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WARR Act Review  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**WARR ACT REVIEW**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the review of the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act.

The Shire feels it is very important to communicate our thoughts into this review given its potentially significant impact on a key service delivery the shire supplies to our community.

We have had, and continue to have, a strong and successful partnership with the EMRC and our waste objectives are closely aligned.

In response to the Discussion Paper the Shire supports the EMRC submission and recommends that:

1. The State Government NOT consider the creation of new "Statutory Waste Groups";
2. The management of Municipal Solid Waste be undertaken by Regional Local Government;
3. Regional Local Governments be consolidated down from five to three based on contiguous, geographical clusterings;
4. It be compulsory for metropolitan local governments to be members of regional councils.

The Shire of Mundaring also supports the WALGA submission and recommends that:

Regional Local Governments be governed by a Board incorporating representatives from the member's Local Governments as well as independent skills based members, with majority membership comprising member's Local Governments.

Whilst not covered in the DER Discussion Paper, it is also strongly recommended to Government that:

1. Increases be made to the level of hypothecation of funds raised through the WARR Levy to facilitate strategic waste outcomes;
2. Review of the *WARR Act 2007* be expanded to address Commercial and Industrial and Construction and Demolition waste streams;
3. Extended Producer Responsibility initiatives be progressed; and
4. A Container Deposit Scheme be introduced.

Yours sincerely



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**SHIRE PRESIDENT**

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