

MINUTES OF THE WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING

Thursday 10 May 2007

Level 4 Boardroom, Department of Environment & Conservation

The Atrium, Level 4, 168-170 St Georges Terrace, Perth

9.00 AM – 12.30 PM

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The Chair declared the meeting open at 9.10am and welcomed all present.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr Barry Carbon	Chair
Mr Geoff Richards	9.00am to 12.15pm.
Mr Graham Slessar	
Ms Fleur Newman	
Ms Anne Nolan	
Ms Carolyn Jakobsen	
Mayor Paddi Creevey	

ATTENDEES

Mr Michael Kerr	Manager, Waste Management Branch	
Dr Jill Lethlean	Manager, Products Programs	
Mr Tony Beeson	Manager, Waste Management and Recycling Account	
Mr Bernard Ryan	Manager, Policy and Evaluation	
Mr David Healy	Manager, Stakeholder Programs	
Mr David D'Arcy-Burke	Manager, Communications	
Ms Diane McKinnon	Executive Officer	Minutes/Actions
Dr John Ottaway	Assistant Director, Office of the Deputy Director General, Environment	For item 6.3
Mr James Milne	Project Coordinator, Landfill Levy Review	For items 6.6 & 6.7
Ms Laura-Jayne Edgecombe	Project Coordinator	For item 6.9
Ms Kelsie Prabawa-Sear	Community Education Program Coordinator	For item 6.10
Dr Anne-Marie Bremner	Snr Project Coordinator, Data Management	For item 6.11

APOLOGIES

Mr Robert Atkins

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATIONS

The following conflicts of interest were declared by members during the meeting:

Barry Carbon – The Chair advised of a conflict of interest with item 6.9 – Single Bin Recycling and advised that he would abstain from voting on this matter if the discussion led to it.

Graham Slessar – A potential conflict of interest was noted with item 6.9 – Single Bin Recycling. Graham Slessar advised that he has been in discussions with the Mirrabooka Action Group. The Board did not view this as a conflict of interest.

Mayor Creevey – A potential conflict of interest with item 9.1 – Funding request from the South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC) was declared by Mayor Creevey's due to the City of Mandurah's involvement in discussions with the SEMRC on this matter. Mayor Creevey agreed to abstain from voting on this matter.

3. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Waste Management Board meeting held on 12 April 2007 were confirmed as a true and accurate record subject to the following amendment:

6.1 – Board Priorities and Strategic Planning Session

Resolution 6.1.2

'The Board agreed to establish a new sub-committee as a matter of urgency to look at the issue of Legislation, Regulation, Container Deposit Systems and Extended Producer Responsibility' was amended to 'The Board agreed to establish three new sub-committee's as a matter of urgency to look into the issues of 1) Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bills, 2) policy issues that exist around the Levy, and 3) Extended Producer Responsibility – to get an idea of how to engage senior people that produce in managing their own issues.'

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

3.1 The minutes of the 12 April 2007 meeting were confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to minor amendment.

4. ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING – 03/2007

Members reviewed the actions from previous meetings. Generally, the actions listed were accepted and noted. The following items required clarification or an update on status during the meeting:

Actions from 12 April 2007 meeting:

7.6 Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill. The Chair provided an update on current actions on the Bill. A draft and final version of views on the Bill from the Chair has been relayed to the Minister by the Chair, both in writing and verbally (see 9.2 – Other Business). The Chair advised that an item of particular interest to the Minister was the issues relating to Local Government in relation to the Levy and implications of the Levy. The Chair advised that the Minister is keen to discuss this further with Mayor Creevey in her capacity as Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC). The Chair requested feedback from members on the draft message forwarded to the Minister.

Mayor Creevey advised the Board that an item of great concern coming out of the last MWAC meeting was the issue of Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR). EPR is seen as a corner stone in addressing the issue of waste and MWAC is keen to see if EPR happens and the level of commitment it is given.

