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Hon. David Templeman MLA
Minister for Local Government; Heritage;
Culture and the Arts
7th Floor, Dumas House
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WEST PERTH WA 6005



Dear Minister Templeman MLA,

Local Government Act 1995 (part 1) review submission.

At its meeting on 6th December 2017, the Council considered part 1 of the Review of the Local Government Act 1995. The Council applauds the department for undertaking the review and the Council welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission as part of the review.

For the most part, the Council supports the submission made by WALGA with one exception.

Officer's Recommendation/Council Decision:

That Council prepare a submission to the Department of Local Government relating to the review of the WA Local Government Act (1995) supporting the WALGA submission (refer appendix 2) with the following exceptions;
Provide clearer definition in the Act to better differentiate the roles of Councillors and Staff.
CARRIED 10/0

The Council considers that the roles of both Councillors and staff could be better defined in the act to provide clarity for the benefit of both parties. This would provide for a better governance and decision making framework, would assist both parties to more effectively fulfil their role and would minimise conflict between staff and councillors which is a common occurrence within our industry.

If you have any questions, please contact me on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely,

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David Blurton
Chief Executive Officer