

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

FORTY-FIFTH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TWENTIETH COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2010

MEMBERS: The Right Worshipful, Lord Mayor, Mr G R Sawyer (Chairman); Member J D Bailey; Member R T Dee; Member R K Elix; Member H I Galton; Member G A Lambert; Member R Lesley; Member F P Marrone; Member A R Mitchell; Member K M Moir; Member J L Sangster; Member H D Sjoberg.

OFFICERS: Chief Executive Officer, Mr B P Dowd; General Manager Corporate Services, Mr F Crawley; General Manager Infrastructure, Mr L Cercarelli; General Manager Community & Cultural Services, Mr J Banks; Committee Administrator, Ms L Elmer.

GUESTS: Members of the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets Association, Ms Kylie McCourt, Mr Peter Shepherd and Ms Lisette Monsello will be in attendance from 5.45 p.m. to brief the Council on Mindil Beach Sunset Markets.

Mr Craig Rowe of CL Rowe & Associates will be in attendance from 6.15 p.m. to brief the Council on the Review of Constitutional Arrangements (Electoral Review).

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1 ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

2 THE LORD'S PRAYER

3 MEETING DECLARED OPEN

4 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

4.1 Apologies

4.2 Leave of Absence Granted

THAT it be noted that Member R T Dee is an apology due to a Leave of Absence being previously granted on 13 April 2010 for the period 23 – 28 April 2010.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

4.3 Leave of Absence Requested

5 DECLARATION OF INTEREST OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

6 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS/S**6.1 Confirmation of the Previous Ordinary Council Meeting**

- A. THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Ordinary Council Meeting held on Tuesday, 13 April 2010, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.
- B. THAT the programme of the Inauguration Ceremony for the newly Elected Chan Ward Alderman held on Tuesday, 27 April 2010, be confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that ceremony.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

6.2 Confirmation of the Previous Special Council Meeting

THAT the tabled minutes of the previous Special Council Meeting held on Wednesday, 21 April 2010, be received and confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings of that meeting.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

7 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S**7.1 Business Arising****8 MATTERS OF PUBLIC IMPORTANCE**

9 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS**9.1 Mindil Beach Sunset Markets**

Common No. 1664030

Members of the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets Association, Ms Kylie Mc Court, Mr Peter Shepherd and Ms Lisette Monsello will be in attendance from 5.45 p.m. to brief the Council on Mindil Beach Sunset Markets.

THAT the presentation from the Mindil Beach Sunset Markets Association regarding Mindil Beach Sunset Markets, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

9 DEPUTATIONS AND BRIEFINGS

9.2 Review of Constitutional Arrangements (Electoral Review).

Craig Rowe of CL Rowe & Associates will be in attendance from 6.15 p.m. to brief the Council on the Review of Constitutional Arrangements (Electoral Review).

THAT the presentation from CL Rowe & Associates regarding the Review of Constitutional Arrangements (Electoral Review)., be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

Please Note that the Report Number 09TC0079 (10/12/09) entitled, Review of Constitutional Arrangements (Electoral Review) has been attached under a Separate Cover for your information.

10 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS****11.1 Closure to the Public for Confidential Items**

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential matters referred from Committees including Confidential Committee Items, and the following Items:-

<u>Item</u>	<u>Regulation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
C29.1	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
C29.2	8(c)(iv)	Information that would, if publicly disclosed, be likely to prejudice the interests of the council or some other person.
C29.3	8(e)	Information provided to the council on condition that it be kept confidential.

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11.2 Moving Open Items Into Confidential**11.3 Moving Confidential Items Into Open**

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12 PETITIONS

Nil

13 NOTICES OF MOTION

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2010

1 NT Licensing Commissions Public Restricted Areas
Common Number. 1062006

THAT the incoming letter from the Northern Territory Licensing Commission, Acting Executive Officer Ms Karyn Ellis, dated 26 February 2010, regarding the Commission's Decision on the Review of the Declaration of Bicentennial Park, The Rapid Creek and Nightcliff Foreshores and Areas of Coconut Grove as Public Restricted Areas, Document Number 1750301, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

2 Tennis NT Request for Sponsorship
Common No. 1774992

- A. THAT the incoming correspondence from Tennis NT, regarding a sponsorship proposal, dated 9 April 2010, Document Number 1774992 be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council enter into a three year sponsorship with Tennis NT to the value of \$7500 + GST per year, commencing 2010, be received and noted.
- C. THAT Darwin City Council pursuant to Section 32 (2) of the Local Government Act 2008 hereby delegates to the Chief Executive Officer for the time being the power to negotiate and finalise the agreement.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2010

3 Community & Cultural Services Team Report – March 2010

Report No. 10C0044 KH:es (01/04/10) Common No. 1733166

THAT Report Number 10C0044 KH:es entitled, Community & Cultural Services Team Report – March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

4 Libraries Information Update for March 2010

Report No. 10P0004 KC:kl (01/04/10) Common No. 173252

THAT Report Number 10P0004 KC:kl entitled, Libraries Information Update for March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

5 Regulatory Services Monthly Update – March 2010

Report No. 10C0043 DN:mh (01/04/10) Common No. 1330602

THAT Report Number 10C0043 DN:mh entitled, Regulatory Services Update March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2010

6 Youth Advisory Group Minutes 3 March 2010, Appointment of New Members & Resignations

Report No. 10C0046 KL:es (01/04/10) Common No. 1747277

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0046 KL:es entitled, Youth Advisory Group Minutes 3 March 2010, Appointment of New Members and resignations, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council appoint Olivier Hasan-Fourcard, Joel Lawton and David Quested as members of the Youth Advisory Group for a 3 year term from 30 April 2010 to 29 April 2013 in accordance with Section 54 of the NT Local Government Act 2008.
- C. THAT Council receive the resignations of Shana Stringer, Tom Wickham and Candy Wang.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/043/10)

7 Update on Further Sites for Community use of Fireworks on Territory Day

Report No. 10C0045 AF:kl (01/04/10) Common No. 1176862

THAT Report Number 10C0045 entitled, Update on Further Sites for Community Use of Fireworks on Territory Day, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2010

8 Overview of the Concepts and Viability of The Development of a Pet Park in Darwin

Report No. 10C0036 AF:kl (01/04/10) Common No. 1701432

- A. THAT the Report Number 10C0036 AF:kl entitled, Overview of the Concepts and Viability of the Development of a Pet Park in Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT in view of the substantial capital costs associated with the establishment off lead pet park in Darwin, Council explore alternative models for the provision of off lead dog exercise.
- C. THAT Council refers \$25,000 (\$20,000 operational and \$5,000 equipment) to 2010/2011 budget for the purpose of funding a dog training and off-lead exercise area.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2010

9 Update on Status of Council's Gardens Amphitheatre and Recommendation to Proceed to an Expression of Interest for the Purpose of it's Management

Report No. 10C0013 AF:kl (01/04/10) Common No. 1770510

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0013 AF:kl entitled, Update on Status of Council's Gardens Amphitheatre and Recommendation to Proceed to an Expression of Interest for the Purpose of its Management., be received and noted.
- B. THAT for the time being no amendment be made to the current Management of the Amphitheatre pending a review of Council's Policy.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

10 Alternatives to Illegal Camping in Darwin

Report No. 10C0042 AF:kl (01/04/10) Common No. 1601021

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0042 AF:kl entitled, Alternatives to Illegal Camping in Darwin, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council commences the exploration of potential sites for the purpose of the development of an overflow facility to cater for Travellers.
- C. THAT Council erects additional signage at the Esplanade, Vestey's Beach, East Point, Mindil Beach and other locations, as required, indicating the illegality of camping in universal pictorials and multiple languages.
- D. THAT Council strictly enforce By-law 103 associated with illegal camping in the Darwin municipality.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2010

11 Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee Minutes 23 March 2010 & Budgetary Recommendations

Report No. 10C0047 (01/04/10) Common No. 1763370

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0047 KH:mrg entitled, Kalymnos Sister City Community Committee Minutes 23 March 2010 and Budgetary Recommendations be received and noted.
- B. THAT funding allocated to the Kalymnos Sister City be retained pending a review of current projects.

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14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.1 COMMUNITY & CULTURAL SERVICES (12/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R Lesley**

Recommendations from the Community & Cultural Services Committee Meeting held on Monday, 12 April 2010

12 Dili Sister City Community Committee Minutes 23 March 2010 & Project Proposals

Report No. 10C0048 KH:kl (01/04/10) Common No. 1765459

- A. THAT Report Number 10C0048 KH:kl entitled, Dili Sister City Community Committee Minutes 23 March 2010 and Project Proposals, be received and noted.
- B. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee has committed its funds for community development programs however raises no objection to the development of a Sister Cities garden, and recommends that establishment costs be sought external to committee budget allocations.
- C. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee recommend that \$4000 in annual project funds, coupled with the fundraising dollar match, totaling \$5245.40 for 2009/10 from Budget Item 05/224001 be expended as follows:
 - i) Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor Foundation (FHRT) Internet cafe seed funding and computer replacement program - \$2245.00.
 - ii) Canossian Convent Orphanage – provision and freight of sewing machine(s) - \$3000.00.
- D. THAT the Dili Sister City Community Committee, in partnership with the Youth Advisory Group conduct a quiz night to raise funds for Fundasaun Hafoun Rai Timor internet connection project and request that Council note this event as a Committee project in which application will be made for dollar for dollar matching of funds raised up to \$1000.

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14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (20/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 April, 2010

1 Corporate Services Monthly Report - March 2010

Report No. 10A0050 (09/04/10) Common No. 339108

THAT Report Number 10A0050 entitled, Corporate Services Monthly Report – March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

2 Listing of Cheques/EFT Payments - March 2010

Report No. 10A0051 (09/04/10) Common No. 339125

THAT Report Number 10A0051 entitled, Listing of Cheques / EFT Payments – March 2010 be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

3 Financial Report to Council – March 2010

Report No. 10A0052 (09/04/10) Common No. 381402

THAT Report Number 10A0052 entitled, Financial Report to Council – March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (20/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 April, 2010

4 Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor during March 2010
Report No. 10TC022 BD:fm (09/04/10) Common No. 381402

THAT THAT Report Number 10TC022 entitled, Invitations Accepted or Declined by the Lord Mayor during March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

5 Monthly on-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – March 2010
Report No. 10A0053 (09/04/10) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 10A0053 entitled Monthly On-Street and Off-Street Parking Statistics – March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

6 Register of Elected Members Professional Development Activities and Lord Mayor Donations/Grants from January to March 2010
Report No. 10TC023 BD:fm (31/03/10) Common No. 315321

THAT Report Number 10TC023BDfm entitled, Register of Elected Members Professional Development Activities and Lord Mayor Donations / Grants from January to March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.2 CORPORATE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (20/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member K M Moir**

Recommendations from the Corporate & Economic Development Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 20 April, 2010

