



**CITY OF PERTH COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Tuesday, 10 September 2019  
12:00 – 14:00  
Level 7, Dumas House  
2 Havelock Street, West Perth**

**Attendees**

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**Members of the Committee**

**State Government**

- The Hon Mark McGowan MLA, Premier of Western Australia (Chair)
- The Hon David Templeman MLA, Minister for Local Government
- Mr. Duncan Ord, Director General, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
- Mr John Carey, MLA, Member for Perth (Guest)

**City of Perth**

- Mr. Andrew Hammond, Chair Commissioner
- Ms. Gaye McMath, Deputy Chair Commissioner
- Mr. Len Kosova, Commissioner (Guest)
- Mr. Murray Jorgensen, Chief Executive Officer

**State Government**

- Mr. Gary Hamley, Chief of Staff, Minister for Local Government
- Ms. Tarnya Widdicombe, Senior Policy Adviser, Minister for Local Government
- Mr. Dave Coggin, Principal Policy Adviser, Office of the Premier
- Ms. Jodie Holbrook, Director Local Government Policy & Engagement, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

**City of Perth**

- Ms. Karin Strachan, Project Director Corporate Recovery
- Ms. Lisa Cooke, Principal Policy Liaison Officer (Secretariat)

**1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY (Premier)**

Minister Templeman welcomed members of the Committee, made an acknowledgement of Country and explained that the Premier and the Member for Perth would be joining the meeting soon.

**2. MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING (Premier)**

Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April 2019 were adopted and have been published on the City of Perth website.



### **3. KEY STRATEGIC OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **3.1 Attraction of ECU into the City**

Chair Commissioner Hammond outlined that the attraction of educational institutions to the Central city would have a significant impact on economic vibrancy, provide strong opportunities for job creation and broad economic growth. As such, the Edith Cowan University consideration of relocating nominated facilities of its Mt Lawley campus (including WAAPA) to the Perth CBD, would be a once in life time opportunity worthy of supporting.

Chair Commissioner Hammond asked the Premier if the City could assist in making the ECU move to the city happen, and if there were any barriers the City was presenting that could prevent such a move.

Having received the City's briefing paper Mr. Duncan Ord contacted the Chancellor and Deputy Chancellor of ECU to discuss a potential relocation into the city. ECU have taken on Price Waterhouse Cooper to investigate the viability of the proposal.

The Premier and the Member for Perth arrived at the meeting.

Mr. Duncan Ord explained that a sub committee made up of representatives from Premier and Cabinet, and Landcorp has been formed to review the availability of lands in the city and elsewhere for the purposes of education. Land next to Yagan Square was considered a possibility, it is felt a university would tie in well with existing infrastructure and amenities. The TAFE campus on Newcastle Street is also considered a potential location. A business case is expected to be complete in October 2019.

The Premier said he is supportive in principle of the idea of having a university in the inner-city, however, it is not something the State could be expected to pay for, that is the responsibility of the Federal Government. The Premier did say however, he would be supportive of investigating the use of the Royal Perth Hospital heritage buildings on Wellington and Murray Streets as a potential site. The Premier made it clear he did not want to focus on one university, rather he wishes to consider all proposals.

The Member for Perth expressed that he was aware of proposals from both Murdoch University and the University of Western Australia to establish a campus in the inner city. He expressed the need for the Government to test the market of such proposals and to investigate the use of Royal Perth buildings as quickly as possible.



Chair Commissioner Hammond said the City is happy to consider the proposals of all universities. Having a university campus in the inner city would change the focus from a retail city to an educational hub.

The Premier concluded that the next steps are:

1. Consideration of the business case for suitable sites in October 2019.
2. Authorisation from Ministers for Planning and Health to investigate the use of the Royal Perth Hospital Buildings.
3. Consideration of all proposals presented by universities to have an inner- city campus.

### **3.2 Inner City Transport Plan – City Deal**

Chair Commissioner Hammond expressed the City's desire to reengage with the State on inner city transport options with the view to developing an agreed position that might add weight to a federally funded "City Deal". Past conflict with the State was acknowledged, particularly in terms of the routing and mode of alternative transport options within the core retail / business precinct, but that ultimately both the State and City want to achieve the same outcome. Chair Commissioner Hammond said the City's Commissioners and CEO are committed to taking a solution-based approach to the State's position on the issue and have directed City staff to do the same.

Chair Commissioner Hammond emphasised the need for a solution focused on, "to the City, not through the city," is essential to the vitality of the city.

The Member for Perth explained that he was to head up a working group, authorised by the Minister for Planning, to develop and lock in a masterplan for the city. The masterplan will be a coherent study for the whole city. Whilst the masterplan will consider public transport and a way forward for light rail, it will also consider infrastructure including bike lanes, and it will take a precinct approach. The masterplan will consider other major matters, such as the Perth Concert Hall and educational precincts. It will provide clear guidance to developers.

The Premier concluded that the next step is for the Member for Perth to chair a working group, with relevant Government agencies to develop a clear masterplan for the city.

### **4. Homelessness and Rough Sleeping**

Chair Commissioner Hammond presented an overview of what the City of Perth is doing to address homelessness and rough sleeping in the city. He expressed that the City's priority was to get a shelter up and running, that the City is keen to contribute to capital for a shelter and for a not for profit group to run it. The next step from the City's perspective is to locate and confirm usage of an appropriate piece of land.

The Member for Perth shared that he had spoken to the Treasurer regarding the strip of land by City Farm. It was suggested that the land could be used for a shelter at a peppercorn lease.