Mayor Creevey also concurred with the views expressed by the Chair regarding the perception of a lack of transparency in monies generated from the Landfill Levy and advised that MWAC is questioning what the monies are used for and what Local Government receives in return. She added that it needs to be clearly demonstrated that the funds are not in any way perceived as normal operating costs of the department. There will be growing disquiet by Local Government if this is not dealt with appropriately.

The Board discussed the possibility of an independent report being conducted on the use of Levy funds. Paul Ward advised that the Waste Management and Recycling Account attracts more auditing than any other area within the department. Stamfords is currently auditing the Account on behalf of the department. The 2007/08 year will be audited through the department and the Office of the Auditor General.

The Board agreed that an independent report be arranged within an appropriate timeframe following the 'internal' audit. It was viewed by the Board as beneficial to have the audit report conducted by someone independent and visibly separate to the department.

Michael Kerr advised the Board that the move of the Waste Management Branch into the Sustainability Division within the department over the next few months could result in possible separation of Branch functions within the Division. In the past, the Branch has been a discreet entity within the department and the Fund has been directly associated with the operations of the Branch. The application of the Fund is still to be resolved as part of this move.

The Board expressed concerns with the spreading out of the Branch within the Sustainability Division and questioned how this fits with the establishment of an Authority with regards to accountability and support of Board priorities. Michael Kerr noted that this was going to be a particular challenge for the department and he agreed to come back to the Board advising of how this could be achieved under a new structure.

The Board supported the Chair discussing issues associated with the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill and placement of the Waste Management Branch in the Sustainability Division with the Director General of DEC.

The Chair advised that he has received a draft email from the Minister in response to his briefing. He referred to a minor point concerning general constraints regarding who can collect waste and the expectation that if Local Government allows the community to undertake collections, that by-laws will need to be in place for every Local Government. The Chair asked Mayor Creevey if Local Government was happy with this arrangement, or if another alternative is preferred. Mayor Creevey advised that she would follow this up and advise the Chair accordingly.

4.2 Meeting between Chair and Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council regarding Household Hazardous Waste Program Negotiations. The Chair advised that he has met with Mayor Creevey in her capacity as Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council. The Chair provided encouragement that the Board would like to find a direction on this matter quite quickly.

6.1.2 Board Priorities and Strategic Planning Session – Establishment of new sub-committees. The Chair advised that four separate sub-committees have been established by the Board, not one sub-committee as indicated in the draft minutes of 12 April 2007. The four new temporary sub-committees were outlined as follows:

1. The first sub-committee has been established to look at organics applied to land. This sub-committee is already in place with Board members Graham Slessar (Chair), Carolyn Jakobsen and Geoff Richards.
2. A new sub-committee to look into assisting progression of the WARR Bill – which involves the Chair and Mayor Creevey.
3. A new sub-committee to look at policy issues associated with the Levy including, its objective, scope of application and the Levy rate. Fleur Newman and Anne Nolan constitute this sub-committee.
4. A new sub-committee to look into Extended Producer Responsibility – to get a sense of how to engage senior people that make products in managing their own issues. The Chair and Carolyn Jakobsen have nominated to sit on this sub-committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

- 4.1 The Board agreed that an independent report be conducted on the use of Levy funds within an appropriate timeframe following the 'internal' audit.**
- 4.2 DEC to provide advice to the Board on how the move of the Waste Management Branch into the Sustainability Division fits with the establishment of an Authority (in terms of accountability and supporting Board priorities).**

- 4.3 The Chair to discuss issues associated with the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill and placement of the Waste Management Branch in the Sustainability Division with the Director General of DEC.**
- 4.4 In relation to the WARR Bill, Mayor Creevey to follow up on Local Government's views on by-laws being required by every Local Government if Council's allow community groups to undertake collections.**
- 4.5 The Board established four sub-committees in the areas of Organics, WARR Bill, Landfill Levy and Extended Producer Responsibility.**

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND/OR DECISION

5.1 2007/08 Business Planning – Michael Kerr

The Board discussed projects for 2007/08. The Chair outlined that the business planning exercise will determine what the Board's focus for this period will be, and identify areas that are not a priority focus. Unless major projects were committed by virtue of Ministerial and Government policy directions, all projects were viewed as having nil staff costs and expenditure. If a new or existing project is identified as major and 'must do' during the exercise, other project areas may come under greater scrutiny for continued support.

