

Project Update

# Advocacy Update

## September – December 2024

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23 Jan

## **City Leaders Push for Housing, Infrastructure, and Bold 2050 Vision...**

The City met with Premier Roger Cook to advocate on behalf of the community Karratha's current needs and building a plan for...

[City Leaders Push for Housing, Infrastructure, and Bold 2050 Vision in Meeting with Premier | City of Karratha](#)



10 Jan

## **City welcomes funding to help deliver vital Mulataga Subdivision**

The City of Karratha welcomes the funding announcement to support the delivery of Mulataga and boost housing availability in the...

[City welcomes funding to help deliver vital Mulataga Subdivision | City of Karratha](#)

[Prime Minister flags \\$200m for WA regional housing, infrastructure - ABC News](#)



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## The City's Advocacy Approach

The City of Karratha is tackling issues that impact on the achievement of our vision and that impact our community. Many of the livability factors of importance to our community are outside the domain of local government. They require collaboration with Federal and State Government, industry and non-government organisations to achieve community outcomes.

The City's approach to advocacy is multifaceted and typically involves conducting research and data collection to understand and verify the issues and opportunities facing our community and preparing an agreed position statement.

This is a landing page to keep up to date with the City's latest adopted advocacy position statements, actions we've taken and outcomes we've achieved.

+ Focus Area 1: Housing

+ Focus Area 2: Access to Health Services

+ Focus Area 3: Local Government Act & Regulations

+ Focus Area 4: Transport & Infrastructure

## News



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## Document Library



**City of Karratha Advocacy Position Statements December 2024**

PDF (1.02 MB)



**City of Karratha Advocacy Position Statements June 2024**

PDF (1,016.80 KB)

## Frequently Asked Questions

+ What is the purpose of advocacy?

+ When will it be complete?

+ How will this impact me?

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### Federal Government Advocacy

In September the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and CEO to Canberra to meet with Federal Ministers and other officials.

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26 August 2024 / ADVOCACY

### Developing Northern Australia Conference

In August we had the privilege of hosting the Developing Northern Australia Conference in Karratha.

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1 August 2024 / ADVOCACY

### State Cabinet Visit to Karrath

# Key Activities & Outcomes

Focus Area	Actions	Outcomes & Next Steps
Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Meetings with politicians and advisors (including Perth delegation).</li><li>▪ Meetings with State Departments (including Treasury, PDC).</li><li>▪ Industrial Land Steering Committee presentation.</li><li>▪ Speech to Governor.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ City has received \$24.9m in grant funding:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ \$22.1m Housing Support Program Stream 2 (Cwth) for Mulataga subdivision</li><li>○ \$2.4m Infrastructure Development Fund (State) for WALGU apartments project</li><li>○ \$400K for Housing Support Program Stream 1 (Cwth) for staffing to support housing projects</li></ul></li><li>▪ Two of three HAFF applications refused grant funding. Further advocacy to Federal Department to occur to explain context of Karratha and advocate for projects in next round of funding, including Walgu Apartments. Further advocacy to State Government to support advocacy for HAFF applications.</li><li>▪ Exploring opportunities for funding of Project Dorothy developments with Treasury for social, affordable and/or GROH.</li><li>▪ Positive discussions so far. Premier has followed up requesting more info.</li></ul>
Health Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ City/Commission project update meetings ongoing.</li><li>▪ Ongoing support to Mental Health Commission with community engagement and design input.</li><li>▪ Requested meeting with Minister for Mental Health.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Step-Up Step-Down Tender for construction and operations released.</li><li>▪ Continued advocacy to State Government to maintain momentum and address staff accommodation needs.</li></ul>

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Local Government Act & Regulations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Meeting with Minister for Local Government to discuss need for change.</li> <li>▪ Discussion with WALGA on joint advocacy opportunities following next election.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WALGA indicated that a review of rating exemptions was undertaken by Landgate in their last three-year statutory review in approximately mid-2023. State Government did not implement the outcomes of the review however indications are that these rating exemptions would be reconsidered in the next statutory review in approximately mid 2026. City and WALGA to partner on advocacy as part of this review process.</li> </ul>
Transport & Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting with Deputy Premier and Minister for Transport regarding continuation of capped price regional airfare program.</li> <li>• Discussed with Regional Capitals WA.</li> <li>• Discussed with Town of Port Hedland.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Continue discussions with WALGA, RCAWA and Town of Port Hedland in relation to joint advocacy on this issue.</li> <li>▪ Possible PR opportunity with AFR.</li> </ul>
Advocacy Position Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocacy Position statements were updated and approved by Council at OCM held 9 December 2024.</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Update to existing Position Statement on Step-Up Step-Down facility to acknowledge current project status.</li> <li>2. New position statements on:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Housing Support Program;</li> <li>b) Housing Australia Future Fund;</li> <li>c) Project Dorothy;</li> <li>d) Retirement Living;</li> <li>e) International Airport Status; and</li> <li>f) Capped Price Regional Airfares.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Inclusion of who we are advocating to and who our partners are on each position statement.</li> </ol>

# Next Steps

1. Communications and promotion of efforts to date and updated position statements to raise profile and engagement (including media releases, online portal);
2. Continued discussions on the abovementioned items.
3. Planning for 2025 including:
  - a) State election planned for 8 March 2025;
  - b) Canberra delegation in February prior to Federal election;
  - c) Perth delegation in March/April post State Government election;
  - d) Ongoing relationship building and profile building at departmental and political levels as well as specific meetings in relation to individual projects/initiatives.
4. Ongoing development of new positions statements as opportunities arise.

