



Special Meeting of Council

AGENDA

to be held electronically on
Thursday, 16 April 2020
at **6:00pm**.

The EMRC Council Chambers are closed to the public for this meeting.

Public question time will continue as usual but questions may only be submitted electronically prior to the meeting, no later than 4.00pm on the 16 April 2020 to CouncilEnquiry@emrc.org.au

**EASTERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL**

NOTICE OF MEETING

Dear Councillors

I wish to advise that a Special Meeting of Council will be held electronically on **Thursday, 16 April 2020**, commencing at **6:00pm**.



MARCUS GEISLER
Chief Executive Officer

9 April 2020

Please Note

If any Councillor/Officer has a **query regarding a report item** or requires additional information in relation to a report item, please **contact the responsible Officer** (SOURCE OF REPORT) prior to the meeting.

EMRC Council Members

Cr Jai Wilson (Chairman)	EMRC Member	Town of Bassendean
Cr Doug Jeans (Deputy Chairman)	EMRC Member	Shire of Mundaring
Cr Kathryn Hamilton	EMRC Member	Town of Bassendean
Cr Lorna Clarke	EMRC Member	City of Bayswater
Cr Giorgia Johnson	EMRC Member	City of Bayswater
Cr Janet Powell	EMRC Member	City of Belmont
Cr Steve Wolff	EMRC Member	City of Belmont
Cr Lesley Boyd	EMRC Member	City of Kalamunda
Cr Dylan O'Connor	EMRC Member	City of Kalamunda
Cr John Daw	EMRC Member	Shire of Mundaring
Cr Mel Congerton	EMRC Member	City of Swan
Cr Charlie Zannino	EMRC Member	City of Swan

EMRC Council Deputies

Cr Hilary MacWilliam	EMRC Deputy Member	Town of Bassendean
Cr Filomena Piffaretti	EMRC Deputy Member	City of Bayswater
Cr Phil Marks	EMRC Deputy Member	City of Belmont
Cr Cameron Blair	EMRC Deputy Member	City of Kalamunda
Cr Amy Collins	EMRC Deputy Member	Shire of Mundaring
Cr Ian Johnson	EMRC Deputy Member	City of Swan

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Nil



14 MEMBERS' MOTIONS OF WHICH PREVIOUS NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

14.1 NOTICE OF MOTION RECEIVED FROM CR JOHN DAW

In accordance with Clause 4.18 of the *EMRC Standing Orders Local Law 2013*, Cr Daw has given notice of his intention to table the following motion for Councillors to consider at the Special Meeting of Council to be held on 16 April 2020:

Motion

That the EMRC reduces to zero the secondary waste reserve charge applied to landfill tonnages from member Councils for the 2020/21 financial year to assist member Councils with their responses to the corona virus pandemic.

Rationale provided by Cr Daw

The matter was previously put before Council at the Ordinary Council meeting on 5 December 2019. It was recommended that Council amend the secondary waste reserve charge rate to \$0/tonne on each tonne of member Council waste from 1 January 2020. At that time Council resolved to defer the motion, and the secondary waste charge of \$38.00/tonne (ex GST) on each tonne of member Council waste continued for 2019/2020.

In March 2020 a global pandemic had been announced by the World Health Organisation relating to COVID-19.

A response to the pandemic's impacts requires careful operational planning given the potential rapid evolution of the situation on the ground. One of the impacts to consider are the financial and business implications on each member council.

The reasons for suspending the secondary waste reserve charge at the time of the December 2019 Ordinary Council meeting were different to the current set of circumstances in dealing with a global pandemic.

While the world struggles to deal with a pandemic, the EMRC should consider assisting its member Councils and their respective ratepayers financially by suspending the secondary waste reserve charge for a period of 12 months from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.

A suspension of the charge for FY2020/2021 will assist each member Council and have flow on benefits for the Region by member Councils providing essential services to their communities and to ease their financial burdens generally.

Officer Comments

The EMRC is continuing to progress all initiatives identified as part of the current and future strategic direction of the EMRC and is positive about the future of the EMRC and the Region's alignment with the WA State Waste Strategy. This is in line with the EMRC Council resolution to align with the State Waste Strategy and member Councils' unanimous endorsement of the FOGO Recovery Strategy.

The Secondary Waste Charge is an important funding source for projects and was established to accumulate and to make provision for secondary waste treatment technology in the future, such as the committed Resource Recovery Facility (RRF) project in East Rockingham, and the large-scale Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) waste processing facility.

However, EMRC Officers recognise the immediate requirement to respond to the current global COVID-19 pandemic to reduce the financial and economic burdens on member Councils, their ratepayers and communities. Based on the forecast tonnages for 2020/2021, suspending the \$38/tonne will represent an estimated reduction of \$4.7m in Secondary Waste Charges throughout that period and an average of approximately \$32 to \$34 per household based on 2016 census number of multi-unit dwellings (MUDs) and single-unit dwellings (SUDs).



Item 14.1 continued

EMRC Officers are supportive of the proposal to proceed with suspending the Secondary Charge for 2020/2021 to assist member Councils and their ratepayers.

The decision of Council in relation to this motion will be reflected in the draft 2020/2021 Annual Budget and the EMRC's Schedule of Fees and Charges expected to be tabled before the Audit Committee and Council at its June 2020 round of meetings.

AMENDED MOTION(S)

That Council:

1. Temporarily reduces to zero, the secondary waste reserve charge applied to landfill tonnages from member Councils for the 2020/2021 financial year to assist member Councils with their responses to the corona virus pandemic.
2. By absolute majority, in accordance with s6.16(1) of the *Local Government Act 1995*, adopts the Secondary Waste Charge rate of \$0.00/ tonne on each tonne of member Council waste for 2020/2021 and the Secondary Waste Charge is to be reinstated at \$38.00/tonne from 1 July 2021 until further consideration.

COUNCIL RESOLUTION(S)

MOVED CR

SECONDED CR



15 NEW BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE APPROVED BY THE CHAIRMAN OR PRESIDING MEMBER OR BY DECISION OF MEETING

In accordance with *EMRC Standing Orders Local Law 2013* Clause 4.1(2), no business is to be transacted at a special meeting of Council other than that given in the notice as the purpose of the meeting.

16 CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS FOR WHICH THE MEETING MAY BE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

17 FUTURE MEETINGS OF COUNCIL

The next Ordinary meeting of Council is scheduled to be on ***Thursday, 23 April 2020 (if required)*** electronically or at the EMRC Administration Office, 1st Floor, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont WA 6104 commencing at 6:00pm.

Future Meetings 2020

Thursday	21	May (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	18	June	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	23	July (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	20	August (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	17	September	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	22	October (if required)	at	EMRC Administration Office
Thursday	3	December	at	EMRC Administration Office

18 DECLARATION OF CLOSURE OF MEETING