



Waste Authority

CONFIRMED MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE WASTE AUTHORITY

held on Wednesday 17 March 2010
Perth Zoo Conference Centre, Labouchere Road, South Perth
11.00 am – 11.40 pm

Meeting No. 03/2010

1. WELCOME, APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTIONS

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ms Jan Grimoldby A/Chair
Ms Carolyn Jakobsen
Mr Marcus Geisler
Prof. Paul Hardisty

ATTENDEES

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| Mr Bernard Ryan | Manager, Waste Management Branch, DEC | |
| Dr Jill Lethlean | Manager, Programs, DEC | |
| Mr Tony Beeson | Manager, WARR Account, DEC | |
| Ms Diane McKinnon | Executive Officer, Waste Authority | Minutes/Actions |

APOLOGIES

Mr Robert Atkins Deputy Director General – Environment, DEC
(A/Delegate for Director General, DEC)

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

Ms Grimoldby provided members with an update on e-waste matters since the Authority's 5 March 2010 meeting and advised that the Minister is expecting a proposed Terms of Reference for the E-Waste Sub-Committee within the next working day. A special meeting had been called to progress the Terms of Reference for the Minister's consideration.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Nil.

3. DISCUSSION / DECISION ITEMS

3.1 Terms of Reference for E-Waste Sub-Committee

At its March meeting, the Waste Authority agreed to support the operation of permanent collection depots in the metropolitan area for the collection, recycling and disposal of e-waste (including televisions and computers) for at least six months while alternative options for an interim scheme are finalised. This included a commitment of funding up to a total of \$200,000 from the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Account.

At the same meeting, the Authority agreed to prepare and forward a terms of reference for consideration by the Minister for the establishment of an e-waste sub-committee with members comprising the Waste Authority, local government, AIIA, Product Stewardship Australia, State Government preferred suppliers, Waste Management Association (WA Branch), key retailers and recycling industries.

The Authority discussed a draft terms of reference proposed for the e-waste sub-committee. In summary, the Authority agreed to the following in relation to the sub-committee:

- That it be chaired by a member of the Waste Authority. Invitations for representatives from various groups to be on the committee would be extended to: Local Government; Australian Information Industry Association (AIIA); Product Stewardship Australia (PSA); State Government preferred suppliers; key retailers, key recycling industries; and the Waste Management Association of Australia (WA Branch). Members noted that the committee may have up to 14 people.
- It be established for up to a six month period and to report back by June 2010 on a preferred way forward for managing e-waste in Western Australia. It is proposed that the committee sets the direction for the recycling and collection of e-waste in WA within the first 3 months of formation. Meetings may therefore be more frequent in the first 3 months of operation.
- It's main objective is to determine a suitable interim program for recycling TVs and computers in Western Australia (metropolitan area and major regional centres listed in the Waste Strategy) that facilitates transition into the National Scheme.
- It would review the collection and recycling program for e-waste in other States.
- The sub-committee to make recommendations from a WA perspective regarding key issues to be considered by the framework reference group for the National Scheme for computers and TVs.
- To make recommendations regarding the design and implementation of a scheme that best benefits all e-waste stakeholders in WA.
- The work of the committee will be supported by existing staff resources.

The Authority noted that while there is current infrastructure in place to support e-waste collection and recycling through a number of local councils, in the meantime an interim collection on top of this (to include televisions) would be provided. Members noted that the National roll-out is not anticipated prior to 2012.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

3.1.1 The Authority agreed to adopt the proposed Terms of Reference following some minor amendments, and forward it to the Minister for her consideration to establish an e-waste sub-committee.

3.2 Consideration of Funding to Support Non-metropolitan Areas in relation to E-Waste Collection, Recycling and Disposal

In an endeavor to maximise the collection and recycling of computers and televisions across Western Australia, the Authority agreed to include an additional Resolution of Discussion to item 7.2 – E-Waste Collection – Western Australia at the Authority’s 5 March 2010 meeting. The following was agreed to:

7.2.5 The Authority agreed to support the operation of up to 4 e-waste collection depots in non-metropolitan regional areas, for the collection, recycling and disposal of e-waste (including computers and televisions) for at least six months while alternative options for an interim scheme are finalised. The Authority agreed that this would be best coordinated through the Forum of Regional Councils (FORC) – subject to FORC’s agreement, and included providing financial assistance of up to \$200,000 from the WARR Account to support the 4 non-metropolitan regional depots.

The Authority noted that the funding provided would be spread equitably amongst the regions based on need, support etc and that this was on top of the \$200,000 provided to metropolitan area depots.

RESOLUTION OF DISCUSSION:

The Authority:

3.2.1 Agreed to support the operation of up to 4 e-waste collection depots in non-metropolitan regional areas, for the collection, recycling and disposal of e-waste (including computers and televisions) for at least six months while alternative options for an interim scheme are finalised.

3.2.2 Agreed that, subject to FORC’s agreement, 3.2.1 would be coordinated through the Forum of Regional Councils (FORC).

3.2.3 Agreed to the provision of up to \$200,000 from the WARR Account to support the 4 non-metropolitan regional area depots.

Moved: Mr Geisler
Seconded: Ms Jakobsen
CARRIED

4. CLOSE

The meeting closed at 11.20am.

APPROVED / APPROVED WITH AMENDMENT



Jan Grimoldby (Ms)
A/CHAIR, WASTE AUTHORITY

7 April 2010