



## CONFIRMED MINUTES OF THE WASTE AUTHORITY MEETING

held on Wednesday 2 June 2010  
Department of Environment and Conservation  
11.00 am – 2.15 pm

**Meeting No. 08/2010**

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms Jan Grimoldby                      Acting Chair  
Ms Carolyn Jakobsen  
Prof Paul Hardisty

### APOLOGIES

Mr Marcus Geisler                      (overseas)

### ATTENDEES

Mr Alan Sands	A/Deputy Director General – Environment, DEC (Delegate for Director General, DEC)	
Ms Catherine Rayner	General Manager, Office of the Waste Authority	
Ms Linda Thoresen	Manager, Policy, Office of the Waste Authority	For item 7.6
Mr Ian Hill	Special Contract Adviser	For items 7.7 & 7.8
Ms Diane McKinnon	Executive Officer, Office of the Waste Authority	Minutes/Actions
Ms Debra Bala	Executive Officer, Office of the Waste Authority	
Mr Bernard Ryan	Manager, Waste Management Branch, DEC	
Dr Jill Lethlean	Manager, Programs, DEC	For items 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5, 10.3, 10.4, 10.5
Mr Tony Beeson	Manager, WARR Account, DEC	For items 7.1, 8.1

### 1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTIONS

The A/Chair declared the meeting open at 11.00am and welcomed members and staff to the meeting.

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

### 3. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE A/CHAIR

The A/Chair advised members that the *Final Draft Waste Strategy for Western Australia* and the *Draft Waste Authority Business Plan 2010 – 2015* has been forwarded to the Minister for Environment for her consideration. These items will be discussed with the Minister at a meeting to be held on 10 June.

The A/Chair informed members that she has been advised by the Minister for Environment that the position of Chairman, Waste Authority would be advertised. The advertisement for the position appeared in the Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May West Australian Newspaper.

The A/Chair and General Manager, Office of the Waste Authority recently met with representatives from the New Energy Corporation to discuss the company's plans to source a waste to energy project in the North West region.

### 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

#### RESOLUTION:

4.1 The minutes of the Waste Authority meeting number 06/2010 held on 5 May 2010 were accepted as an accurate record of proceedings, subject to minor typographical corrections.

Moved: Ms Jakobsen  
Seconded: Ms Grimoldby  
**CARRIED**

### 5. REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Authority reviewed the actions from previous meetings. The status of actions listed was acknowledged and noted by members. Specific item updates were:

#### Actions from Meeting 04/2010 held on 7 April 2010:

##### 11.2 2010 WA Environment Awards

The Authority discussed its sponsorship of the 2010 WA Environment Awards, and the proposed Waste/Resource Recovery Category in relation to its criteria. Members discussed priorities within the *Draft Waste Strategy for Western Australia* and considered areas that it may prefer to focus the category on, such as education. Members noted their preference that the category be renamed the '*Waste Category*;' requested further details on the criteria for the category; and to be informed of all other categories for the event.

#### RESOLUTION:

##### The Authority:

- 5.1 Noted the status of actions listed in the '*Waste Authority – Status of Actions Arising from Meeting*' table.
- 5.2 Agreed that the 2010 WA Environment Awards category it is sponsoring should be renamed the '*Waste Category*.'
- 5.3 Requested further details on the criteria for the '*Waste Category*' and to be informed of all other categories for the 2010 WA Environment Awards.

## 6. OUT OF SESSION ITEMS

Nil

## 7. DISCUSSION / DECISION ITEMS

### 7.1 SWIS/CGS Round 1, 2010 – Confirmation of Recommendations

The Authority at its 5 May 2010 meeting, approved projects for funding for Round 1, 2010 of the Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS) and the Community Grants Scheme (CGS) subject to amendments as determined at that time. The Authority also resolved to consider a further SWIS application out-of-session. Following the receipt of further information, the Authority subsequently considered and approved a further SWIS application.