7 Alfresco Permits – Shenannigans Irish Pub and the Deck Bar

Report No. 10A0061 (20/04/10) Common No. 486740

- A. THAT Report Number 10A0061 entitled, Alfresco Permits – Shenannigans Irish Pub and The Deck Bar, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council issue an alfresco permit to Shenannigans Irish Pub Pty Ltd for a further five (5) years to 16 May 2018.
- C. THAT Council issue an alfresco permit to Brewhouse Pty Ltd trading as The Deck Bar for five (5) years to 14 April 2015.
- D. THAT a report on current Alfresco permits be presented to a Corporate & Economic Development Committee meeting, and a further report of the impact of new NT Legislation on Alfresco dining be prepared.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

8 On-Street Car Parking Occupancy Calculation

Report No. 10A0063 FC:lc (20/04/10) Common No. 376351

THAT Report Number 10A0063 entitled, On-Street Car Parking Occupancy Calculation, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 April 2010

1 Climate Change and Environment Report – April 2010 Update
Report No. 10TS0057PR (12/04/10) Common No. 1777700

THAT Report Number 10TS0057PR entitled, Climate Change and Environment Report - April 2010 Update, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

2 Power Water Corporation – Underground Power Project Update
Report No. 10TS0064KS:nh (30/03/10) Common No. 1432727

THAT Report Number 10TS0064KS:nh entitled, Power Water Corporation – Underground Power Project Update, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

3 Capital Works Interim – March 2010
Report No. 10TS0066SMCD (06/04/10) Common No. 1541601

THAT Report Number 10TS0066 SMCD entitled, Capital Works Interim - March 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 April 2010

4 MY0800 Darwin City Revitalisation Project – Progress Report April 2010 (Entire Project)

Report No. 10TS0067 DC:sv (09/03/10) Common No. 1486204

THAT Report Number 10TS0067 DC:sv entitled, MY0800 Darwin City Revitalisation Project - Progress Report April 2010 (Entire Project), be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

5 Connecting Darwin: Building New Cycle Linkages Project – April 2010 Progress Report

Report No. 10TS0068 DL:sv (06/04/10) Common No. 1110707

THAT Report Number 10TS0068 DL:sv entitled, Connecting Darwin: Building New Cycle Linkages Project - April 2010 Progress Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 April 2010

6 Riparian Waterway Protection Management Policy

Report No. 10TS0033 PR (22/03/10) Common No. 220277

- A. THAT Report Number 10TS0033PR entitled Riparian Waterway Protection Management Policy, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council continue to implement and review the recommendations and actions for Riparian Waterway Protection through implementing the actions contained in the Darwin City Council – Greening Australia NT: Rapid Creek Management Plan.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

7 Cavenagh Street Roads To Recovery Project – Progress Report April 2010

Report No. 10TS0070 DL:sv (06/04/10) Common No. 223527

THAT Report Number 10TS0070 DL:sv entitled Cavenagh Street Roads To Recovery Project - Progress Report April 2010, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

14 COMMITTEE REPORTS**14.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/04/10)****Presentation of Report by Chairman - Member R K Elix**

Recommendations from the Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting held on Monday, 19 April 2010

8 Waste and Recycling January – March 2010 Quarterly Report
 Report No. 10TS0074JW:PFL (12/04/10) Common No. 1738353

THAT Report Number 10TS0074JW:PFL entitled, Waste and Recycling January – March 2010 Quarterly Report, be received and noted.

DECISION NO.20\() (27/04/10)

15 OFFICERS REPORTS

15.1 National General Assembly of Local Government 2010 Report No.10TC0026 BD:ah (27/04/10) Common No. 1762986

Report Number 10TC0026 BD:ah attached.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
REPORT

DATE: 27/04/2010

TO: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: AH

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED: BD

REPORT NO: 10TC0026

APPROVED:

COMMON NO: 1762986

SUBJECT: NATIONAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2010

ITEM NO: 15.1**SYNOPSIS:**

The Australian Local Government Association will be holding the National General Assembly in Canberra from 14 – 17 June 2010. This year's Assembly will address the challenges of Population, Participation and Productivity.

This year's speakers will include:-

Prime Minister – Hon. Kevin Rudd
Minister for Climate Change – Senator Penny Wong
Minister for Local Government – Hon. Anthony Albanese MP
Leader of the Greens – Senator Bob Brown
Leader of the Nationals – Hon Warren Truss MP; and
Leader of the Opposition – Hon Tony Abbott MP.

Relevant papers are contained in **Attachment A**.

As Darwin City Council is the Chair of the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) and as Co-Chair of the Major Cities Working Group (MCWG), staff feel that it is important to support our current "National Urban Policy" campaign by submitting a motion for inclusion in the discussion papers.

GENERAL:

Following a meeting that the CCCLM had with the Prime Minister in August 2009, the Major Cities Working Group was established to ensure that the PM's call for the future of Australia's cities to accommodate significant population growth is managed effectively.

The strategic objectives of the MCWG are based around developing a tripartite agreement to drive coordinated strategic planning and deliver outcomes within our major cities with the focus being around the elements that the PM spoke of in his "Building a Big Australia: Future Planning Needs of our Major Cities".

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The CEO's of the MCWG had their first face to face meeting on 18 March 2010 in Sydney. At the meeting chaired by the Darwin CEO, it was agreed that the sole focus of the group will be "national urban policy and related initiatives focussed on productivity, affordability, liveability and sustainability".

It was also agreed that the contents that the MCWG will put forward as input into the Federal government's development of a National Urban Policy, would reflect the key themes of the State of our Australian Cities 2010 report including the principles of a tripartite model.

It is therefore the intention of Darwin City Council's submission to the National General Assembly of Local Government to reinforce the importance of the National Urban Policy and ensure that all parties (i.e. ALGA, ACLG & COAG) are working with local governments to ensure that the National Urban Policy meets the needs and expectations of Australian cities. Please refer to **Attachment B** for the proposed submission.

(Please note, this years submissions are limited to 600 characters per question).

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

EVOLVING DARWIN STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Outcomes of the Evolving Darwin, Towards 2020 Strategic Plan:

Goal

1. Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

Outcome

- 1.1 Improve relations with all levels of Government

Goal

6. Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome

- 6.1 Increase Council's Profile

Goal

7. Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

Outcome

- 7.1 Effective Governance

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

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PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Raise the profile of Darwin City Council in the national arena

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

N/A

DELEGATION:

N/A

CONSULTATION:

- All cities involved in the Major Cities Working Group, these being:
 - Brisbane City Council
 - Gold Coast City Council
 - City of Sydney
 - City of Newcastle (Co-chair)
 - Wollongong City Council
 - ACT Dept of Territory & Municipal Services
 - City of Melbourne
 - City of Greater Geelong
 - Hobart City Council
 - Adelaide City Council
 - City of Perth
 - CCCLM Secretariat

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

N/A

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE:

N/A

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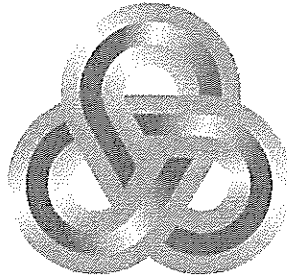
RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. THAT Report Number 10TC0026 entitled, National General Assembly of Local Government 2010, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse the submission of the motion to the National General Assembly, as contained in **Attachment B** to Report Number 10TC0026..

ANNE HAMMOND
MANAGER STRATEGY AND OUTCOMES

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Any queries on this report may be directed to Anne Hammond on 88930 0531 or a.hammond@darwin.nt.gov.au



AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2010 National General Assembly of Local Government

Discussion Paper Population, Participation and Productivity

**Prepared by the Australian Local Government Association to help councils develop motions for the 2010
National General Assembly for Local Government.**

Preamble

The themes for the 2010 National General Assembly for Local Government (NGA) are: population, participation and productivity. The issues discussed in this paper aim to assist councils to develop motions for the 2010 NGA. This paper will discuss a limited range of key policy issues that arise from consideration of recent Australian Treasury forecasts for each of the themes. While the themes are not mutually exclusive, they are discussed separately to help focus attention on specific initiatives that could assist local government to address the challenges of population, participation and productivity. It is anticipated that motions for the 2010 NGA will outline credible ideas and policy initiatives that will strengthen local government's capacity to respond to the social, economic and environmental changes that shape Australia's future.

Introduction

In January 2010 the Australian Government released *Australia to 2050 future challenges*. The report is the third in a series of Intergenerational Reports which have been prepared by the Australian Treasury to provide a comprehensive analysis of the challenges that Australia will face over the next forty years. The *Intergenerational Reports 2002, 2007 and 2010* have provides a series of up-dated forecasts on Australia's future population, participation (particularly in the workforce) and national productivity.¹

The *Intergenerational Report 2010* (IGR3) shows that demographic and other factors will pose substantial challenges for economic growth and long-term fiscal sustainability [for the Australian Government]. Some key projections included in IGR3 are:

- the population will increase from the current 22 million to 35.9 million in 2050;
- it is expected that the number of older people (65 to 84 years) will more than double and the numbers of people over 85 years will more than quadruple over the next 40 years;
- the number of traditional working aged people to support each retiree is expected to fall from 5 people to 2.7 people by 2050;
- the annual growth of real GDP per person is expected to slow to 1.5 per cent by 2050, compared to an average of 1.9 per cent for the previous 40 years;
- substantial fiscal pressures will emerge due to projected increases in spending, particularly in the areas of health, age pensions and aged care.

In addition to the 3 Ps analysis, the 2010 IGR also discusses climate change. This was not discussed in IGR1 or IGR2.

¹ At the national level population, participation and productivity ('the 3 Ps' as they are now collectively known) have largely been accepted as the three principal drivers of economic growth (measured as GDP).

While these forecasts are prepared by the Australian Treasury and focus primarily on macro or national settings, the challenges identified have significant implications for all levels of government. Each level of government will need to determine its own policy responses to these challenges but, it is important to recognize that the decisions of one level of government will often impact upon another.

In responding to these challenges the Australian Government has a range of policy levers that could: a) change the projected outcomes, and b) manage the impacts of the '3 Ps'. However, it is important to recognize that ultimately the policy mix that is used by the Australian Government to achieve a desired outcome will raise a wide range of issues that will impact on local communities and local government. For example, while the Australian Government has responsibility for setting immigration targets, state, territory and local governments are often required to implement settlement initiatives through providing education (by the State) and / or social programs, orientation programs and culturally appropriate accessible services to new residents often without additional resources.

The 2010 NGA provides local government from across the country with the opportunity to consider the implications of a high population growth scenario, the ageing of the population and associated issues identified by the Australian Treasury, with a view to identifying solutions that will assist councils to meet the future challenges in providing services and infrastructure at the local level.

Key policy issues discussed in this paper are:

Population

- Demographics.
- Migration;
- Planning;
- Major cities; and
- Transport

Participation

- Workforce
- Employment
 - Under employment
- Skills shortage

Productivity

- Economic development
- Broadband
- Climate Change

Population

IGR3 forecasts that the population of Australia will increase from the current 22 million to 35.9 million by 2050. This is based on a projected average annual rate of population growth of 1.2. per cent over the next 40 years. The population will grow through natural birth rates and migration. Treasury forecasts assume that fertility rates are broadly consistent with current levels and migration levels provide an increase at a rate equivalent to 0.6 per cent of total population per annum on average.