He suggested that the next step would be for the City of Perth to formally write to the Treasurer requesting use of the land.

Deputy Chair Commissioner McMath outlined the need for a “common ground” type model of accommodation in Perth. As it stands, Perth is the only Australian city that does not have such an approach. Deputy Chair Commissioner McMath also outlined that on 18 and 19 September, she would be working with the Council of Capital City Lord Mayors to progress the group’s agenda of ending homelessness nationally.

The Premier concluded that the next step is for the City of Perth to formally write to the Lands Minister and Treasurer, requesting the use of the land by City Farm for a night shelter. The letter should also request other options of land to be considered.

## **5. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **5.1 Media**

The Premier acknowledged that the City is not being positively presented in the media and encouraged the City to take an assertive communication approach. The Premier also suggested taking a more strategic approach, communicate the City’s reform process and the changes being delivered, he noted that building relationships is key.

Deputy Chair Commissioner McMath indicated that, as part of the City’s Corporate Recovery process, the City’s approach would be refreshed and that she hoped this would be positively perceived by the media.

### **5.2 Parking**

The Premier enquired as to how the City’s free parking trials were progressing. Chair Commissioner Hammond explained that the one-hour free parking trials had been successfully undertaken in East Perth, Hay Street and West Perth. He explained that the City is planning to provide up to three hours free parking in retail areas on weekends and public holidays, and that this will take place before Christmas. The Premier was supportive of the City’s approach and thought the free parking could be a good way to start Christmas promotions for the city.

### **5.3 Bicentenary Celebrations**

Minister Templeman reminded all that at the April 2016 meeting, the City of Perth Committee agreed to explore a coordinated approach for the WA Bicentenary, noting a 10-year lead time for planning for these celebrations and potential capital works was necessary. Minister Templeman informed the Committee that he had written to all cabinet colleagues, seeking support to commence a planning framework for the Western Australian Bicentenary celebrations.

Minister Templeman said that the feedback received to date, reflects that this milestone has many different and equally important meanings for WA’s diverse population and that reconciliation is an important element of the project. He also indicated that some leadership groups, for example in Albany had already begun planning preparations.



There was acknowledgement of the need to be mindful of and sensitive to the Indigenous aspects of the WA Bicentenary, and that this should be central to any planned approach. As such, there was acknowledgment in the room that dialogue is needed with both Perth and wider Aboriginal groups as early as possible in the planning process.

Chair Commissioner Hammond suggested that, from a governance perspective to reflect Local Government celebrations across Western Australia, the Government needs to engage with WALGA, as the WA Bicentenary celebrations would reach beyond activities in the City of Perth, although the City would be happy to be involved.

The Minister will seek further advice and provide a final report for consideration at the next City of Perth Committee meeting.

The Deputy Chair Commissioner said that the City of Perth would provide feedback on the “West Australian Paper 1829 – 1979”.

#### **5.4 Entertainment Noise Precinct**

The Premier raised that there had been progress on the Entertainment Noise Precinct matter, with discussions between the Ministers for Planning and Environment on inner core and outer core noise regulations. The process of a resolution is for the Planning and Environment Ministers to agree on appropriate numbers, the City of Perth will be informed of the numbers and will need to decide if they accept the numbers.

#### **6. NEXT MEETING (Premier)**

This was not discussed at the meeting, to be determined.

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## Actions

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| <b>ITEM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>3.1 Attraction of ECU into the City</b>                                      |
| <b>ACTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Consideration of a University Campus in the Inner City.                         |
| <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Director General, Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries |
| <b>DUE DATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | October 2019.                                                                   |
| <u>Details</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                 |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consideration of sustainable State land for an inner-city university campus (October 2019).</li><li>• Authorisation from Ministers for Planning and Health to investigate use of the Royal Perth Hospital Buildings.</li><li>• Consideration of all proposals presented by universities to have an inner- city campus.</li></ul> |                                                                                 |

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| <b>ITEM</b>                                                                                                                                                            | <b>3.2 Inner City Transport Plan – City Deal</b> |
| <b>ACTION</b>                                                                                                                                                          | Development of a master plan for Perth city      |
| <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                                                                                                                                                  | Member for Perth                                 |
| <b>DUE DATE</b>                                                                                                                                                        | Next meeting                                     |
| <u>Details</u>                                                                                                                                                         |                                                  |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member for Perth to Chair a committee, with relevant Government agencies to develop a clear masterplan for the city.</li></ul> |                                                  |

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| <b>ITEM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>4 Homelessness and Rough Sleeping</b>                    |
| <b>ACTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Identify appropriate land for a night shelter in Perth city |
| <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | City of Perth                                               |
| <b>DUE DATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Next meeting                                                |
| <u>Details</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                             |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• City of Perth to formally write to the treasurer requesting use of the land and to provide alternative land options.</li><li>• City of Perth to feedback on progress at the next City of Perth Committee meeting.</li></ul> |                                                             |



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| <b>ITEM</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>7 City of Perth Bicentenary Celebrations</b>                  |
| <b>ACTION</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Provide final report on planning for WA Bicentenary Celebrations |
| <b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Minister for Local Government Sport and Cultural Industries      |
| <b>DUE DATE</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Next meeting                                                     |
| <u>Details</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Minister will seek further advice and provide a final report for consideration at the next City of Perth Committee meeting.</li><li>• City of Perth to provide feedback on the “West Australian Paper 1829 – 1979”.</li></ul> |                                                                  |