessment of projects to be put forward were around the following two criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value to the region – consider the regional benefits of each proposal in terms of its economic, social, societal, environmental or other impact

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility – consider the feasibility of each proposal in terms of the current context, financial cost, political appetite, and other barriers to the proposal. <p>At a meeting of CEO's of the SW Zone held Friday 24th July, the group further broadened the items from the Workshop and as a result, the attached draft brochure of the electoral priorities has been produced.</p>
Any other implications	
Attachments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Draft Candidate Covering Letter 2. South West Group Election Priorities'