The Authority noted that one final SWIS application remained deferred, pending management changes in the organisation and the provision of further information.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

**7.1.1 The Authority approved one of the two SWIS grant applications for which further consideration had been requested.**

### 7.2 Waste Management Association of Australia – Strategic Partnership Proposal

At its 5 May 2010 meeting, the Authority received a presentation from the Waste Management Association Australia (WMAA) outlining a proposal for the continuation of funding under the strategic partnership arrangement for the next three years.

At that time, the Authority requested staff to review the work already undertaken by the WMAA (WA Branch); review the list of proposed projects for 2011-2013; and prepare recommendations for the Authority's consideration. The Authority received a briefing from staff and noted the following:

- The current proposal consists of a number of projects to be undertaken by consultants and managed by a contract project manager engaged by WMAA. Some concerns regarding governance matters including government procurement processes were highlighted as a result of the strategic partnership arrangement with WMAA.
- Projects have been developed by members of the various WMAA working groups.
- The majority of projects in the proposal include activities identified in the draft Waste Authority Business Plan to be undertaken by staff of the Waste Management Branch and Office of the Waste Authority. Matters relating to a possible duplication of works were discussed.
- The Authority considered that a future strategic partnership with WMAA would benefit from being more closely aligned with arrangements currently in place with other strategic partnerships, such as WALGA and Compost WA, to maximise capacity to engage with its membership and the Authority on issues of common interest. Members noted that in those arrangements, a staff resource is funded and used to coordinate with members and act as a conduit for information between the Authority and the partner's membership.
- The quality, relevance and usefulness of various projects undertaken under the strategic partnership arrangement with WMAA were discussed. Possible future projects under the partnership arrangement were also discussed, including possible support for the North West working group in the Kimberley.

- Members recognised the need to change the nature of the strategic partnership arrangement with WMAA, subject to negotiation, to allow WMAA to expand its capacity, be consistent with other partnership arrangements and in line with the forthcoming Waste Strategy for Western Australia and Business Plan.
- The Authority agreed that it is appropriate to wait until the Manager, Strategic Partnerships is appointed and has commenced employment before negotiating a new strategic partnership arrangement with WMAA.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

- 7.2.1 Noted the proposal from the Waste Management Association Australia (WMAA) for a 3-year strategic partnership with the Waste Authority.**
- 7.2.2 Resolved to negotiate a more strategically focused partnership arrangement with WMAA than the proposal received.**
- 7.2.3 Agreed to defer the finalisation of a strategic partnership arrangement with WMAA until the Manager, Strategic Partnerships is appointed.**
- 7.2.4 Agreed that it is prepared to consider a proposal to provide support for establishing a North West Working Group, should one be forthcoming.**

**7.3 Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme & Regional Funding Program**

At its 5 May 2010 meeting, the Authority received a presentation from GDH Consulting on its draft *Report for Review of the Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme and the Regional Funding Program Pilot*. At that time, the Authority discussed the review recommendations and agreed that staff would prepare a response to the recommendations of the report on behalf of the Authority.

The Authority reviewed the listing of key findings and recommendations of the report and considered its response to these. Staff informed the Authority of a proposal to develop a discussion paper exploring options for a Regional Funding Program model.

In relation to the proposed response regarding a review of the role of regional coordinators, the Authority requested that the wording be reconsidered in accordance with the discussion at the meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

- 7.3.1 Considered the draft response to the GHD Report for Review of the Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme and Regional Funding Program Pilot (March 2010) and Recommendations.**
- 7.3.2 Adopted the positions taken in the draft responses as the basis for further work on a Regional Funding Program model and requested staff to prepare a discussion paper exploring options in this regard.**
- 7.3.3 Formally received the GHD Report.**
- 7.3.4 Agreed to place the GHD Report and Waste Authority response on the Towards Zero Waste Website.**

#### **7.4 Construction & Demolition Waste Action Plans**

The *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* (WARR Act) provides mechanisms to empower local governments over what types of activities could be included in waste management plans. Head powers to develop model local laws, local laws and regulations are provided in the WARR Act. Staff presented to the Authority, a number of options for considering a preferred way forward in improving the effectiveness of construction and demolition waste avoidance and resource recovery on development sites.

