

MINUTES

Meeting of Chairs and CEO Group
held on
Monday 16 April 2012
Commencing at **5.30pm**
at the



1 DECLARATION OF OPENING AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS

The Chairman opened the meeting at 5:34pm.

2 ATTENDANCE, APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE PREVIOUSLY APPROVED

Attendees

Mayor Ron Norris RN



4 PRESENTATIONS (CONT)

- 1 *The Chair advised that the presentation given to Waste Authority (WA) went well. Peter Fitzpatrick, Chairman of the Waste Authority said he wanted to work more closely with*



8 FORC STEERING GROUP INTERIM REPORT

This Item was discussed at the CEO Group meeting on 16 April 2012 and is detailed below:

“The FORC Steering Group interim report has been prepared and distributed to all elected and officer members with an agenda for discussion at a special meeting on 12 March 2012. Unfortunately this was cancelled. The report is now to be discussed at the Chairs and CEO Group meeting on 16 April 2012. In the meantime four elected representatives have advised they are happy with the interim report and the Steering Group decided to continue to work on outstanding tasks in the Terms of Reference. Currently the EMRC and MRC are yet to respond.

The FORC Steering Group Interim Report is at **Attachment 5.**”

During the presentation of the Waste Infrastructure Planning Model which focused on the mapping tools members expressed support for investigating the feasibility of providing interactive mapping.

PS confirmed the CEO Group had discussed this item at their meeting and were recommending that the elected members support the direction taken by the FORC Steering Group and the proposed methodology as set out in the interim report. This was agreed by elected members.

Action:

- 8.1 That the direction taken by the FORC Steering Group and the proposed methodology be supported including the investigation of interactive mapping.**

MOVED CR ASHPLANT SECONDED CR PILGRIM

9 ADVICE TO MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

This Item was discussed at the CEO Group meeting on 16 April 2012 and is detailed below:

“At the Chairs and CEO Group Meeting on 27 February 2012 the issue of keeping the Minister for the Environment advised on the progress of the FORC Steering Group was discussed and the following recorded in the minutes:

“In answer to the query on arrangements for keeping the Minister of Environment up to date JS advised the minister had invited FORC to do so on a six monthly basis. JS suggested that immediately following the special meeting on 12 March 2012 a letter be sent to the Minister advising him of the solid progress being made by the FORC Steering Group. Members agreed with this approach but added that a copy is to be sent to the Premier.”

This possibly needs further discussion and a copy of the letter from the Minister to then FORC Chairman Mayor Ron Norris dated 27 July 2011 is at **Attachment 6**. Members will note that the Minister advised:

*“While I will continue to seek regular advice from the Waste Authority on waste management issues in Western Australia, I would be pleased to **meet** and receive reports from FORC's Steering Group on a 6 monthly basis*

It took some time to set up the Steering Group and their first meeting was not until 1 February 2012. Accordingly until now there has been nothing of note to report on.

If the Interim Report is supported by FORC it is suggested the Chair and Deputy Chair of FORC plus the Chairman of the FORC Steering Group seek an appointment to present advice on progress to

PS confirmed the CEO Group had discussed this item at their meeting and were recommending to the Chairs and CEO Group that the Chair and Deputy Chair of FORC plus the Chairman of the FORC Steering Group seek an appointment with the Minister for Environment to present advice on progress to date on the Steering Group's tasks.



9 ADVICE TO MINSTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT (CONT)

Members discussed this matter and agreed to the CEO Group recommendation. However it was considered that although the main purpose of meeting the Minister for Environment was to present on the work of the Steering Group the opportunity should be taken raise other significant matters of interest which could include:

The SMRC situation.

The AWT study that he has commissioned.

Waste Strategy and the lack of emphasis on AWT delivery.

Seek further clarification on his comment that AWT's are very capital intensive and that there were other ways of treating waste.

Members also indicated that when presenting the Interim Report to the Minister for the Environment it should be emphasized that:

Members of Committee are working well together.