While this projection describes the overall changes in the national population there is no data regarding geographic distribution or local and regional impacts. Over the past 10 year, ALGA's State of the Regions Report (SOR), prepared by National Economics, has reported population and age group details of 65 regions along with a number of other key socio-economic indicators such as income, regional productivity. These reports show a significant regional disparity in social and economic outcomes including growth rate (and decline) in population and economic activity. SOR also shows the significant growth pressures on a number of major regional centers as well as the consistent growth in capital cities.

Question:

Recognising the growth in the population will have different impacts upon local and regional communities, what if any national policy initiatives could assist local government to meet changes in population particularly in local government areas that will experience rapid population growth or declining populations?

Demographic Structure

Table 1 shows estimates of the Australian population by age group from the period 1967 to 2047.

Table 1: Australian population history and projections

Age range	1970	2010	2020	2030	2040	2050
Population as at 30 June (millions of people)						
0-14	3.6	4.2	4.9	5.4	5.7	6.2
15-64	7.9	15.0	16.6	18.2	20.0	21.6
65-84	1.0	2.6	3.7	4.8	5.6	6.3
85 and over	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.8
Total	12.5	22.2	25.7	29.2	32.6	35.9
Percentage of total population						
0-14	28.8	19.1	19.0	18.3	17.4	17.2
15-64	62.8	67.4	64.7	62.4	61.3	60.2
65-84	7.8	11.7	14.3	16.6	17.2	17.6
85 and over	0.5	1.8	2.1	2.7	4.0	5.1

Source: ABS cat. no. 3105.0.65.001 (2008) and Treasury projections. Australia to 2050 future challenges January 2010.

Table 1 shows a decrease in the 15 – 64 years as a proportion of the total population from 67.4 per cent to 60.2 per cent over the next 40 years, and an increase in the 65 – 84 years from 11.7 per cent to 17.6 per cent, and 85 years and over rising from 1.8 per cent to 5.1 per cent of the total population.

While table 1 clearly shows the ageing of the population, it provides no insight into the regional and local impact of the ageing population. Successive SoR reports have indicated that there is already a significant trend toward the ageing of the population in particular regions such as ‘lifestyle region’ on the coast areas where retirees migrate to settle, as well as ageing and decline in population in production regions including agriculture areas.

IGR3 highlights that demographic factors such as ageing will place significant pressure on demand for government services, in particular health. Total Australian Government spending on ageing and health, without actions to curtail spending growth, will increase over the next 40 years to around 27.1 per cent of GDP from the current level just over 22.4 per cent. Spending on pharmaceutical benefits is projected to grow faster than Australian Government spending on hospitals, medical benefits and other areas.

Questions:

Noting the ageing of the population what role should local government play in addressing the needs of older Australians?

Noting the projected spending pressure on health in particular, are there specific policy initiatives that local government could implement nationally to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of future health budgets, in particular in health promotion including healthier lifestyle programs?

What if any specific policy initiatives could local government implement nationally to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of aged care spending?

Migration

There are a number of variables that will affect the actual population outcomes by 2050 including net overseas migration. Australia has had and continues to have a very active migration program.

In 2008 – 09 Australia’s intake of permanent migrants was 232,598. This was comprised of 114,777 in the skilled stream, 56,366 in the family stream, a small number in the special eligibility stream, 13,500 refugee and 47,780 New Zealanders. A further 657,124 temporary migrants with a right to work, including students, arrived in Australia in 2008 – 09.

Each year the Australian Government conducts consultation on the make-up of the Australian migration program, which includes permanent migration (skilled and family) and temporary migration (skilled and student). IGR3 forecasts are based on continued migration at a rate

equivalent to 0.6 per cent of total population per annum on average which is consistent with the average over the past 40 years.

Ultimately it is the Australian Government's responsibility to determine migration policy and the implementation of the migration program. However, there are significant implications for the states and territory governments as well as local government which result from these decisions. These implications relate to the provision of settlement services as well as core service that need to be delivered in a culturally appropriate manner to new arrivals.

If the Australian Government maintains the current level of immigration and / or increases the levels of migration to Australia, demand upon local government within regions where migrants are settled will need to respond. While there is strong evidence that many councils already have programs in place and skills to meet the challenges and opportunities of the current migration policy it is difficult to determine whether these capacities are sustainable, given competing pressures upon councils, or that services could expand to meet growing demand or different settlement patterns.

While all levels of government through the Ministerial Council for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs (MCIMA) have worked hard to attract and retain migrants to live and work in all states and in regional Australia, over many years it is estimated that more than 45 percent of overseas migrants inevitably settle in Sydney where family and other support systems are available.

Question:

Are there specific national policy initiatives that need to be developed to assist local government to meet the needs of migrants, including strategies to address settlement needs, and / or programs to attract and retain migrants to regional Australia?

Planning

Population and demographic changes are key variables in all local government planning processes.. While the governance arrangements for planning and for development may vary from state to state as a result of differences in state legislation, there are two principle forms of planning by which councils shape their communities. These are statutory planning and strategic planning.

Strategic Planning - is sometimes thought of as - 'big picture' land use planning. It is land use planning for the whole municipality or shire and / or planning for specific areas or issues confronting the community. This may include identifying future development and conservation areas, revitalising business districts or managing pressures resulting from population growth and demographic change. Strategic Planning determines what is needed, when it is needed, where and what type of development can take place and how this can be achieved. Strategic planning is important because it provides a policy framework to plan for

the future needs of an area in a considered manner and with the input of key stakeholders and the community.

In short it seeks to influence the direction of change to achieve the greatest overall benefit to existing and future residents and establishes the policy and strategic framework used in the statutory planning process.

Question:

Are there additional tools, information and support at the national level which would assist local government to improve the way in which population changes are considered and accounted for in local strategic plans?

Statutory Planning – or the process that deals with the assessment of development applications. Development assessment is a planning tool used by governments to regulate the use and development of land. It is the mechanism by which state, territory and local government legally control what can be developed and where this may take place in the community's interest. Traditionally this planning activity was referred to as development control but the term development assessment is now more commonly used.

During the last few years state and local governments have actively pursued reform in statutory planning processes. While some reforms have been jurisdictionally based, there has been a high degree of national collaboration through the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council (LGPMC) and the Council of Australian Governments (COAG), which has sought to achieve national consistency where appropriate.

Generally, the reforms to-date have focused on 'streamlining' the everyday process of dealing with applications for a planning permit/development approval, particularly for housing. For example, following successful advocacy by ALGA, the Australian Government allocated \$30 million nationally (from the Housing Affordability Fund) to facilitate the implementation of electronic development assessment. The aim of this initiative is to assist all the stakeholders involved in the development approvals (DA) planning process to benefit from a more efficient and transparent planning and assessment process, (this includes lodgment of applications, referrals to third parties, public notification and determinations).

Other reforms being pursued by the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council (LGPMC) include: a roadmap for electronic development assessment (eDA) implementation; increased harmonisation of complying code development assessment standards particularly relating to low impact single story residential developments; a national DA performance reporting card to be released by June 2010; and national principles for good practice planning systems.

Despite these ongoing reforms, further reform options under consideration include:

- a) streamlining of decision making and processes to reduce inconsistency within and between councils;
- b) development levies;
- c) streamlining the process for multi-unit dwellings.

At a national level one of the primary purposes of these reforms is to increase the supply of housing in particular in a timely manner and in sufficient quantity and to maintain housing affordability.

Question:

Recognising the potential increase in population and the ageing of the population, are there any additional planning reforms and / or policy initiatives that would facilitate planning for more sustainable communities?

In particular, are there any:

- **Reforms that could be introduced to help streamline decision making and to reduce inconsistency within and between councils?**
- **Reforms to developer levies to provide important community infrastructure?**
- **Reforms to the planning and development approvals process to facilitate multi-unit dwellings?**

Major Cities

Demographers predict that with a national population of 35.9 million, Sydney and Melbourne will be cities of around 7 million people each, and South East Queensland will have a population somewhere between 5 and 6 million. To accommodate these numbers the size and shape of Australian cities will change and arguably some of the traditional ways of doing things will need to be reviewed.

To ensure that capital cities are well placed to meet the challenges of the future COAG established a Cities and Infrastructure Planning Taskforce in April 2009 to examine existing strategic planning frameworks within jurisdictions to ensure they support the ongoing integration of state and national infrastructure in major metropolitan cities. At its December 2009 meeting COAG agreed to national criteria for capital city strategic planning systems. (The National Objective and Criteria for Future Strategic Planning of Capital Cities are attached see end notes).

COAG agreed that by 1 January 2012 all states will have in place plans that meet the national criteria and noted that the Commonwealth will link future infrastructure funding decisions to satisfy these criteria. These reforms seek to secure better outcomes from investments made by all governments and are also designed to strengthen public confidence in planning systems.

In 2008, the Australian Government established the Major Cities Unit with the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government. This was an election commitment and indicated a clear commitment of the Australian Government to

become increasingly engaged in policies that impact on Australia's major cities. It is expected that the Government will release its Urban Policy in the first half of 2010.

Question:

Noting that the states and territories have constitutional responsibility for planning and the COAG agreement that requires all states to have in place plans capital city that meet the national strategic planning criteria, how should local government be involved in the development of or assessment of these capital city plans? What role if any should the Australian Government play in supporting local government's involvement?

Transport

Growth in the population will significantly increase demand for transportation of passengers and freight, and, consequently will place considerable pressure on Australia's transport system. The Bureau of Infrastructure Transport Economics (BITRE) estimate that interstate freight alone will increase at 3.4 per cent per year until 2030.

Each year ALGA convenes a National Local Roads and Transport Congress. In 2009 Congress (held in Mackay Queensland) resolved to '... endorse the need for the ALGA Board to update the Local Government Roads and Transport Strategy 2006–2016' to reflect the current policy and economic environment as well as taking into account the position adopted by delegates on the key issues [set out below]' .

Key issues discussed include the need for:

- permanent and certain funding arrangements for local roads;
- establishment of transport and planning systems that improve amenity, public transport, social inclusion, freight efficiency and provide viable alternatives to the private car;
- Australian cities to be adequately serviced with public transport to provide viable alternatives to the private car and to meet existing and future population growth;
- equitable access, particularly to essential services, for all regional communities;
- reducing road deaths and serious injuries on local roads;
- efficient movement of freight through local communities in a way that recognizes community concerns for safety and amenity; and
- access to an appropriately skilled workforce to ensure long term sustainability of local road and transport systems.

The ALGA Board is currently revising the Local Government Roads and Transport Strategy 2006–2016' to address these issues in detail and the revised strategy will be launched the 2010 National General Assembly.

To provide the maximum amount of time to consider and debate new policy options and to avoid duplication, it is envisaged that 2010 NGA motions will not consider passenger or freight transport issues as they are being comprehensively addressed by the ALGA Board following the National Local Roads and transport Congress.

Participation

IGR3 shows that population ageing is projected to result in a declining labour force participation rate i.e., a fall in the proportion of people aged 15 and over in the labour force, gradually falling average hours worked and falling growth in the share of the population that is working. A further implication is that the number of traditional working aged people to support each retiree is expected to fall from 5 people to 2.7 people by 2050.