Michael Kerr advised that although the Board has made some decisions on key priorities, this is not seen as 'cast in stone' until the Board signs off on the Business Plan.

The Board discussed attachment 1 which highlighted major projects and projects for 2007/08. Major projects highlighted included Extended Producer Responsibility, Organics (guidelines for compost from municipal solid waste), Container Deposit Scheme, and Waste Management and Recycling Account Schemes Management.

The Board expressed difficulty in deciding on project commitments in the absence of a detailed breakdown of project costs, including staff, outsourced work etc. Michael Kerr suggested that the Board provide approvals based on projects highlighted in the committed column only. A subsequent focussed meeting should discuss the finer details of projects where the Branch would come back with additional information on all proposed projects.

The Chair was keen to confirm committed projects and for members to discuss and sign off on these. Following the signing off on committed projects, the Chair suggested the Board then look at ongoing projects to determine project and funding commitments. The Chair outlined the budget as two 'buckets' of funding – one for strategic 'big ticket' items and another for smaller projects. This process will determine, through exception, what projects will not proceed.

The following comments were made by the Board on the 2007/08 business planning process:

- The list of major projects and projects to be viewed in conjunction with a new table that highlights staff resources allocated to specific project areas.
- The Board requested that Attachment 3 (Explanation of salaries figures for landfill levy compliance and administration of the Waste Management and Recycling Account) be provided with information that clearly demonstrates how monies from the Waste Management and Recycling Account are spent.
- In relation to Attachment 4 (clarification of on-costs), Paul Ward advised that staff on-costs for the fund are charged at 19.4%, well below Treasury recommendations. The department's contribution to staff costs was considerable in comparison. The Board requested that it be provided with a clear statement on staff on-costs and charging to the next meeting. It was envisaged that this information would greatly assist in alleviating concerns by Local Government in relation to staff administrative costs paid for from the Account.

In relation to Attachment 1 – Major Projects and Projects identified for 2007/08, the Board resolved the following:

- **Major Project 1: Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR).** The Board agreed that EPR is a committed project area. However, the allocation of funding and staff resources requires further clarification. It was noted that the status of this project should clearly reflect that the Minister has approved it.
- **Major Project 2: Organics.** The Organics sub-committee is currently working on the establishment of interim guidelines for organics applied to land. The Board agreed that this project is committed for 2007/08.
- **Major Project 3: Container Deposit Systems.** The Board agreed that this project is committed for 2007/08 funding.
- **Major Project 4: Waste Management and Recycling Account / Schemes Management.** The Board acknowledged that the Levy compliance and the administration of the Account are a statutory obligation— therefore committed. Committed funds identified (including carryovers) was also agreed to by the Board for SWIS, CGS, the Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme and the Rural Recycling Offset Scheme.
- **Project 5: Building Products** (including infrastructure and market development and building products recycling (Government); and **Project 6: Government Practices** (including Government purchasing and Government leading by example) were not discussed due to being viewed as non-committed projects at this time.
- **Project 7: Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bills and Regulations.** The Board agreed that funds identified are committed for 2007/08.
- **Project 8: National Packaging Covenant (NPC).** Commitment to the NPC was acknowledged by the Board with the request that an objective be included to have two NPC projects from Western Australia approved next year.
- **Project 9: Rural, Regional, Remote coordination.** The Board agreed that this project is committed for 2007/08.
- **Project 10: Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).** The Board agreed that \$100,000 has been committed for 2007/08. The current scheme will expire at the end of 2007. The Board noted that discussions are currently underway with Local Government on the delivery of a program to collect and dispose of household hazardous waste.
- **Project 11: Strategic Partnership Placements.** This project area covers the Centre for Excellence in Cleaner Production and GeenStamp. Both projects are committed by the Board for 2007/08. The Chair requested that a visit to the Centre of Excellence in Cleaner Production be arranged for members.
- **Project 12: Litter Prevention Strategy.** The Board agreed that the Litter Prevention Strategy was committed for 2007/08. It was acknowledged that the function was ongoing in terms of permanent staff, excluding operational costs. The Chair requested to be provided with information relating to commitments made from the Waste Management and Recycling Account to the Keep Australia Beautiful Council for the Litter Prevention Strategy.
- **Project 13: Waste Wise Schools.** The Board agreed that this program is committed for 2007/08.
- **Project 14: Landfill Levy Extension Review.** The Board acknowledged that this is currently not committed for 2007/08.
- **Project 15: Regulation.** This project area includes National Environment Protection Measures (NEPM) and regulations required for tyres, landfills etc. The Board acknowledged that the NEPM was a COAG requirement.
- **Project 16: Data Reporting.** This work area includes data management strategy development, reporting protocols (collection performance), performance evaluation and a review of recycling activity in WA for 2006/07. It was noted that specific program areas were currently not approved or committed to within this work area.

