

**Theme 1: Early Intervention, Effective Regulation and Stronger Penalties**

	<b>WALGA RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>SHIRE OF KOORDA RESPONSE</b>
<b>1.1 Early Intervention Powers</b>		
•	<b>Recommendation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the proposed reforms as they align with the sectors position on external oversight and support.</li> <li>• Request the Minister to explore alternate mechanisms for resolving local level complaints.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>1.2 Local Government Monitors</b>		
•	As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>1.3 Conduct Panel</b>		
•	• As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>1.4 Review of Penalties</b>		
•	• <b>Supported</b>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>1.5 Rapid Red Card Resolutions</b>		
	• As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>1.6 Vexatious Complaint Referrals</b>		

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•	<b>Supported</b> •	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>1.7 Minor Other Reforms</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>

**Theme 2: Reducing Red Tape, Increasing Consistency and Simplicity**

	<b>WALGA RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>SHIRE OF KOORDA RESPONSE</b>
<b>2.1 Resource Sharing</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported for sector choice but not for Shire of Koorda</b>
<b>2.2 Standardisation of Crossovers</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>2.3 Introduce Innovation Provisions</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>2.4 Streamline Local Laws</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>2.5 Simplifying Approvals for Small Business and Community Events</b>		
•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ As above</li> </ul>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>2.6 Standardised Meeting Procedures, Including Public Question Time</b>		
•	As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>

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2.7 Regional Subsidiaries		
•	○ Supported	<b>WALGA and NEWROC recommendation supported</b>

**Theme 3: Greater Transparency & Accountability**

	WALGA RECOMMENDATION	SHIRE OF KOORDA RESPONSE
<b>3.1 Recordings and Live-Streaming of All Council Meetings</b>		
○	Supported •	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>3.2 Recording All Votes in Council Minutes</b>		
•	Supported •	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>3.3 Clearer Guidance for Meeting Items that may be Confidential</b>		
•	Supported •	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>3.4 Additional Online Registers</b>		
•	Supported ○	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>3.5 Chief Executive Officer Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) be Published</b>		
•	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conditionally Support the reporting of CEO KPIs that are consistent with the strategic direction and operational function of the Local Government, subject to exemptions for publishing KPI's of a confidential nature;                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do not support the results of performance reviews being published.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Do not support the reporting of CEO KPIs and/or results of performance reviews being published as these are confidential matters between employer and employee.

**Theme 4: Stronger Local Democracy and Community Engagement**

	WALGA RECOMMENDATION	SHIRE OF KOORDA RESPONSE
<b>4.1 Community and Stakeholder Engagement Charters</b>		
•	• Supported	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>4.2 Ratepayer Satisfaction Surveys (Band 1 and 2 local governments only)</b>		
•	• As above	No comment being not applicable
<b>4.3 Introduction of Preferential Voting</b>		
•	Not currently supported - Local Government feedback requested	Not supported – ‘First-past-the-post’ system should be retained.
<b>4.4 Public Vote to Elect the Mayor and President</b>		
○	• Not currently supported - Local Government feedback requested (Not applicable to Shire of Koorda)	No comment being not applicable
<b>4.5 Tiered Limits on the Number of Councillors</b>		
•	Recommend 5 to 7 Council Members for populations up to 5,000 and support the remaining proposed reforms.	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>4.6 No Wards for Small Councils (Band 3 and 4 Councils only)</b>		
•	• Supported (Already applies to Shire of Koorda)	WALGA recommendation supported

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<b>4.7 Electoral Reform – Clear Lease Requirements for Candidate and Voter Eligibility</b>		
•	• As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>4.8 Reform of Candidate Profiles</b>		
•	• As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>4.9 Minor Other Electoral Reforms</b>		
•	○ As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>

**Theme 5: Clear Roles and Responsibilities**

	<b>WALGA RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>SHIRE OF KOORDA RESPONSE</b>
<b>5.1 Introduce Principles in the Act</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b> ○	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>5.2 Greater Role Clarity</b>		
○	• <b>Supported</b>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
	<b>5.2.1 - Mayor or President Role</b> ○ As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
	<b>5.2.2 - Council Role</b> ○ As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
	<b>5.2.3 - Elected Member (Councillor) Role</b> • As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
	<b>5.2.4 - CEO Role</b> ○ As above	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>5.3 Council Communication Agreements</b>		
•	• <b>Support a consistent, regulated Communications Agreement.</b>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>



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<b>5.4 Local Governments May Pay Superannuation Contributions for Elected Members</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b> •	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>5.5 Local Governments May Establish Education Allowances</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b> •	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>5.6 Standardised Election Caretaker period</b>		
•	<b>Supported</b> ○	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>5.7 Remove WALGA from the Act</b>		
•	<b>WALGA to undertake its due diligence on this proposal and advise the sector accordingly</b>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>
<b>5.8 CEO Recruitment</b>		
•	• <b>Supported</b>	<b>WALGA recommendation supported</b>

**Theme 6: Improved Financial Management and Reporting**

		WALGA RECOMMENDATION	SHIRE OF KOORDA RESPONSE
<b>6.1 Model Financial Statements and Tiered Financial Reporting</b>			
•		Supported •	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>6.2 Simplify Strategic and Financial Planning</b>			
•	○	○ As above	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>6.3 Rates and Revenue Policy</b>			
	•	• Supported	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>6.4 Monthly Reporting of Credit Card Statements</b>			
•	•	• Supported (Effectively, the Shire of Koorda's existing practice)	WALGA recommendation supported
<b>6.5 Amended Financial Ratios</b>			

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6.6 Audit Committees	•	WALGA RECOMMENDATION	SHIRE OF KOORDA RESPONSE
		Supported	WALGA recommendation supported
• 6.7 Building Upgrade Finance		Supported	WALGA recommendation supported
6.8 Cost of Waste Service to be Specified on Rates Notices			
•	•	• Supported	WALGA recommendation supported