Declining labour force participation and slower growth will place pressure on Australian living standards. Treasury forecasts average annual growth in real GDP per person will slow from 1.9 per cent over the past 40 years to 1.5 per cent over the next 40 years. Real economic growth will slow from an annual average over the past 40 years of 3.3 per cent per year to 2.7 per cent a year.

If living standards are to be maintained or potentially increased Australia will need to produce more output with proportionately fewer workers and to adopt strategies that will increase labour force participation. Over recent years the Australian Government has pursued a number of strategies designed to provide incentives to work such as personal income tax cuts, increases in the Child Care Rebate and the introduction of Paid Parental Leave. More may need to be done.

At a local government level declining labour force participation could be expected to exacerbate skills shortages and highlight the need for increased productivity gains. This may require new ways of doing things including attracting and retaining skilled labour, the provision of flexible employment arrangement to allow people to remain at or come back to work after the normal retirement age, as well as the adoption of new labour saving technologies.

At a national level the Local Government and Planning Ministers Council (LGPMC) of which ALGA is a member is currently developing a National Local Government Workforce Strategy.

Question:

Noting the forecast decline in labour force participation nationally are there specific initiatives that may assist local government to attract and retain skilled labour within the sector?

Productivity

The key to higher economic growth in the face of an ageing population is productivity. A key finding of IGR3 is that policies which support higher productivity, including investment in nation building infrastructure and skills and education, will raise economic growth, improve living standards and enhance Australia's capacity to fund the fiscal pressures of an ageing population.

Local government has a key role to play in the provision of a range of support services and infrastructure that underpin local and regional economic development and therefore play an essential part in achieving higher productivity.

However, in a study commissioned by ALGA and produced by PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PwC)² in 2006, it was estimated that the infrastructure renewals backlog for local government nationally was \$14.5 billion. The report revealed there was an annual underspend of \$1.1 billion, creating a funding gap to clear the backlog and correct the underspend of \$2.16 billion per annum.

As previously noted, it is not intended to discuss the critical role of **transport and transport infrastructure** in this paper as the ALGA Board is currently revising the Local Government Roads and Transport Strategy 2006–2016 based on comprehensive consultation at the National Local Roads and Transport Congress 2009. The revised document will be launched this year's National General Assembly.

Community Infrastructure

Local government is responsible for more than \$12 billion of community infrastructure (not including local roads). This infrastructure provides the social and economic backbone for many communities throughout Australia, particularly those in rural and regional Australia.

Much of local government's existing community infrastructure is reaching the end of its economic life. Financial sustainability pressures have meant that many councils, particularly those in rural and regional areas, have deferred their investment in infrastructure renewals to meet recurrent costs caused by increased demands for services (both type and standard) and past cost and responsibility shifting by other levels of government.

In 2009 the Australian Government delivered the National Building Economic Stimulus Plan in response to the global financial crisis. Included in this package was more than \$1 billion to create jobs and invest in local government community infrastructure. Under the program guidelines projects funded not only helped to address some of the backlog in community infrastructure spending, but also contributed to new asset formation with the building of new facilities. New asset formation will require councils to make on-going provision for depreciation of these facilities, there-by impacting on council's budgets for the full life cycle of these assets.

² PwC, *National Financial Sustainability Study of Local Government* (2006).

Question:

Given the importance of local and regional infrastructure are there any national initiatives that could further assist local government to support local and regional productivity?

Broadband

IGR3 identifies the importance of competitive and efficient infrastructure, including the \$43 billion National Broadband Network (NBN), in promoting future economic growth. The Government believe that the NBN, together with telecommunications regulatory reforms, will enhance the competitive dynamics of the telecommunications sector.

Local government has strongly advocated for fast, affordable broadband for all Australians. The critical importance of reliable, accessible and affordable high speed broadband infrastructure to the national economy and the economic and social wellbeing of Australians has been detailed extensively by National Economics in the *State of the Regions* reports commissioned by ALGA. The *State of the Regions* (2007-08) report estimated that \$3.2 billion and 33,000 jobs had been lost to Australian businesses in the preceding 12 months due to inadequate broadband infrastructure. In the *State of the Regions Report* (2008-09), released in December 2008, National Economics reiterated the conclusions of previous reports that Australia's knowledge economy continued to be shackled by the lack of an equitable high speed broadband network.

To implement the NBN the Government has established the National Broadband Network Company Limited and commissioned an Implementation Study to advise on the development and roll-out of the NBN. Subject to their advice, the Government will determine the details of the full roll-out of the NBN.

Regardless of the legislative model ultimately adopted by the Australian Government for the implementation of the National Broadband Network, there will be a significant role for all levels of government and a need for a co-operative approach. There will also be a need for flexibility in the implementation approach so that it can accommodate the individual circumstances that will arise due to location, size, type and the scale of development.

To facilitate work on models for the provision of broadband in greenfield developments, the Government established a Greenfields Stakeholder Reference Group. ALGA is a member of the reference group. On 23 December 2009 the Government released an Exposure Draft: telecommunications Legislation Amendment (Fibre Development) Bill for consultation.

Question:

Given the importance of high-speed broadband to the national economy and all Australians are there any national initiatives that would assist local government facilitate the roll-outs of the NBN?

Climate Change

Australia's (and the world's) climate is changing. Addressing climate change is arguably the greatest challenge that Australia confronts. Mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to the impacts of climate change will transform the Australian economy, environment and society as a whole.

IGR3 highlights the importance the Government places upon the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS) and its role in reducing carbon emissions in a cost effective way and the importance of early action on climate change that will allow strong long-term growth by steadily transforming the economy. The CPRS is the main driver in the Government's plan to reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions. It also notes that the introduction of the CPRS will provide a significant boost to some areas of the economy including the renewable energy sector.

Local governments have shown leadership on climate change and dealing with greenhouse gases more generally. Their performance, particularly in communicating the likely impacts of local area climate change to residents, business and visitors, demonstrates aspects of community leadership that should be supported by state, territory and the Commonwealth Governments.

Whilst climate change is an issue of global significance, local councils will ultimately be responsible for the range of actions that will be needed to increase the resilience of local and regional communities to deal with the impacts of climate change, particularly those impacts that are already built into the climate system.

Adaption to the effects of climate change will have direct and indirect implications for local government. There will be regional variation as well as differences in the extent to which these impacts will affect local communities. While there will be some commonality between the potential impact upon councils, for example in coastal councils with similar climatic zones, or rural councils where similar agricultural practises / production occurs, all councils will need to make their own local and / or regional assessment of impacts and plan accordingly. Over 2007 and 2008 the Australian Government provided around \$3m available over to assist about 60 councils undertake Climate Change Risk Assessment studies.

In February 2010 the Government released *Adopting to Climate Change An Australian Government Position Paper*. This paper identifies the different roles of each level of Government, business and the community while also recognising the need for collaboration between all levels of government to help adapt to the impacts of climate change.

At the August 2009 Local Government and Planning Minister Council ministers agreed to develop a national framework and tools for use by local government to inform planning for climate change mitigation and climate change adaptation, and preparation of a paper on international best practice practices.

The following provides a summary of some likely impacts of climate change on a wide variety of local government services.

Planning policy and development assessment

- Inappropriate location of urban expansion areas.
- Increased uncertainty in long-term land-use planning and infrastructure design, i.e. location of future developments, suitability of infrastructure designs to cope with changing climate.
- Cost of retrofitting of systems.
- Loss of private property and community assets.
- Increase in insurance costs and public liability claims.
- Increased pressure on disaster management and response resources.
- Early retirement of capital infrastructure.

Litigation

- In terms of legal matters relating to climate change, local governments are at the forefront of many activities that both contribute to climate change and are likely to be impacted upon by climate change. Legal challenges may come from three fronts:
 1. Decisions that contribute to green house emissions, for instance development approvals for carbon emitting industries;
 2. When it is argued that councils have unreasonably failed to take into account the likely effects of climate change when exercising a wide range of their service; planning and development activities, and.
 3. OHS and public liability.

Road/Transport

- Changes in rates of permanent infrastructure deterioration – faster deterioration in wetter areas but potentially slower deterioration in areas where rainfall decreases. (Deterioration may also result from higher temperatures and increased solar radiation).
- Inundation of surface of roads in coastal areas, potentially resulting in destruction.
- Changes in frequency of interruption of road traffic from extreme weather events and disruption of emergency transport routes.
- Enhanced asset management programs.
- Increased opportunities for public transport and cycling/walking.
- Reduced energy use and reliance on private cars.

Buildings and Housing

- Changes in building heating/cooling costs (can be either negative or positive).
- Increased risk of damage from bushfires.
- Changes in frequency and severity of wind, rain, hail, flood, storm events and damage, potentially resulting in destruction.
- Cyclone damage and destruction due to changes in wind intensity.
- Higher rates of building deterioration and associated maintenance costs.
- Location of caravan parks.

Coastal infrastructure

- Increased coastal erosion and inundation.
- Increased frequency, or permanent inundation of, coastal infrastructure and utilities, e.g. water, sewerage, gas, telecommunications, electricity, transportation.
- Destruction, damage and disturbance to council-managed marinas and boat ramps.
- Increased erosion and/or exceedance of seawalls, jetties and other coastal defences.

Economic Development and Tourism

- Impacts on viability of industries.
- Pressure on tourism activities (especially those relying on natural resources).
- Impacts on tourism/recreation activities along the coast.
- Increased costs associated with operation and maintenance costs of public amenities/recreational sites due to climate variation.

Social and community Planning

- Rural decline and climate impacts on the rural and regional sectors.
- Increased population pressure on temperate zones.
- Internal migration and accommodation of new migrants and climate change refugees.

Provision and use of recreational facilities

- Impacts on coastal recreational infrastructure.
- Loss of existing public space in coastal areas.
- Impacts on tourism/recreation activities along the coast.
- Increased costs associated with operation and maintenance costs of public amenities/recreational sites due to storm damage.
- Variation in landscaping design and plant species.
- Needing to provide additional climate protective infrastructure for the young and elderly.

Maintenance of recreational facilities

- Reduced water quality and quantity resulting in less watering/irrigation of open space and sports grounds and closure of ovals.
- Limited water for swimming pools, etc.
- Beach and inland lake closures, e.g. due to E.coli levels after storms.
- Limited water for swimming pools.
- Need for more open space shelters.

Health services; Community/workplace health

- Milder winters improving communities' comfort levels.
- Increase in geographical range and seasonality of vector-borne diseases and the possibility for an expansion of infect zones (eg Ross River fever).
- Potential increase role in community immunization.
- High temperatures increasing incidence of food and water-borne diseases.
- Risk of increased cryptosporidium infections during open water swimming in summer.
- Health impacts due to exposure to extreme weather, e.g. heatwaves.
- Extreme rainfall events transporting contaminants into waterways and drinking water supplies.
- Increased pressure on drinking water supplies.
- An increase in injuries due to increased intensity of extreme events, e.g. storm surge and coastal flooding in coastal regions of Australia due to changes in sea level rise and human settlement expansion into coastal catchments.