The Authority noted that while the *Planning and Development Act 2005* provides some opportunity to control onsite operations at construction sites to enhance the separation of materials and maximise recycling, it appears that these may be limited only to actions taken on a site, which limits the level of control over the amount of recycling that can be guaranteed through this mechanism.

The Authority considered a number of options to progress this matter, including:

- the development of a model local law under the WARR Act allowing local governments to adopt the application of management plans;
- the development of a local law or regulation under the WARR Act requiring local governments to require an on-site management plan but not mandate where materials go after removal from site; and;
- the development of a local law or regulation under the WARR Act that requires local governments to require waste management plans for construction sites with plans determining the appropriate destination for materials taken off-site.

The Authority discussed the options presented and agreed to investigate the development of a draft regulation for a Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Plan for development sites (which includes demolition). Members agreed that appropriate groups be advised of the Authority's intention to investigate the development of a regulation that could require Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Plans, and seek their input into the form and scope of such a regulation.

#### **RESOLUTION:**

##### **The Authority:**

- 7.4.1 Noted the information provided on options to improve the effectiveness of construction and demolition plans in respect to recycling practices as applied by local governments.**
- 7.4.2 Agreed to investigate the development of a Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Plan Regulation for development sites, which includes demolition.**
- 7.4.3 Agreed to write to appropriate groups advising of this decision and seek input into the form and scope of the proposed Regulation.**

#### **7.5 E-Waste Collection and Recycling**

Staff informed the Authority of the current situation regarding the allocation of approved interim funding for e-waste including televisions and computers for a 6 month period while alternative options for an interim scheme are being finalised.

In April 2010, the Authority wrote to the Forum of Regional Councils (FORC) requesting recommendations on an equitable strategy/mechanism agreeable to its members for allocating the proposed funding to both the metropolitan and non-metropolitan regional centres for the proposed 6 months. Staff advised that it appeared that FORC is not currently in a position to provide timely input on the allocation of funding in this regard.

The Authority discussed options for proceeding with the proposed allocation of funding to metropolitan and non-metropolitan regional centres for the proposed 6 months. It was noted that funding models have been developed for immediate commencement, consistent with timeframes set for the E-waste Committee.

Staff informed the Authority that proposed allocations were based on the percentage of population per regional council area and supported the disposal of e-waste from existing collection practices within the metropolitan area. Staff advised that the development of infrastructure or commencement of new e-waste activities is not covered under the funding. Funding would be allocated up to the stated nominal amount per regional/local council area based on invoices supplied to DEC Waste Management Branch monthly.

The Authority agreed on a proposed model for the allocation of interim funding for e-waste disposal in the metropolitan area as discussed at the meeting. This included supporting the operation of existing e-waste (televisions and computers) collections in the metropolitan area by contributing to disposal costs for at least 6 months while alternative options for an interim scheme are finalised by the E-waste Committee.

The Authority agreed on a proposed model for the allocation of interim funding for e-waste management in the major regional centres identified in the Draft Waste Strategy to cover e-waste transport and disposal costs for the interim period. Members agreed that this may provide incentive to commence e-waste recycling in regional centres in advance of any interim State program and commencement of a National Framework.

The Authority agreed to refer requests received from two local governments to the E-Waste Committee for advice.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

- 7.5.1 Noted the information provided on options for the allocation of interim funding for e-waste management in Western Australia over the next 6 months.**
- 7.5.2 Approved the funding model for the metropolitan area as presented at the meeting and agreed to advise local governments in writing of their responsibilities should they take up the offer of funding.**
- 7.5.3 Approved funding model B for major regional centres as listed in the draft Waste Strategy to cover e-waste management costs for the interim period up to a maximum amount per region.**
- 7.5.4 Agreed to refer requests received from two local governments to the E-Waste Committee for advice.**

**7.6 Governance Framework: Code of Conduct**

Staff informed the Authority of the establishment of a Waste Authority Governance Framework, developed under Section 3 of the Public Sector Management Act 1994. The Waste Authority governance framework has been developed in accordance with principles and requirements for good corporate governance developed by the Public Sector Commission and the Office of the Public Sector Commissioner to reflect current best practise and address ongoing challenges of accountability, probity and transparency.