The Board agreed that committed projects have now been identified through this process. The Board is now at a stage where it is in a position to look at all other areas identified within the project listing for 2007/08, including staff and operational funding. The Chair stressed that just because the Board

has not agreed to these yet, does not mean the remaining projects will not occur - just that the Board has not got to them yet.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

- 5.1.1 The Board agreed to committed projects for the 2007/08 Business Plan as discussed at the meeting.
- 5.1.2 The Board agreed to consider further projects for the 2007/08 Business Plan at the next meeting.
- 5.1.3 DEC to provide a detailed breakdown of all project costs, including staff, project and outsourced work costs at the next meeting.
- 5.1.4 DEC to provide information clearly demonstrating how monies through administering the Waste Management and Recycling Account are spent at the next meeting.
- 5.1.5 DEC to provide a clear statement on staff on-costs relating to the Waste Management and Recycling Account at the next meeting.
- 5.1.6 In relation to the National Packaging Covenant, the Board requested that two projects be proposed and set as an objective by Western Australia during 2008.
- 5.1.7 In relation to Strategic Partnership Placements, the Board requested that a visit to the Centre of Excellence in Cleaner Production be arranged for members.
- 5.1.8 The Board requested information relating to commitments made from the Waste Management and Recycling Account to the Keep Australia Beautiful Council for the Litter Prevention Strategy at the next meeting.

6. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION AND/OR DISCUSSION**6.1 Significant Correspondence – Waste Management and Recycling Account – Tony Beeson**

The Board noted that the following final evaluation project reports had been received:

- o Nungarin Tidy Towns – Promoting and Increasing Recycling in the Shire of Nungarin (Ref: C1125).
- o Junkbusters Inc – Junkbusters Drop'n'Shop Re-use Centre (Ref: C22675).
- o Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council – Community Waste Education Program (Ref: GPE/01/03).

The Board queried if any publicity is organised when grants have been completed. David D'Arcy-Burke advised that no formal mechanism is in place, however, the 'Zeroing In' newsletter does look into receiving information from recipients. In light of concerns expressed by Local Government regarding the use of Levy funds, the Board conveyed its support to including a column in the 'Zeroing In' newsletter advising of the completion of grants specific to Local Government.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

- 6.1.1 The Board requested that a column be included in the 'Zeroing In' newsletter advising of the completion of grants specific to Local Government.

6.2 Significant Correspondence – Ministerial

The Chair advised that he has recently discussed Container Deposit Systems with the Minister. The Minister is considering the approach the Board proposed to him.

The Chair also advised of recent correspondence he has received from the Minister regarding the collection and recycling of used oil. The Minister has requested that the Board works with the oil industry as a matter of urgency to identify ways to alleviate the acute problem that exists with oil disposal in Western Australia. The Minister's preference is that urgent solutions are found that allow oil producers to take responsibility for, and share the costs of, used oil disposal.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

6.2.1 DEC to provide advice to the Board in relation to the Minister's request that urgent solutions be identified for oil collection and recycling.