Emergency/bushfire management

- Increased emergency response and recovery operations.
- Risks to public safety and tourism and longer term impacts on regional economies.
- Responding to flooding, drought, bushfire, cyclones/major storms, coastal inundation, heat wave, land-slides, erosion.
- Reduction in water availability for irrigation.
- Changes in pest management.
- Increased need for disaster mitigation investment (e.g. flood defences)

Agriculture/biosecurity

- Changes in the type of viability of primary industries.
- Loss of farming properties.
- Reduction in water availability for irrigation.
- Changes in pest management.

Natural resource management/coastal management

- Increased coastal erosion and inundation.
- Loss of private property/community assets.
- Loss of beach width.
- Changes to wetlands due to sea level rise, shoreline erosion and saltwater intrusion.

Weed/pest management

- Changes in distribution of invasive species due to changes in climate and associated loss of biodiversity and changes to bushfire intensity.

Biodiversity Protection

- Shifts in distributions of plant and animal species.
- Increased risk of population and species extinctions.
- Reduced ecosystem resilience to stress.
- Increased ecosystem and species heat stress.
- Increased pressure on dunal systems.
- Changes to mangrove habitats due to salt water intrusion.
- Increases in ecological disturbances.

Water and sewerage services

- Inundation of storm water and sewerage systems.
- Reduced security of water supply (depending on source)
- Environmental and supply contamination.
- Increased peak flows.
- Increased potential for erosion.
- Changes in groundwater levels.
- Changes in flood plains.
- Reduced dry weather sewerage flows.
- Reduced/unreliability of power supply for sewage pumping and treatment if existing electricity suppliers cannot maintain pace with long term changes in climate.

Stormwater/drainage

- More intense rainfall resulting in inflow and infiltration into wastewater networks.
- Exceedance of existing flood defenses.
- Exceedance of drainage capacity.
- Reduction in drainage capacity due to sea level rise and storm surge.
- Changes in mean and peak stream and river flows.
- Lower levels of rainfall, reducing pressure on storm water systems.

Wastewater

- Changes in intensity of rainfall events impacting inflow and infiltration to wastewater network.
- Potential for blockages and dry weather overflows during dry spells.

Water supply

- Changes in mean and peak stream and river flows.
- Uncertain water availability.
- Insufficient water supply in some areas.
- Increased potential for water contamination.
- Salination of surface and groundwater supplies.
- Changes in availability of groundwater available for irrigation.

Question:

Are there specific national initiatives that would assist local government to address the impacts of climate change?

Note - Local Government Finance

Governments at all levels play a role in responding to population growth. All governments share the challenge of fulfilling their respective roles within finite resources. Generally, all levels of government have an obligation to raise own source revenues (taxes including rates for local government) to fund their respective services. However, in Australia, (a predominantly centralised taxation system dominated by the Commonwealth) an appropriate system of intergovernmental transfers is required to distribute revenues beyond that which is required to provide Commonwealth services to the other levels of government that have responsibility for the provision of services and / or infrastructure.

Local government provides essential local and regional infrastructure and services that underpin the welfare of local communities and the productive capacity of the nation. The ability of councils to maintain services and infrastructure in the long term is dependent upon financial sustainability of councils and the sector as a whole.

ALGA's policy in relation to financial sustainability, which is fully endorsed by all state and territory local government associations is well developed. It is underpinned by the PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) National Study into the Financial Sustainability of Local Government 2006 and built on a twin track approach. The first track is to continue with internally driven local government reform which is designed to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of local government. This includes resource sharing, improved financial and asset management and voluntary structural reform options such as amalgamation where the benefits outweigh the costs. The second track is to reform local government funding from the Australian Government to ensure that local government has sufficient funding to provide the services and infrastructure necessary to support every community in Australia regardless of geographic location. The principles of this track are a fair share of Commonwealth (national) taxation, certainty of funding and appropriate funding for all responsibilities that are transferred to local government by other levels of government i.e. stop cost shifting.

These policies have been voted on and endorsed at successive National General Assemblies of Local Government.

To provide the maximum amount of time to consider and debate new policy options and to avoid duplication, it is envisaged that 2010 NGA motions will not consider the national core funding for local government policy positions unless there is a major shift in the policy required.

National Objective and Criteria for Future Strategic Planning of Capital Cities

Objective

To ensure Australian cities are globally competitive, productive, sustainable, liveable and socially inclusive and are well placed to meet future challenges and growth.

Criteria

Capital city strategic planning systems should:

1. be integrated: -
 - a) across functions, including land-use and transport planning, economic and infrastructure development, environmental assessment and urban development, and
 - b) across government agencies;
2. provide for a consistent hierarchy of future oriented and publicly available plans, including: -
 - a) long term (for example, 15-30 year) integrated strategic plans,
 - b) medium term (for example, 5-15 year) prioritised infrastructure and land-use plans, and
 - c) near term prioritised infrastructure project pipeline backed by appropriately detailed project plans;
3. provide for nationally-significant economic infrastructure (both new and upgrade of existing) including: -
 - a) transport corridors,
 - b) international gateways,
 - c) intermodal connections,
 - d) major communications and utilities infrastructure, and
 - e) reservation of appropriate lands to support future expansion;
4. address nationally-significant policy issues including: -
 - a) population growth and demographic change,
 - b) productivity and global competitiveness,
 - c) climate change mitigation and adaptation,
 - d) efficient development and use of existing and new infrastructure and other public assets,
 - e) connectivity of people to jobs and businesses to markets,
 - f) development of major urban corridors,
 - g) social inclusion,
 - h) health, liveability, and community wellbeing,
 - i) housing affordability, and
 - j) matters of national environmental significance;
5. consider and strengthen the networks between capital cities and major regional centres, and other important domestic and international connections;
6. provide for planned, sequenced and evidence-based land release and an appropriate balance of infill and greenfields development;

7. clearly identify priorities for investment and policy effort by governments, and provide an effective framework for private sector investment and innovation;
8. encourage world-class urban design and architecture; and
9. provide effective implementation arrangements and supporting mechanisms, including: -
 - a) clear accountabilities, timelines and appropriate performance measures,
 - b) coordination between all three levels of government, with opportunities for Commonwealth and local government input, and linked, streamlined and efficient approval processes including under the Commonwealth *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999*,
 - c) evaluation and review cycles that support the need for balance between flexibility and certainty, including trigger points that identify the need for change in policy settings, and
 - d) appropriate consultation and engagement with external stakeholders, experts and the wider community.

Agreed by the Council of Australian Governments
December 2009

**ALGA National General Assembly 2010
Motion in relation to “Population” Discussion Paper**

National Urban Policy

1. Motions

- 1.1. THAT ALGA, through COAG and ACLG, commits to reinforcing the importance of Australian cities and seeks the development of policy to maximise productivity, sustainability, liveability and housing affordability.
- 1.2. THAT ALGA supports and promotes the development of a National Urban Policy.
- 1.3. THAT ALGA works closely and collaboratively with the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors (CCCLM) to ensure that the National Urban Policy meets the needs and expectations of Australian cities.

2. Summary of Key Arguments

The Summary of Key Arguments is background information on what the motion is intended to achieve. This background information will be printed in the Business Papers to assist delegates in understanding the purpose and objective of the motion. (600 characters only)

The Aust. Govt is developing a National Urban Policy. Before this policy is finalised we must ensure that it establishes federal coordination, embeds detailed planning for population growth across all levels of government and includes proper costings. It should coordinate planning with the states, territories and major cities; establish consistent reporting and forecast methodology and determine spatial impacts of population growth. The release of the Intergenerational Report should trigger governments to revise (in consultation with local government) strategic plans for all major cities. (597 characters)

3. National Objective

The National Objective should be a short statement describing how the motion is relevant to the work of local government nationally. (600 characters only)

Through the National Urban Policy we must increase Local Government's influence in the planning of Australia's major cities. We must extend the national criteria for capital city planning systems, which provides the platform to re-shape our cities, to Australia's 17 major cities. The Policy must include a framework for a tripartite agreement to ensure engagement and alignment between the Federal, State, Territory and Local Governments in order to improve planning and service delivery within cities, including funding associated with these activities. (555 characters)

15 OFFICERS REPORTS

15.2 Palmerston Usage of Shoal Bay Waste Facility

Report No. 10TS0085BD:KB (22/04/10) Common No. 247292

Report Number 10TS0085BD:KB attached.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL

DATE: 22/04/2010

REPORT

TO: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: BD

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

REPORT NO: 10TS0085BD:KB

COMMON NO: 247292

SUBJECT: PALMERSTON USAGE OF SHOAL BAY WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY

ITEM NO:**SYNOPSIS:**

The Darwin City Council has received correspondence from the City of Palmerston regarding the use of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, **Attachment A**.

The report is to inform Council of the request and to recommend a response.

GENERAL:

The Shoal Bay Landfill was commissioned on 1 April 1987, after a two year construction period.

The total construction cost at that time was \$1.5 Million with the Northern Territory Government providing \$800,000 under grant funding which required Darwin City Council to accept Palmerston and Litchfield waste on request on a equal cost basis to that applied to Darwin City Council.

The landfill was thought to have a life expectancy of 15 years.

Introduction of modern landfill management techniques by Darwin City Council prolonged the life of the landfill beyond the original life expectancy. The landfill site life expectancy is again currently under review given the ongoing increase in the amounts of landfill being presented annually due to various issues such as increasing population and development activities occurring in Darwin, Palmerston and Litchfield.

This will be the subject of a future report to Council identifying life expectancy options and likely financial implications.

Palmerston's domestic waste has been accepted at Shoal Bay landfill since 2002 at the rates determined annually in Darwin City Council Fees and Charges.

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Commercial and residential waste is accepted from the wider Darwin region including Palmerston and Litchfield areas at specified charges. To date, City of Palmerston Council has not been provided with any special discount and is treated consistently with all other users of the facility.

On closure of the Shoal Bay Facility, Darwin City Council will have a responsibility for the ongoing environmental management and legacies of the site for at least 15 to 20 years, long after income from operations ceases to be obtained.

In November 2007, the City of Palmerston initially wrote to Council seeking clarification on options for its residents in relation to the use of Shoal Bay. At that time, Darwin City Council had recently introduced the tip tag system for Darwin residents and had identified that non-Darwin residents could access the tag system for non-commercial waste on payment of an annual fee. The fee for 2007/2008 was set at \$25 per tag. This fee also applies to any Darwin resident wishing additional tags.

In relation to Palmerston's request the Council resolved the following:

Use of Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Site by Palmerston City Council

Report No.07TS0286 (08/11/07) Common No.247292

- A. THAT Report Number 07TS0286 entitled Use of Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Site by Palmerston City Council, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advise Palmerston City Council that it will accept waste from the proposed transfer facility at the Archer landfill provided the commercial fee is paid and the waste does not contravene the licence requirements for the Shoal Bay Landfill.
- C. THAT Council approve the request from Palmerston City Council for their residents to dispose of non-commercial waste at the Shoal Bay Landfill provided:
 - it is taken up by Palmerston City Council on behalf of all of their ratepayers at the same charge as is applied to Darwin City Council ratepayers.
 - payment is made for the costs associated with extending the system to accommodate Palmerston City Council residents.
- D. THAT a report be presented to the February 2008 Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting regarding non Darwin residents usage of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

DECISION NO.19\5301 (26/11/07)

Carried

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The City of Palmerston was advised of Council's Decision. It should be noted that non-Darwin residents have always been able to purchase a tip tag directly from Darwin City Council to utilise the facility.