Advise anticipated date of final Report.



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12 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM (CONT)

As a result the following two actions were agreed:

- 1 *FORC write to Ricky Burgess, Chief Executive Officer expressing concern on the exclusion of Regional Councils from the round table discussions on local government reform.*
- 2 *The points raised above relating to the Local Government Reform process be further discussed when the review of the FORC Terms of Reference is considered at the next ordinary meeting of the Chairs and CEO Group.*

At the request of the FORC Chair no action has been taken on Action 1 pending further discussion. Discussion by members on these matters is now required.”

PS confirmed the CEO Group had discussed this item and considered further discussion by the Chairs and CEO Group was required.

Members noted that another round table discussion has been organised to which all Mayors and Presidents of all local Councils had been invited. Regional Councils were again omitted which was of considerable concern. PS had emailed Ricky Burges at WALGA expressing his disappointment and requesting Regional Councils be invited even if it is as an observer

It was agreed that the Chair would contact the President and Acting Chief Executive Officer of WALGA requesting all Regional Council representatives be invited.

Actions:

- 12.1 The Chair of FORC contact the President and Chief Executive Officer of WALGA and request all Regional Council representatives be invited.**
- 12.2 That as a follow up to this contact the Chair write to the President and Chief Executive Officer of WALGA on this matter expressing FORC’s concern at the lack of an invitation.**

MOVED CR PILGRIM

SECONDED CR NORRIS

13 SMRC LICENCE

This Item was discussed at the CEO Group meeting on 16 April 2012 and is detailed below:

“The members. Recent documents as listed below on this matter are at **Attachment 8**.

FORC letter to DEC supporting SMRC

DEC letter to SMRC

Draft Licence

Media release DEC

SMRC Chairman Statement

Media Release Shadow Minister of Environment

RRRC Closure Fact Sheet”

PS confirmed the CEO Group had discussed this item and considered the situation should be monitored until it was clearer on how best to help.

Members noted that as there were no SMRC representatives at the meeting no clarification on the closure can be obtained.



13 SMRC LICENCE (CONT)

Elements of the discussion on this matter took place under Item17 but are recorded under this Item in the interest of continuity. In discussion it was agreed:



15 UPDATE ON FORC ACTIVITIES (CONT)

PS advised that:

Draft amendments to the Terms of Reference had been reviewed but more work was required prior to presentation to a Chairs and CEO Group meeting.

Comment on the Waste Strategy not reflecting FORC Recommendations. This is further discussed at item 17.

The CEO Group suggests FORC write to Stuart McCall thanking him for his contribution to FORC and invite him to dinner at a future Chairs and CEO Group Meeting.

Action:

15.1 That the verbal report be received and the suggestion to invite Stuart McCall to dinner at a future Chairs and CEO Group meeting be supported.

MOVED CR NORRIS

SECONDED CR ASHPLANT

16 REPORT ON ISSUES FROM EACH REGIONAL COUNCIL

An opportunity will be provided at this point for each Regional Council representative to update members on significant waste management issues and initiatives within their region.

The following advice was received from members:

CGG Progressing with Landfill Cell which the DEC wants to be provided with liners. Changes being made at the drop off recycling centre.

RRC Holding a Workshop on 17 May 2012 on Waste to Energy which NuEnergy and Phoenix Energy will present. All member council Councillor's and CEO's plus the Community Reference Group have been invited to attend. Quotation to review the Strategic Waste Management Plan is being sought. Annual Dinner to be held on 1st Saturday in July (7 July) at Peal Manor.

PBS Carbon Tax – absence of regulations – adopt Fees and Charges for 2012/13 next month. 2 Officers going to Canberra Conference. Construction of next cell going out to tender. Will be providing commenting on proposals to change landfill construction specification.

MRC Establishment Agreement issues in relation to City of Stirling progressing. Capping for next cell tenders came in at more than 400K than the last time so this is being reviewed. Process and Organisational Review Report underway. Looking at land in Gingin for next landfill.

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