6.3 Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Bills – John Ottaway

Dr John Ottaway advised that a list of issues concerning the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bills has been forwarded to the Minister, providing different views on various matters including the Keep Australia Beautiful Council. The Minister has taken counsel from a range of parties and a decision is expected to be conveyed to the department within the next day or so. The department has recommended to the Minister that the few remaining, significant, unresolved issues be deferred until after the Bills are enacted, to ensure the Bills can be introduced into the Spring Session of Parliament.

6.4 Organics Sub-committee – Update – Graham Slessar

Graham Slessar provided the Board with an update on the work of the Organics Sub-committee. The recent meeting focussed on progressing guidelines for organics applied to land. The Committee has agreed that limitations on the application of organics from mixed municipal waste should be explicitly stated in the guidelines. However, the Board needs to be aware of the imminent and directly relevant report from a New South Wales study, likely to be released by the end of 2007. Advice was sought from the Board on whether Western Australia should release an interim guideline in the meantime or wait until the release of the NSW study. There is a risk that an interim guideline may contradict the NSW report.

The Board generally agreed that it was better for Western Australia to continue with the development of interim guidelines rather than wait for the NSW report findings.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

6.4.1 The Board agreed that the Organics Sub-committee continues with the development of interim guidelines for organics applied to land rather than wait until the release of a NSW study.

6.5 Summary of the Landfill Levy Review Recommendations – Tony Beeson

The Board was provided with an update on the status of the recommendations of the Landfill Levy Review. Tony Beeson advised that 8 of the 10 recommendations have been fully implemented. Implementation of recommendation 6 is subject to whether or not it is decided to consider the extension of the levy to non-metropolitan areas.

Recommendation 9 has been partly implemented. A new interim scheme for Local Government has been progressing. No specific scheme for industry has been discussed. A public consultation process in late 2005, early 2006 invited industry to participate in discussions, and provided suggestions of what could happen for industry. No significant response from industry was received at that time. It was therefore determined by the former Board to proceed with a scheme for Local Government and to look at industry schemes later.

The Chair requested that the newly formed sub-committee looking into policy issues associated with the levy, revisits all recommendations of the '*Landfill Levy Review Recommendations*' Report, with particular emphasis on Recommendation 1. Michael Kerr has committed to working closely with this group.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

6.5.1 The Board agreed that the new sub-committee (policy issues – levy) reviews all recommendations of the Landfill Levy Review Recommendations Report as part of its scope.

6.6 Extension of the Landfill Levy Beyond the Metropolitan Area – James Milne

The Board briefly discussed the issue of further investigating the possible extension of the landfill levy beyond the metropolitan area. Tony Beeson advised the Board that there is a range of views on this matter.

The Board was advised that the department has not had discussions with landfill facilities highlighted in the briefing note. All regional sites are operated by Local Government or by contractors on behalf of Local Government.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

6.6.1 The extension of the Landfill Levy beyond the metropolitan area will be reviewed along with all other recommendations of the Landfill Levy Review Recommendations Report by the sub-committee looking into levy policy issues.

6.7 The (Towards) Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme – Funding Commitments – James Milne

James Milne advised the Board that the Minister has made a financial commitment to the Development Scheme, Phases 1 and 2. Phase 1 of the Scheme will cost \$720,000, the combined cost of Phases 1 and 2 will be \$3.1 million.

He explained that \$2.3 million has been allocated in the Board's 2006/07 Business Plan and due to the project spanning over two financial years, the carryover and remaining required funds are intended to be allocated in the 2007/08 Business Plan. It was noted that the Waste Management and Recycling Account allows for carryovers to occur because the Account is hypothecated for waste management only.

A working group consisting of representatives from DEC, MWAC and Local and Metropolitan Regional Councils was established after the initial round of State-wide consultation to ensure a collaborative approach to building the Scheme.

The Board discussed the WARR Bill in regards to Zero Waste Plans. The WARR Act would give the Director General the capacity to direct a Local Government to prepare a waste plan as part of its 'plan for the future'. A Local Government could appeal such a direction if it wished. The Board agreed that a discussion needs to be held with the Director General to determine his views on this matter.