The City of Palmerston never took up the use of the tip tag system for it's residents and have continued to operate their own facility.

In 2009/2010 Darwin City Council reviewed it's annual Fees and Charges as a normal part of it's annual budget considerations. The annual fee for non-Darwin residents to access the tip tag system was set at \$45. This fee also applies to Darwin residents seeking additional tags. The fee had increased from \$26 (2008/2009).

On 18 June 2009 Council received correspondence from the City of Palmerston regarding the potential affect of the fee increase should it wish to pursue the original agreement, **Attachment B**.

Furthermore, the City of Palmerston sought clarification as to whether Council intended to honour the decision made in 2007.

The City of Palmerston was advised that there had been no variation to Council's decision of 26 November 2007 (Decision Number 19\5301) and that the current fee applicable for 2009/2010 was \$45 per annum. The full response can be found at **Attachment C** of this report.

In February 2010, a meeting to discuss the issues occurred between the Lord Mayor, Chief Executive Officer, Mayor of Palmerston and the City of Palmerston's Chief Executive Officer.

Following this meeting Council received further correspondence from City of Palmerston (**Attachment A**) seeking the following:

- Justification for the level of increase in the tip tag fee;
- Seeking approval to undertake a trial of transferring waste from their Archer facility to Shoal Bay;
- Seeking a long term agreement (7 to 10 years).

A meeting of Chief Executive Officers, the General Manager - Infrastructure (Darwin City Council) and Technical Services Manager (City of Palmerston) was held in March 2010 to clarify the matters raised in the correspondence.

- Justification of Increase

In Darwin City Council's response (**Attachment C**), the City of Palmerston was provided with information relating to the matters which Council takes into account. This was explained as follows:

"Council's charge take into account a range of elements including but not limited to: operation of the transfer station, construction of lined mixed waste cells, internal

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transport of waste, placement and compaction of waste, leachate management, provision and placement of cover, stormwater management, pest and vector management, fire management, litter and dust management, erosion management, traffic management, provision of chemical and oil storage facilities and associated disposal, green waste processing and management, environmental monitoring and auditing, closure costs including revegetation, post closure monitoring and self insurance. That said, another factor that will need to be taken into account in the future will be the potential cost implications of carbon e.g. the possible introduction of a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme”

- Trial Transfers from Archer Transfer Facility

The City of Palmerston is and has always been able to dispose of waste at Shoal Bay, subject to payment of any charges.

The City of Palmerston was informed of this fact and arrangements were made to allow transfers to occur. The “trial” request by Palmerston was due to commence the week commencing 12 April 2010. Council has been advised that the City of Palmerston will now not be proceeding with the trial at least at this stage.

The City of Palmerston currently disposes it’s domestic waste collected from kerbside at Shoal Bay and if they wish to dispose of acceptable waste materials from their Archer Site this can occur immediately subject to Shoal Bay normal conditions and charges.

- Long Term Agreement

The City of Palmerston is seeking a long term arrangement in which any increases to charges, applicable to the disposal of waste from Palmerston residents are fixed for a period of time namely 7 to 10 years.

No actual figures have been provided by Palmerston however, at officer level they have indicated that a scenario of fixing the charges at current rates and that these rates would only be increased by an agreed fixed percentage annually eg CPI.

Any percent increase above the agreed fixed amount would need to be substantiated and agreed. This would provide Palmerston with some certainty into the future.

Officers understand the reasons as to why Palmerston would like to enter into such a long term agreement however, are unable to identify any substantial benefit to the Darwin community. Establishing a “special arrangement” with the City of Palmerston may establish a precedent wherein other long term or high volume users seek their own “special arrangements”.

Darwin City Council has a large number of residential and commercial users at the Shoal Bay facility for which the current conditions of use and charges apply. It is not clear as to what benefit the Darwin community would gain in entering into an agreement with just one of it’s many customers.

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The charges and condition of use of the Shoal Bay facility are reviewed and set annual to reflect a number of current and future operational and management issues which have been previously identified in this report.

On closure of the facility, Council and the Darwin community will have to bear the legacy cost of the site for a significant number of years following closure without the benefit of any external income source.

Should Council however, consider entering into a long term arrangement with Palmerston some matters for consideration would be:

- Term of agreement versus life expectancy of the site;
- Value of fixed annual percentage increase;
- Impact of agreement on other customers;
- Terms and conditions of sustaining any percent increase above the fixed amount;
- Impact of Palmerston growth on quantities disposed of.

It is recommended that the City of Palmerston be advised that Darwin City Council confirms that Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Facility can be utilised by the City of Palmerston and its residents subject to its terms and conditions of use and charges applicable at the time.

It is also recommended that the City of Palmerston be advised that Council will not enter into any long term pricing agreement and that Darwin City Council's published fees and charges will be those that apply to the use of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Entering into a long term pricing control agreement may produce negatively impacts.

Council and the Darwin community carry the long term financial risks following closure of the landfill.

Establishing a precedent for one customer may also create an environment wherein other customers seek similar arrangements.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal

4 Create and Maintain an Environmentally Sustainable City

Outcome

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4.3 Increase efficiency of waste management

Key Strategies

4.3.1 Continue to lobby for, provide and develop contemporary waste management practices

Goal

7 Demonstrate Effective, Open and Responsible Governance

Outcome

7.1 Effective governance

Key Strategies

7.1.2 Minimise exposure of Council through effective risk management practices

Key Strategies

7.1.3 Manage Council's affairs based on a sustainable financial strategy

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Various.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Council is responsible for the operation and long term environmental management of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Establishing a price control agreement with one customer may be viewed negatively by the Darwin community.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

General Manager - Infrastructure

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

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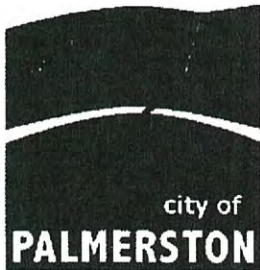
Nil.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. THAT Report Number 10TS0085 BD:KB entitled Palmerston Usage Of Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advise the City of Palmerston that it confirms that the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility will accept approved waste from the Palmerston Archer Transfer Facility subject to payment of charges applicable at the time of use.
- C. THAT Council advise the City of Palmerston that it will not enter into any long term pricing agreement with regard to the use of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Mr Brendan Dowd
Chief Executive Officer
Darwin City Council
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Dear Brendan

Use of Shoal Bay Waste Management Site

I'd like to thank you and the Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer for meeting with Mayor Robert Macleod and me on Friday 12 February 2010 in relation to the consideration of issues associated with the potential use of Shoal Bay Waste Management Site by the City of Palmerston.

As we outlined we were concerned with the increase in user fees of the centre which were implemented by the Darwin City Council in conjunction with the adoption of your budget for 2009/10. While Council is acknowledging that waste management costs are increasing it was difficult to understand the projected 70% increase in one financial year. As mentioned during our meeting we seek some justification of this level of increase.

However we are interested to continue to explore the use of Shoal Bay for the deposit of waste as received from Archer Waste Transfer Station firstly as a trial period of say two periods of three weeks and then the potential to transfer all received waste to your site. It is anticipated that the transferred waste would be by way of direct transfer by contract trucks, using 20 cu metre bins which are currently used at the Archer site. Segregation of waste will also need to be discussed between both parties and the types of waste which your site is able (and not able) to receive.

We anticipate that the likely quantity of waste to be transported to be in the vicinity of 6 to 7 thousand tonne per annum. We are also interested in ascertaining what arrangements would need to put in place to achieve this at both sites and the likelihood of staged reduction through recycling of green waste programmed into future years.


We would be seeking confirmation of a longer term agreement (say 7 to 10 years) to enable both our organizations to plan for such continued activity.

As discussed at our meeting it was understood that Darwin City Council received a substantial grant from the NT Government on the basis of commitment to permitting City of Palmerston waste to be directed to the site. We now wish to explore implementing such activity and look forward to discussions at officer level to firstly plan and then implement a mutually successful agreement.

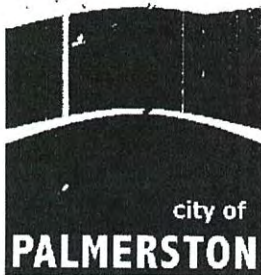
I would appreciate if you could advise me of your support to entering into arrangements to enable this activity to progress to implementation.

I look forward to your responses. If there are any further issues you like to discuss please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Burfitt', written in a cursive style.

Ian Burfitt
Chief Executive Officer



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18 June 2009

Mr Brendan Dowd
 Chief Executive Officer
 Darwin City Council
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Dear Brendan

Waste Fees & Charges 2009/10

I refer to our discussions in relation to the Council resolution of the Special Meeting held on 25 May 2009 whereby it appears that a recommendation of officer's for an increase of 73% of the Non-domestic Users Annual Access Fee (including tag) from \$26.00 to \$45.00 was approved.

You will recall that I spoke to you concerning the potential affect of this fee increase on the likes of City of Palmerston should it continue to pursue the agreement which was reached by both Councils in 2007.

The actual decision of the Darwin City Council at its meeting held 26 November 2007 appears as follows:

9 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

9.3 ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE (19/11/07)

3. Use of Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Site by Palmerston City Council
 Report No.07TS0286 (08/11/07) Common No.247292
 (Ald Elix/Galton)

- A. THAT Report Number 07TS0286 entitled Use of Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Site by Palmerston City Council, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council advise Palmerston City Council that it will accept waste from the proposed transfer facility at the Archer landfill provided the commercial fee is paid and the waste does not contravene the licence requirements for the Shoal Bay Landfill.
- C. THAT Council approve the request from Palmerston City Council for their residents to dispose of non-commercial waste at the Shoal Bay Landfill provided:
 - it is taken up by Palmerston City Council on behalf of all of their ratepayers at the same charge as is applied to Darwin City Council ratepayers.
 - payment is made for the costs associated with extending the system to accommodate Palmerston City Council residents.
- D. THAT a report be presented to the February 2008 Environment & Infrastructure Committee Meeting regarding non Darwin residents usage of the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility.

DECISION NO.19\5301 (26/11/07)

Carried

The abovementioned decision was further clarified by discussions between City of Palmerston and Darwin City Council staff in 2008 and advice was received that the situation had not altered.

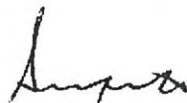
You will recall at the TOPROC meeting held on 14 May 2009 an agenda item was brought forward by the City of Palmerston seeking action to relanguage the NT Government to provide leadership in the progressing of further work in regional waste management and I do not recall any indication at that point of a substantial fee increase at Shoal Bay facility which would restrict use for the near future. The recommended action was supported by all Council's present although Litchfield Shire Council raised some issue of an apparent concern why previous work was discontinued.