The Authority was informed of the four elements of the governance framework being developed for the Waste Authority, including the Waste Authority Charter, Code of Conduct, Conflict of Interest Policy and a Ministerial Communications Agreement.

As part of the governance framework, the first element, a revised Code of Conduct was presented for the Authority's consideration to promote good practice for the Authority and any committees established by the Authority. The document outlines the Authority's obligations, provides guidance about ethical conduct and is a key element of good governance practice. The Code of Conduct aligns with the Western Australian Public Sector Code of Ethics.

The Authority considered the revised Code of Conduct and subject to some minor amendments as discussed during the meeting, agreed to adopt it. Members present signed the Draft Code of Conduct during the meeting.

A copy of relevant supporting procedural documents including the Conflict of Interest Register, Decisions Register, Record Keeping Procedures, Complaints Management, Public Interest Disclosure Officer and relevant Public Sector Commissioner and Premier Circulars were provided to members during the meeting for insertion in their 'Members Information Manual.'

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

- 7.6.1 Noted the Waste Authority Government Framework and proposed elements being developed for the Authority.**
- 7.6.2 Reviewed the Code of Conduct and adopted a revised version of the document as presented and modified during the meeting.**
- 7.6.3 Signed the Code of Conduct as presented and modified.**

## **7.7 Waste Authority – Logo Use**

In the context of updating Waste Authority publications, an updated policy on the use of Waste Authority logo's and branding was considered by members.

The Authority noted that the *Towards Zero Waste* branding and its associated logo underpins the Authority's vision and published documents. As part of a coordinated communications approach, the Authority agreed on the use of its two approved logos (*Waste Authority* and *Towards Zero Waste*) to ensure consistency and correct branding in all instances. The Authority agreed the following:

- All logo use is of the co-badged design with major prominence on the WA Government stamp.
- Where the Authority requires a co-badged logo as a single graphic entity (such as in reports and letters, headers and footers) any of the four designs highlighted at 7.7.1 below can be used, depending on background colours.
- Where the Authority requires both logos as separate entities, the brand logo to occupy almost as prominent a position as the Government stamp logo and is the appropriate size.
- All logo use in websites, whether co-badged or appearing as two separate logos, are to be hotlinked to the Authority's home page.
- Logos in appropriate formats relevant to their intended use are to be supplied to organisations based on their requirements. This includes EPS for print media; and JPG, TIF or PDF for web or other screen/projection based displays.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

- 7.7.1 Adopted the following four designs for use on all internal and external publications and media formats.



**Waste Authority**



- 7.7.1.1 LOGO DESIGN 1: This logo (above) is the suggested layout for letterhead and would also suit reports and cover pages.



**Waste Authority**



- 7.7.1.2 LOGO DESIGN 2 (above): Co-badged logo for publications with an appropriate coloured background that does not detract from the brand.



**Waste Authority**



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- 7.7.1.3 LOGO DESIGN 3 & 4 (above): Alternative co-badged logos for publications with an appropriate coloured background that does not detract from the brand and where a portrait space is required.
- 7.7.2 Noted that the Government Printer has approved the use of the co-badged logo (Waste Authority and Towards Zero Waste).
- 7.7.3 Approved measures to ensure the logo is used in the correct format for government branding in all publications.

**7.8 Towards Zero Waste Website**

The Authority received a Towards Zero Waste website statistics report for the month of May 2010. Staff informed of some website hosting issues in relation to website traffic not being logged on a couple of occasions during the reporting period.

Staff informed that a website report will be compiled monthly to outline the number of visits, pages, hits etc to the site; provide an outline of the most viewed pages; the duration of visits; and search keyphrases used to access material on the website.

Viewed traffic for May 2010 included 5,039 unique visits, 7,185 visits, 18,163 pages and 91,097 hits. The top pages visited during the reporting period included the index.php, household hazardous waste education link, Perth landfills, demolition recycling directory, waste strategy forum, organics and composting.

The Authority noted that the majority of visits had been directed via the DEC website. Members discussed opportunities to direct website traffic to specific areas on the website via the DEC website.