The Chair referred to attachment 6.7.2 which highlighted the process and timeline for the Development Scheme. It was agreed that the end date of 30 June 2008 be removed from the timeline. The scheme should come back to the Board by March 2008 at the latest for review and further consideration.

The Board queried if a proforma has been developed demonstrating what a Zero Waste Plan could look like. James Milne referred to attachment 6.7.1 which outlined a proposed plan structure. A more comprehensive model was developed but this was not supported during the consultation process. The structure presented to the Board is currently undergoing a comment period from Local Government.

The Board discussed the level of expectation and commitment to funding beyond the establishment of waste plans by Local Government and options on how best to address this matter. It was noted that Local Government may not be keen to develop waste plans if there is no funding commitment beyond the establishment.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

6.7.1 The Board agreed that a discussion is to be held with the Director General, DEC regarding the capacity to direct Local Government to establish waste management plans within the WARR Bill.

6.7.2 The timeline associated with the flow chart for the Scheme should end at 31 March 2008. The scheme should come back to the Board thereafter for review and further consideration.

- 6.7.3 The Chair agreed to draft a letter to the Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council, for input by the Board, regarding funding beyond the scope of the existing Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme.**
- 6.7.4 The Board agreed to allocate the remaining funds required (including carryovers) for the completion of the (Towards) Zero Waste Plan Development Scheme in the 2007/08 Business Plan.**

6.8 Amendment of Environmental Protection Regulations 1987, Part 6 – Tyres – Jill Lethlean

Dr Jill Lethlean advised the Board that the amendment of the Environmental Protection Regulations 1987, Part 6 – Tyres falls within the responsibility of the Environmental Regulation Branch within the department. Although advice received in the briefing note suggested that amendments to the Regulations were unlikely to take place in the short term due to resource constraints, Dr Lethlean advised that the Regulation Branch is currently reviewing the Regulations and that the amendments may be able to be included as part of that review, subject to receiving approval for the amendment from the Minister.

The Board expressed significant concern regarding the lack of priority by the department to provide necessary amendments to the Regulations in a timely manner. The Board conveyed the view that the department's lack of priority impedes the Board's capacity to deliver on its responsibility.

The Chair advised that he will draft a letter to the Director General of the department advising of the Board's strong views on this matter.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

- 6.8.1 The Chair agreed to write to the Director General of the department advising of the Board's concern regarding the low priority this matter has been given by the department.**

6.9 Single Bin Recycling – Laura-Jayne Edgecombe

The Board was advised on the extent of use and associated recovery rates of the single-bin kerbside collection system across local governments of Australia. It was noted that the City of Stirling is the only Council in Australia that uses the single-bin system.

The Chair requested that a formal discussion on this matter occur at the July meeting. It was suggested that the Organics sub-committee should investigate the issue of single bins.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

- 6.9.1 The Board requested that this item be presented at the July meeting for formal discussion.**
- 6.9.2 The Organics Sub-committee to investigate the issue of 'single bin recycling.'**

6.10 Waste Wise Schools Program Achievement – Kelsie Prabawa-Sear

The Board was advised of the summary of achievements of the Waste Wise Schools Program. It was noted that the program was the largest single program supported by the Board, employing four full time staff.

6.11 Data Strategy for 2007/08 – Anne-Marie Bremner

The Board was presented with a briefing note, advising of the proposed work by the Waste Management Branch to collect and manage waste-related data in 2007/08.

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed in great detail and the Board requested that it be presented to the next meeting. It was noted however that two fulltime staff currently support the data area.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

6.11.1 The Board requested that the brief regarding the data strategy for 2007/08 be presented at the next meeting for discussion.

6.12 Metropolitan Landfill Capacity Issues – Bernard Ryan

The Board was advised of the temporary closure last year of the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council facility at Canning Vale. The closure highlights the potential need for better overall planning of waste disposal capacity in the metropolitan area. Mr Bernard Ryan provided a summary of existing and predicted capacity of landfills in the metropolitan area.