However at this point the City of Palmerston is seeking confirmation from your Council as to whether it intends to honour a recent agreement made in good faith to allow continued consideration of the use of Shoal Bay facility by City of Palmerston residents at the same charge as is applied to Darwin City Council residents.

I understand that you will seek a policy position from your Council on this issue.

When this item is presented to your Council we seek permission to be provided an audience to supply further explanation should this be necessary.

Yours sincerely



Ian Burfitt
Chief Executive Officer

29 January 2010

Please quote: 247292

Mr Ian Burfitt
City of Palmerston
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Dear ~~Mr Burfitt~~ *Ian*

I refer to your email of 27 January 2010 and again apologise for the delay in response.

I am pleased to confirm that there has been no variation to Council's decision of 26 November 2007 (Decision No.19\5301).

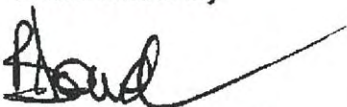
In terms of the charges, Council reviews its fees and charges on an annual basis and generally speaking, the new charges come into effect on 1 July of each year.

In 2009/10 the fee for non Darwin residents to access the Shoal Bay Waste Disposal Facilities (for the disposal of domestic quantities of non commercial waste) is \$45 per annum. For Darwin residents, access to the Shoal Bay facility is included within our Garbage Charge and I understand that access to your waste disposal facility is included within your Garbage Charge.

Council's charge takes into account a range of elements including but not limited to: operation of the transfer station, construction of lined mixed waste cells, internal transport of waste, placement and compaction of waste, leachate management, provision and placement of cover, stormwater management, pest and vector management, fire management, litter and dust management, erosion management, traffic management, provision of chemical and oil storage facilities and associated disposal, green waste processing and management, environmental monitoring and auditing, closure costs including revegetation, post closure monitoring and self insurance. That said, another factor that will need to be taken account in the future will be the potential cost implications of carbon e.g. the possible introduction of a Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme

In order to clarify matters, I suggest that you and I meet with your Mayor and the Lord Mayor sometime in the next few weeks. – staff from my office will contact your office next week to make the necessary arrangements.

Yours sincerely



BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

15 OFFICERS REPORTS

15.3 Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival – Request for Sponsorship Report No.10TC0027 BD:md (21/04/10) Common No. 1780839

Report Number 10TC0027 BD:md attached.

ENCL: YES

DARWIN CITY COUNCIL
REPORT

DATE: 21/04/10

TO: 2ND ORDINARY COUNCIL/OPEN

APPROVED: BD

FROM: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

APPROVED: MD

REPORT NO: 07TC0027 MD

COMMON NO: 1780839

SUBJECT: NIGHTCLIFF SEABREEZE FESTIVAL – REQUEST FOR SPONSORSHIP

ITEM NO: 15.3**SYNOPSIS:**

This report presents a sponsorship request for the 2010 Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival.

GENERAL:

Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival (NSF) has been in operation for six years and the festival is held on the first weekend in May each year. It is a community event that attracts between 4,000 to 6,000 people for the day.

Darwin City Council has supported Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival since 2007 for the amount of \$10,000 plus \$3,500.00 'in-kind' support. The 2009 Festival was considered a great success and Darwin City Council received a positive response for its support.

If Council supports the application, we will receive recognition with the Council logo being displayed on all publications and advertising. The nightcliffseabreeze.com website would also carry a link in first position on the front page and each page where sponsors are shown on the website. Acknowledgement would also be made during main stage presentations. 327 posters and 3,000 programs will be printed and distributed between April 26th and May 9th, all will carry the Darwin City Council logo in a prominent central position. All radio and promotional material will also carry the Darwin City Council logo.

A request for \$10,000 cash for the years 2010 to 2013 is attached. **(Attachment A)**

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Assessment below as per Council's criteria:

CRITERIA	COMMENT
Generally excluded: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference • Individual • Record attempt • Fundraiser 	N/A
Local/National /International	Local
Contribution to identity of City	Yes
Contribution to Economic Growth	No
Promotes Community Participation	Yes/High
Sector – Business/Industry/economic/social/sporting/ environmental/cultural/educational	Social Cultural
Branding and profile raising opportunities	Yes/Medium
Leverage via media or advertising	Yes/High
Leverage through attendance/staging/display/ Or complementary event	Low
Sponsorship benefits	Yes/High
Audience reach	Yes/High
Consistency with Council's core business or Action Plan objectives	Yes/High
Capacity to deliver long term benefits	Yes/High
Organisational capacity to deliver event	Yes
Budget provided	No

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

There is currently no specific budget provision for sponsorship of the NSF. The request is for \$10,000 each year for the next three years, in total \$30,000.00. Given the late timing of the application, no provision exists in the draft budget for 2010/11. To accommodate this year's application a budget variation may be required.

STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLICATIONS:

The issues addressed in this Report are in accordance with the following Goals/Strategies of the Darwin City Council 2008 – 2012 as outlined in the 'Evolving Darwin Strategic Directions: Towards 2020 and Beyond':-

Goal

1 Achieve Effective Partnerships and Engage in Collaborative Relationships

Outcome

1.2 Effectively engage with community

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Key Strategies

1.2.2 Develop ways in which Council can enhance relationships and work collaboratively with Community Groups

Goal

2 Enhance Darwin's Active, Positive and Flexible Lifestyle

Outcome

2.3 Promote family friendly activities

Key Strategies

2.3.1 Promote and host family orientated recreational and leisure activity

Goal

3 Assist Individuals and the Community Stay Connected with the Darwin Region

Outcome

3.1 Promote the use of public spaces

Key Strategies

3.1.1 Enhance public spaces and encourage greater use by the community

Goal

5 Facilitate and Maintain a Cohesive Community

Outcome

5.2 Promote Darwin's culture

Key Strategies

5.2.1 Promote and support activities and programs that celebrate cultural diversity

Goal

6 Promote Brand Darwin

Outcome

6.1 Increase Council's profile

Key Strategies

6.1.1 Provide strategic sponsorship for major events

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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

PUBLIC RELATIONS IMPLICATIONS:

Potential for positive public relations implications as a result of Council's support for the event.

COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS:

Nil.

DELEGATION:

Nil.

CONSULTATION:

Nil.

PROPOSED PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS:

Nil.

APPROPRIATE SIGNAGE

As a sponsor of NSF, Council's logo would be included in all printed material relating to the event. However, due to the late notice this would be impossible as the event's printed material would have been completed before Council will consider this report's recommendations.

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. THAT Report Number 10TC0027 MD entitled Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council sponsor Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival 2010 to the amount of \$10,000 cash and \$3,500 in-kind.
- C. THAT Council sponsor Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival to the amount of \$10,000 per year and \$3,500 in kind support per year for the three years 2011 to 2013, in total \$30,000.00 in cash and \$10,500.00 in kind.

MAXINE DOWLEY
COMMUNICATION & MARKETING

BRENDAN DOWD
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Any queries on this report may be directed to Maxine Dowley on 89 300 684 or m.dowley@darwin.nt.gov.au



Dear Sir,

We would like to thank Darwin City Council for their continued support of the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival and acknowledge the impact this has on the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival and the local community.

The Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival 2010 will be the 6th festival held on the first weekend in May each year. Having now become an expected community event the festival attracts between 4 and 6 thousand people to the "Big Day" on the foreshore after a week of activities in and around Nightcliff.

Activities planned for the 2010 festival build up week include drawing jams, workshops, presentations and community information sessions. Local businesses are also involved with many running in store specials and promotions for festival week and supplying prizes and donations to support the festival competitions.

The Nightcliff Seabreeze festival offers community groups an opportunity to share their work, skills and talents and its unique theme allows the whole community to take part. The community doesn't just go to this show, they are the show!

Some of the confirmed community groups this year include:

Nightcliff Library
Nightcliff Lions Club
Nightcliff Primary School
Nightcliff Middle School
Milkwood Steiner School Ensembles
St Johns Ambulance
Casuarina Surf Lifesaving Club
Essington Primary School
NT Music School Ensembles
Corrugated Iron Youth
Ausdance
Darwin Theatre Company
Top End Folk Club
NT Police Pushbike Squad (Nightcliff)

The level of community enthusiasm has grown along with the festival to such an extent that this year many of our participants were contacting the committee to secure a place before the festival dates had even been confirmed and some of the groups I have contacted had just assumed they were in. (Which of course, they were!)

Over the six years this festival has been running all budgets have been met, acquittals and funding requirements addressed and the committee have repeatedly run a successful, family friendly, local community event that just gets bigger and better each year.

The volunteer committee are understandably proud of this achievement - managing one of the largest local events on the NT arts entertainment calendar on a relatively small budget and continuing to build on success and grow with the community.

This year the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival Committee are committed to identifying and addressing their responsibilities and contribution to the community they are part of. In response to this commitment, the 2010 committee have established the following:

Seabreeze Website - <http://www.nightcliffseabreeze.com> to allow more efficient methods of communication with festival supporters/contributors, to increase the public profile of the festival and to provide an advertising base for sponsorship support

Festival planning procedures – To provide the committee with a formal event management structure and to ensure issues that arise each year are addressed effectively the following year.

Artists in Schools program – This program runs from February to May in collaboration with local schools. The festival provides the artist and materials to allow schools to be involved in the festival without the incursion of extra costs or pressure on teaching staff.

The artist for 2011 is Christiaan Snoek. Planning has begun on this project to ensure schools have sufficient time to develop curriculum based activities.

Local Business Involvement Program – To ensure local businesses are supported by the festival, rather than being pressured for sponsorship, businesses are encouraged to utilise the festival as a promotional tool and to run sales, promotions or in store presentations over the festival week. Many of the local businesses have adopted this option and then chosen as well to provide support through prize donations and in kind supply/support. This in turn builds the event list for the festival build up week and raises community awareness without necessitating large advertising campaigns. (If everyone is talking about it, they already know about it!)

Wind Turbine Project - In collaboration with Charles Darwin University and Lash Computing, and thanks to the donation of a wind turbine from a festival supporter, the festival aims to produce more power than it uses, thereby ensuring the festival continues to give back to the community.

At this stage the cost of transporting the turbine need to be met and the committee are currently seeking suitable funding opportunities. Charles Darwin University and Lash computing have agreed to partner in this project and to provide the technical and engineering requirements needed. A site is still to be established.

Community Village – A more sedate environment to allow community groups to take part in ways more suitable to their individual organization, the community village provides a space for community groups to share what they do. There are information stalls, school fundraising stalls, wandering minstrels, a clothes swap and even story time for the kids.

The festival also enjoys strong support from the community and business sectors and some of our more notable public supporters include The Hon. Jane Aagaard, Terry Mills MLA, and Education Minister Chris Burns. The festival is also supported and promoted by NT Arts.

This is really just a small description of our festival. There are so many different groups involved and impacted by this event.