The Authority noted that a discussion paper exploring options for the Towards Zero Waste website would be provided at the July meeting.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

- 7.8.1 Received a Towards Zero Waste website statistics report for the month of May 2010.**
- 7.8.2 Noted that a website statistics report would be provided monthly.**
- 7.8.3 Noted that a discussion paper exploring options for the Towards Zero Waste website would be provided at the July meeting.**

## **8. CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION**

### **8.1 Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme & Community Grants Scheme – Final Reports / Terminations**

The Authority received final reports for completed projects as detailed below:

- **Murdoch University – Environmental Technology Centre – Small Scale Biogas Plant for on-site treatment of organic wastes, SWIS 2008, \$45,823 plus GST.** The project aimed to standardise a small scale continuous, single stage, mesophilic digester for treating food and vegetable waste. The study showed that food and vegetable waste can be effectively treated in small scale digestors such as the 2 tonne plant used in the study. The plant provided a continuous treatment process with a capacity of about 30-40kg of solid waste (food and vegetable waste) per day, taking around 10-15 tonnes of waste from landfill or centralised treatment facilities per year. The main hurdle identified during the study was the application of the plant to specific industry. The local government's strategic waste management plan needs to be revisited to improve onsite management of waste and to find the full potential of this method for organic waste management.
- **Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council (EMRC) – Developing Markets for Recycled Organics with Table Grape Growers and Viticulturists, SWIS 2007, \$44,086 plus GST.** The EMRC established two intensive agriculture demonstration sites in the Swan Valley to demonstrate the effectiveness of applying recycled organics products to clay soils. In conjunction with the WA Grape Growers Association, Sandalford Wines was selected as one of the trial sites to show the benefits of applying mulch and compost use on vines. Jim Dawson's fig farm was the other trial site selected to demonstrate the benefits of using mulch on small commercial farms. The project also determined the associated cost savings of using recycled organics in comparison to current practices.

The recycled organics used in the trials were manufactured by the EMRC at its Red Hill Waste Management Facility from household organics. The project was supported by the Swan Catchment Council as the trials provide demonstration sites for their Water Wise on the Farm project.

The laboratory analysis of the mulched and unmulched area at Jim Dawson's Farm did not identify any significant results; however the land owner made the following observations six months after the mulch was spread:

- A noticeable decrease in watering requirements.
- Excellent weed suppression in the mulched area and a resulting reduction in the use of pesticides.
- Improved soil structure.
- Slightly improved yields.

The laboratory results of the Sandalford Wines trial vines also provided inconclusive results.

At both trial sites testing occurred six months after the compost was spread. Ideally an additional compost application after 12 months and additional sampling after 12 and 24 months would have occurred; however, the EMRC did not have the resources to dedicate to the sampling and the monitoring component of the budget was fully expended after the six month sampling had occurred.

#### **RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:**

##### **The Authority:**

##### **8.1.1 Noted the final evaluation project reports received for completed projects from the following organisations:**

- Murdoch University – Environmental Technology Centre – Small scale biogas plant for on-site treatment of organic waste (SWIS 2008); and
- Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council – Developing Markets for Recycled Organics with Table Grape Growers and Viticulturists (SWIS 2007).

##### **8.1.2 Requested staff to follow up on matters associated with monitoring as discussed during the meeting in relation to the EMRC's SWIS 2007 grant.**

## **8.2 Correspondence – Waste Authority/Ministerial**

The Authority discussed the list of incoming and outgoing correspondence provided. Members noted that correspondence received from 2 local governments relating to e-waste requests has been referred to the E-Waste Committee for advice, as determined at agenda item 7.5.

## **9. PRESENTATIONS**

Nil.

## **10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10.1 Monthly Report – Actual WMB staff numbers**

The Authority noted that the actual staff numbers within the Waste Management Branch as at 30 April 2010 is 18 staff, of an approved number of 24 staff for the Branch. Members noted the appointment of a data officer within the Branch, Mr Sanjay Kumar and the recruitment process for the Manager, Strategic Partnerships within the Office of the Waste Authority is currently underway.