Mayor Creevey advised that the Municipal Waste Advisory Council is currently conducting a landfill capacity survey in all metropolitan and non-metropolitan areas through discussions with operators. A re-occurring issue for Local Government is where landfills will go in the future. Previously identified areas are now growth areas. Discussions need to occur between Local Councils and the Department of Planning and Infrastructure sooner rather than later due to the lengthy approvals process for establishing new landfill cells. Confidence for operators in making future investments is also required.

The Board agreed that it needed to take the lead in discussions with key stakeholders to help alleviate concerns of Local Government. The Chair agreed to write a letter to Mayor Creevey in her capacity as the Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council, seeking advice on who should join the Board in these discussions.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

6.12.1 The Board agreed that it should take the lead in discussions with key stakeholders concerning metropolitan landfill capacity issues.

6.12.2 The Chair agreed to write to the Chair of the Municipal Waste Advisory Council seeking advice on who should join the Board in these discussions.

8. PRESENTATION**8.1 Feedback from recent Study Tour of the United States and Canada – Michael Kerr**

Due to time constraints, the scheduled presentation by Michael Kerr on his recent study tour of the United States and Canada was unable to be held.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

8.1.1 The Board requested that the presentation by Michael Kerr on his Study Tour of the United States and Canada be made at the next meeting.

9. OTHER BUSINESS**9.1 South East Metropolitan Regional Council – Request for funding from the Waste Management and Recycling Account – Michael Kerr**

Mayor Creevey had previously declared a conflict of interest with this item due to the City of Mandurah's involvement in discussions with the South East Metropolitan Regional Council (SEMRC) and agreed to abstain from voting.

The South East Metropolitan Regional Council is seeking financial assistance through the Waste Management Recycling Account of \$100,000 to assist the SEMRC in increasing community understanding and generating support for the establishment of a resource recovery facility in the south east metropolitan region of Perth. The Chair advised that this matter had previously been

considered by the former Board and declined. Members were requested to advise if they were in a position to vote on the request based on the information provided.

Carolyn Jakobsen advised of the previous Board's views on the proposal, in that it was considered inappropriate in the main, due to it being considered core Council business. However, bringing into consideration the shortage of landfill and waste disposal facilities and additional information highlighted by Jan Grimoldby during a presentation to the previous Board, the proposal has merit and should be voted on.

It was noted that the SEMRC has invested a considerable amount of money into the project already and that the project has a strong community educational focus.

Mayor Creevey left the meeting during the voting. The remaining Board members unanimously agreed to support the request for funding.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

- 9.1.1 The Board agreed to support the South East Metropolitan Regional Council's request for WMRA funding of \$100,000 to increase community understanding and support for the establishment of a resource recovery facility in the south east metropolitan region of Perth.**
- 9.1.2 The Chair agreed to write a letter to Ms Jan Grimoldby, Chief Executive Officer of the South East Metropolitan Regional Council advising of the Board's decision.**

9.2 Chair's Message to the Minister regarding the Waste Avoidance & Resource Recovery Bills – Barry Carbon

This matter was discussed as part of actions arising from the previous meeting at item 7.6 – Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Bill.

9.3 Southern Metropolitan Regional Council – Invitation for the Board to Tour Facility

The Chair advised of an invitation received from the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council (SMRC) for members of the Waste Management Board to tour its Regional Resource Recovery Centre. Members were keen to participate in a tour of the facility and it was agreed that a date that suits both the Board and the SMRC would be collectively worked out.

RESOLUTIONS OF DISCUSSION:

- 9.3.1 The Board accepted the invitation received from the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council to tour its Regional Resource Recovery Centre.**
- 9.3.2 The Executive Officer to liaise with the Southern Metropolitan Regional Council and members of the Board to determine a date for the tour.**

10. NEXT MEETING

The next Board meeting will be held on **FRIDAY** 15 June 2007 – 9.00am to 12.30pm at DEC offices.

11. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 1.00pm.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Barry Carbon'.

APPROVED / APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT

Barry Carbon, Chair

WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD

15 June 2007