Up to 30 stallholders from the local Mindil Beach and Nightcliff markets attend, almost 100 performers and performance artists on show, FREEPS are there, schools, music and dance groups have a chance to perform in public, local artists have a chance to win one of the largest peoples choice art awards in the Territory, kids have a chance to win sand castle competitions, bike decorating competitions, make a sea creature to carry in the parade and a feast of activities, mums and dads have a chance to watch their kids perform, everyone has a chance to enjoy a quiet drink watching the sunset, peruse some really talented art, listen to some great music or take part in a workshop. The library is even coming down to do a story time on the foreshore as part of the community village!

The Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival Committee 2010 would like to ask that Darwin City Council consider continuing to support the festival.

We acknowledge gratefully the \$10,000 annual financial support and the in kind support from the Darwin City Council in the form of power, traffic barriers, festival/event resources and guidance regarding applying for permits, funding and event logistics for past events. This support for past festivals has been the backbone of our administration, allowing the committee to meet insurance and logistics costs that would otherwise prohibit the entire event.

We respectfully ask that the council consider continuing this support in its current form for the period 2010 to 2013.

The festival does have a long term plan to secure corporate or sponsorship funding for the event and this support by Darwin City Council would allow us the time to build the elements into this event that a corporate sponsor would require, without losing touch with the local ethos of the festival.

If I can provide any further information or resources to support our application I can be reached by phone: 0406170084 or by email.

Respectfully

Melodie Murphy

Acting Public Officer
Nightcliff Arts Music and Culture Inc.

16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**16.1 Invitation to the 2nd World Cities Summit (WCS) 2010 during the 28 – 30 June 2010 and the World Mayors' Forum on the 30 June 2010 in Singapore**

Document No. 1699493 (26/11/09) Common No. 1699493

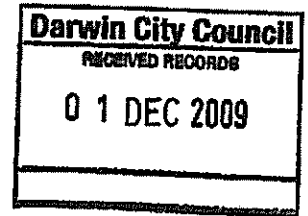
THAT the incoming letter from Mr Albert Chua from the High Commissioner of the Republic of Singapore on behalf of the Minister for National Development Singapore dated 26 November 2009, regarding an Invitation to the Invitation to the 2nd World Cities Summit (WCS) 2010 during the 28 – 30 June 2010 and the World Mayors' Forum on the 30 June 2010 in Singapore, Document Number 1699493, be received and noted.

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HIGH COMMISSIONER
OF THE REPUBLIC OF SINGAPORE

26 November 2009



The Right Hon The Lord Mayor Graeme Sawyer
Office of the Lord Mayor
City of Darwin
GPO Box 84
Darwin
NT 0801

Dear

Graeme,

**INVITATION TO WORLD CITIES SUMMIT 2010 AND
WORLD MAYORS FORUM**

I have the honour to forward the attached invitation from Mr
Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development.

Yours

Sincerely,

Albert Chua

ALBERT CHUA

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MINISTER FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT
SINGAPORE

30 October 2009

His Excellency Mr Graeme Sawyer
Lord Mayor, City of Darwin
Australia

Dear *Excellency,*

Invitation to World Cities Summit 2010 and World Mayors Forum

Singapore will be hosting the 2nd World Cities Summit (WCS) from 28 to 30 June 2010. The event is co-organised by the Centre for Liveable Cities and the Civil Service College, Singapore. WCS will be held in conjunction with the Singapore International Water Week 2010 (28 June to 2 July 2010). The Summit is expected to attract participants from around the world, including Asia, Middle East, US and Europe. It will feature leaders, mayors, governors, business leaders, senior policy makers and high-level experts.

2 WCS 2010 is a three-day international conference focused on the most pressing global urban challenges today. The theme is "Liveable and Sustainable Cities for the Future" with a highlight on urban solutions. The Summit will discuss the challenges and solutions to "Leadership and Governance for Vibrant and Liveable Cities"; "Building Sustainable and Eco-friendly Cities" and "Fostering Harmonious and Sustainable Communities".

3 A key highlight of the Summit is the World Mayors' Forum, to be held on 30 June. This dedicated platform will feature experienced Mayors and Governors from around the world, who will share and debate their respective challenges and solutions in leveraging urbanization for growth and making their cities more liveable and healthier for citizens. The Forum provides an excellent opportunity for participants from cities, townships and municipalities to network, discuss best practices and co-operate on initiatives in sustainable development and growth.

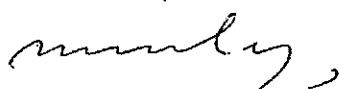
4 Our Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Defence, Mr Teo Chee Hean will be officiating at the opening ceremony. Two international prizes will be awarded at the Prize Award Ceremony and Banquet – the inaugural Lee Kuan Yew World City Prize and the 3rd Lee Kuan Yew Water Prize. There will also be a dialogue session with our Minister Mentor, Mr Lee Kuan Yew.

5 It is with great pleasure that I invite you to participate in the Summit and the World Mayors' Forum. I would also like to invite you to showcase your city at the Exhibition entitled "Sustainable Cities of the Future Exhibition" held in conjunction with the Water Expo from 28 June - 2 July 2010.

6 As part of our hospitality package, we will be pleased to sponsor your airfare, in-country hospitality and conference fees. We will also sponsor the conference fees for one of your accompanying officials. Should you have any queries, your office may contact Mr Derrick Phang (Tel +65 3106 7144 or derrick@worldcities.com.sg) and Ms Rena Lin (Tel +65 3106 7234 or rena@worldcities.com.sg).

7 We hope to hear from you by 15 Dec 2009 and look forward to welcoming you to the Summit in June 2010.

Yours



MAH Bow Tan
Minister for National Development

Enc.
World Cities Summit 2010 Brochure
Centre for Liveable Cities Corporate Brochure

16 INFORMATION ITEMS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**16.2 Nomination to Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) – Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT)**

- A. THAT the incoming request for Nomination to Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC) – Local Government Association of the Northern Territory (LGANT) Nominee, be received and noted.
- B. THAT Council endorse Alderman as its nomination to LGANT for the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC).

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From: Cassie Cook [mailto:cassie.cook@lgant.asn.au]

Sent: Thursday, 22 April 2010 11:55 AM

To: info@belyuen.nt.gov.au; Alan Hudson; Alison Doyle; Brendan Dowd; Geoff Brooks; Graham Taylor; Graham Watson; Ian Bodill; Ian Burfitt; Jeff Sowiak; John Hughes; Kel Brodbeck; Marc Gardner; Michael Berto; Rex Mooney; Roydon Robertson; Russell Anderson; Sandra Cannon

Cc: David Kirikino; Deb Fox; Deborah Gillard; Deborah Simon; Fiona Murphy; Jeanette Elliotte; Jeanette Perry; Levina Phillips; Linda Heidstra; Marlene Watt; Nerine Purton; Renee Loftus; Rose Peckham; Sophie Henderson; Telly Ociones

Subject: Vacancy on Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Hi everyone,

LGANT is calling for nominations to the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee currently comprises of key stakeholders in animal welfare and management and members are appointed by the Minister of Local Government.

Part 4, Section 6(2) of the Animal Welfare Regulations states that:

“Each of 8 members appointed to the Advisory Committee must be a person, who, in the Minister’s opinion, is capable of representing the interests of one of the following bodies:

(c) the Local Government Association of the Northern Territory”.

Please find attached the Nomination form and accompanying information on the Committee.

Please also send a short bio on the nominee with the completed nomination form.

Nominations close at 5pm Friday 14 May 2010 in time for the Executive meeting on Monday 17 May 2010.

The next meeting of the AWAC is 20 May 2010.

Cassie Cook

Executive Assistant to CEO

Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

NOMINATION FORM

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee (AWAC)

COUNCIL NAME:

1. Agreement to be nominated

I, _____ agree to be nominated as a member of the

Animal Welfare Advisory Committee.

Signature:

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2010.

2. Council Confirmation of Nomination

I, _____ the Chief Executive Officer

hereby confirm that _____

was approved by resolution of Council to be nominated as a member of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee at a meeting held on _____ / _____ /2010.

Signature:

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2010.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

PROCEDURES FOR LGANT REPRESENTATIVES ON COMMITTEES

LGANT representatives on committees are required to provide the Association with regular reports and an annual report for its Annual General Meeting in November of each year.

The Association also requires the minutes of each meeting attended to be emailed to the CEO's Personal Assistant, cassie.cook@lgant.asn.au.

Representatives are required to supply the Association with contact details such as mobile phone number, email address, postal address and the council they are a member of.

The Association will supply information to nominees of committees, including their Terms of Reference.

If a LGANT representative resigns from a committee, he/she is requested to inform the Association in writing, by letter or email, so that an alternative representative can be nominated to the committee.

The Association may remove its endorsement of a representative on a committee if that representative fails to deliver regular reports or misses meetings without just cause. It would then be up to the committee to decide whether or not the representative remains on that committee if the representative is without LGANT endorsement.

ANIMAL WELFARE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (AWAC)

Member information.

The Animal Welfare Advisory Committee consists of eight members appointed by the Minister for Local Government pursuant to regulation 6 of the Animal Welfare Regulations. The members were nominated by, and represent the interests of, the following organisations –

- Animal welfare organisation incorporated in the NT (RSPCA NT Inc);
- Australian Veterinary Association Ltd;
- Local Government Association of the Northern Territory;
- Agency having the responsibility for the administration of the Animal Welfare Act (Department of Local Government, Housing and Sport);
- Department of Primary Industry, Fisheries and Mines;
- Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association Inc;
- Charles Darwin University;
- Department of Natural Resources, Environment and The Arts;
- Pet Industry Association of Australia; and
- Animal Management in Rural and Remote Indigenous Communities (AMRRIC)

A Member holds office for the period (not exceeding 3 years) specified in the instrument of appointment and is eligible for reappointment.

The functions of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee include:

- Advising the Minister about animal welfare legislation and other matters relevant to animal welfare;
- Investigating and reporting on matters relevant to the animal welfare referred to it by the Minister;
- Participating in the development of codes of practice and the review of adopted codes of practice;
- Providing advice to bodies, organisations or the general community on programs for the improvement of community awareness about animal welfare;
- and
- Any other functions prescribed by the Regulations

The Advisory Committee must hold at least 2 meetings each year. Until recently there have been 3 meetings a year and this has just been increased to 4 meetings per year, held quarterly with the next scheduled for 21 August 2008.

Kind regards

Deborah Josling | Manager Water Safety & Animal Welfare
 Water Safety and Animal Welfare Branch | Department of Local Government,
 Housing and Sport
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<http://www.watersafety.nt.gov.au/>

17 REPORTS OF REPRESENTATIVES**18 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS****19 GENERAL BUSINESS****20 DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING**

THAT the next Ordinary Meeting of Council be held on Tuesday, 11 May, 2010, at 5.00 p.m. (Open Section followed by the Confidential Section), Council Chambers, 1st Floor, Civic Centre, Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin.

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21 CLOSURE OF MEETING TO THE PUBLIC

THAT pursuant to Section 65 (2) of the Local Government Act and Regulation 8 of the Local Government (Administration) Regulations the meeting be closed to the public to consider the Confidential Items of the Agenda.

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22 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING (MEDIA LIAISON)