**RESOLUTION:**

**10.1.1 The Authority noted that the actual staff numbers within the Waste Management Branch is 18 of an approved number of 24 staff for the Branch.**

**10.2 E-Waste Committee 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting**

The Authority noted that the inaugural meeting of the E-Waste Committee was held on 20 May 2010. Staff provided a summary of the meeting as follows:

- A brief synopsis of the current status of e-waste in Western Australia was presented to Committee members. Attendees were invited to put forward their relative positions on what aspects of the potential program were of most interest to them and where they felt their input could be best utilised in the program development.
- Information regarding the National Framework update, e-waste tonnage projections for metropolitan and regional areas and e-waste compositions was requested for the next E-Waste Committee meeting.
- The National Product Stewardship E-waste Team has been invited to present an update on the National Framework at the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the E-waste Committee.
- A significant proportion of the work of the E-waste Committee could be conducted via email forum and tele-conference.

**RESOLUTION:**

**10.2.1 The Authority noted the information provided on the first meeting of the E-Waste Committee, held on 20 May 2010.**

**10.3 Update on Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) activities**

The Authority noted that the Environment Protection and Heritage Council Standing Committee (EPHSC) met on 21 May 2010 and noted a copy of the agenda for the meeting. Staff provided a summary of the status of each of the waste projects being undertaken by the EPHC during the meeting. This included updates on Methane Emissions from Landfill, the National Waste Policy, Product Stewardship Framework Legislation and Television and Computer Product Stewardship, Tyres Product Stewardship, Beverage Container Investigation, Australian Packaging Covenant and Used Packaging Material NEPM, Publishers National Environment Bureau Sustainability Plan 2010-2015 and Partnering with Peak Industry Associations.

In relation to the National Waste Policy, the Authority expressed concerns over Western Australia not being represented on the working group established to finalise the National Waste Policy Implementation Plan. The Authority agreed that Western Australia should be represented on the working group and requested staff to follow up on this matter.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

**10.3.1 Noted the information provided on an update of Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC) activities.**

**10.3.2 Noted that the EPHC is due to hold a tele-conference on 25 June 2010 and meet on 5 July 2010.**

**10.3.3 Requested staff to follow up Western Australia's representation on the working group established to finalise the National Waste Policy Implementation Plan.**

**10.4 Update on Strategic Partnerships**

The Authority received an update on the work undertaken by its current strategic partnerships, being the Conservation Council of Western Australia, the Western Australian Local Government Association, GreenStamp, Compost WA and the Waste Management Association Australia.

Members noted that the Conservation Council is keen to meet with the A/Chair to discuss its strategic partnership arrangement. The A/Chair requested that a meeting be established between the Conservation Council, the General Manager, Office of the Waste Authority and herself to discuss the Council's strategic partnership.

The Authority discussed the need to assess the level of rigour around governance arrangements for partnerships and agreed on a proposed scope for this assessment. The Authority also agreed to undertake an evaluation against good governance principles on previous and current partnership arrangements.

The Authority discussed the quality, relevance and usefulness of various projects undertaken by the strategic partners. Members expressed some concerns over the need to have better control over how funding allocated to 'partners' is spent, and what is delivered in return. The Authority noted that the Manager, Strategic Partnerships within the Office of the Waste Authority will manage this process once the position is filled.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

**10.4.1 Noted the update provided on the Strategic Partnerships to the Waste Authority.**

**10.4.2 Requested staff to arrange a meeting between the A/Chair, General Manager OWA and the Conservation Council of WA to discuss its strategic partnership arrangement.**

**10.4.3 Agreed to assess the level of rigour around governance arrangements for partnerships and agreed on a proposed scope for this assessment.**

**10.4.4 Agreed to undertake an evaluation against good governance principles on previous and current partnership arrangements.**

**10.4.5 Noted that the Manager, Strategic Partnerships will manage 10.4.3 and 10.4.4 above, once appointed.**

**10.5 Recycling Activity Report for 2007/08 & 2008/09**

The Authority received the final draft Hyder report on the *Recycling Activity in Western Australia for 2007/08 and 2008/09*.

The report shows that recycling has increased over the past 2 years, with the largest increase occurring in the C&I and C&D sectors. The majority of material recycled is collected in the metropolitan area. The most recycled material by weight is C&D materials, metals, organics and paper/cardboard.

The Authority noted that the diversion rate has increased by 15% over the last 12 months, however, it was noted that some areas have not advanced (such as steel) which may be attributed to the global financial crisis.

The Authority requested staff to prepare a number of fact sheets regarding key findings of the report. Media releases regarding key messages from the report were also requested by the Authority.

The Authority commended the efforts of staff in working with the consultant to produce the informative report. Members requested that minor corrections be made to the document as outlined during the meeting, and agreed to place the report on the Towards Zero Waste Website thereafter.

**The Authority:**

**10.5.1 Noted the draft report entitled 'Recycling Activity in Western Australia – 2007/08 & 2008/09' and agreed that minor corrections be made to the document as discussed during the meeting.**

**10.5.2 Agreed that staff develop a number of Media Releases to inform of the reports key findings and messages, including comparisons between like reports and the 5 year trend.**

**10.5.3 Agreed that a number of Fact Sheets be developed for public release on the reports key findings.**

**10.5.4 Agreed to place the *Recycling Activity in Western Australia 2007/08 & 2008/09 Report* on the Towards Zero Waste Website, following the completion of 10.5.1 above.**

#### **10.6 Current Listing of Registered Lobbyists**

The Authority noted the current listing of lobbyists registered on the State Government's Lobbyist Register as at 13 May 2010.

#### **10.7 Final Draft Waste Strategy & Draft Business Plan**

The Authority noted that the Final Draft Waste Strategy 2010-2020 and Draft Business Plan (2010 – 2015) have been completed and provided to the Minister for Environment for her consideration. A meeting has been arranged to discuss these documents with the Minister on 10 June. Members received a copy of the final documents at the meeting.

The Authority noted the Minister for Environment's correspondence, advising of the forecast levy amount of \$44 million for the 2010/11 financial year and an allocation of funds to the WARR Account of \$11 million, for the 2010/11 financial year. Together with the predicted balance of levy monies from the 2009/10 financial year, the Authority noted that its draft business plan for 2010/11 could therefore be fully funded.

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

**10.7.1 Noted the Final Draft Waste Strategy 2010-2020 and Draft Business Plan (2010 – 2015).**

**10.7.2 Noted the Minister for Environment's correspondence regarding the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account for the 2010/11 financial year.**

#### **10.8 Household Hazardous Waste Committee**

The Authority discussed the work of the Household Hazardous Waste Committee and noted that the next meeting would be held on 4 June.

The Authority discussed an expression of interest received from the Shire of Toodyay to construct a household hazardous waste facility. The Shire of Toodyay has prepared a proposal and plan for the facility, which also includes for the collection of oil and e-waste as a combined collection centre. The Council seeks \$85,000 from the Authority to fund 50% of the relevant costs.

The Authority discussed the proposal and agreed to provide funding of up to \$85,000 from the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account to support 50% of the relevant costs of the Shire of Toodyay's household hazardous waste facility. The Authority agreed that the funding would be provided on the proviso that the Shire of Toodyay accepts neighbouring Councils household hazardous waste (from the Avon Region).

**RESOLUTION:**

**The Authority:**

- 10.8.1 Noted that the next Household Hazardous Waste Committee meeting would be held on 4 June.**
- 10.8.2 Agreed to support the Shire of Toodyay's proposal for a household hazardous waste facility, by providing up to \$85,000 in funding from the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account.**
- 10.8.3 Agreed that the funding provided to the Shire of Toodyay be conditional on the Shire accepting neighbouring Councils household hazardous waste (from the Avon Region).**

**11. CLOSE**

The meeting closed at 2.15pm.

**12. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Waste Authority will be held on 7 July 2010, commencing at 11.00am in the 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom, Department of Environment and Conservation, The Atrium, 168 St Georges Terrace, Perth.

APPROVED / APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT



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Jan Grimoldby (Ms)  
**A/CHAIR, WASTE AUTHORITY**

7 July 2010