

Summary of Advocacy Position Changes

Area / position	Position no.	Change type	Summary of change	Rationale / why changed	Source of change
About this document / Our Role	Front matter	Updated	Added clearer wording about the City's role to advocate and partner with government and industry for community wellbeing, regional prosperity and delivery of Karratha 2050.	To align the document with Council Plan advocacy language and clarify the purpose of the advocacy framework.	Council Plan alignment
Housing as Critical Economic Infrastructure	1.1	Updated	Reframed the position around Housing and Community Impact Assessments for nationally significant projects subject to government approval, funding or facilitation.	To align the advocacy ask with a clearer policy mechanism and strengthen the link between major projects, cumulative impacts, housing and community infrastructure.	Councillor workshop / ALGA motion framing
Housing for State Government Employees	1.2	Updated	Acknowledged State Government investment in new GROH housing while maintaining the position that the State remains overrepresented in the private rental market. Strengthened asks around new GROH supply, home ownership incentives, longer-term residency and leases that add new supply.	To reflect current State Government activity while retaining the City's concern that private rental market reliance contributes to housing pressure.	Administration update / current advocacy context

Stamp Duty Relief on Insurance and Property Transfers	1.4	Updated	Simplified the problem statement and retained a single reference to the CCIWA stamp duty report. Refined the position to focus on stamp duty relief for insurance and property transfers in northern regional communities.	To make the position more strategic, concise and directly relevant to regional affordability and home ownership.	Administration update
Housing Australia Future Fund	1.5	Updated	Updated to reflect that three HAFF rounds have occurred and no City-supported applications have been successful. Added a stronger ask for urgent review of eligibility and assessment settings for high-cost regional markets.	To reflect current funding outcomes and highlight the apparent mismatch between HAFF criteria and the Pilbara's unique housing market conditions.	Administration update / funding program experience
Project Dorothy / Housing Development Program	1.6	Updated	Broadened Project Dorothy into the City's housing development program, while retaining Project Dorothy as the practical example of City leadership. Added stronger asks for State and Federal Government support through funding, financing, leasing and other delivery-enabling mechanisms.	To reflect the natural evolution of Project Dorothy from a project-specific initiative into a broader housing development and market intervention position.	Administration update
Residential Land Supply	1.7	New position	New position focused on accelerating the identification, preparation and release of residential land, including State-owned and Crown land, to support future housing supply and growth in Karratha.	Following retirement of the Housing Support Program (Mulataga) advocacy position to maintain a focus on future residential land supply and development-ready land opportunities.	Administration update

Retirement Living	1.8	Updated	Expanded the section to include retirement living, lifestyle village and aged care options, and support for older adults to remain connected, supported and able to age with dignity.	To better align with Council Plan references to lifestyle village, aged care facilities and services for older adults.	Council Plan alignment
Service Worker Accommodation	1.9	New position	Added a new position seeking a coordinated and centralised approach to service worker accommodation, including review of DevelopmentWA programs and potential locally coordinated management.	To respond to housing pressure on essential/service workers and concerns about fragmented program administration and fixed-term lease impacts.	Administration update to reflect current advocacy
Access to Health Services	2	Updated	Broadened the section from mental health to a full suite of health and community services, including urgent care, primary care, specialist access, mental health support and culturally appropriate place-based services.	To align with Council Plan advocacy language and Councillor feedback seeking a broader health access position.	Council Plan alignment / Councillor feedback
Access to Regional Health Services	2.1	New position	Added a new active position focused on regional health access, urgent care, local service gaps, culturally appropriate services and a coordinated regional health access plan.	To ensure the health section captures broader health service access issues following retirement of the Step-Up Step-Down position.	Councillor feedback
Step-Up Step-Down Facilities	Retired	Retired	Retired the active position and added it to the Retired Advocacy Positions table as project delivered.	The project has been delivered, and ongoing mental health and health access issues are now captured under	Administration update

				the broader Access to Regional Health Services position.	
Local Government Sustainability and Reform	3	Updated	Broadened Section 3 from Local Government Act and Regulations to local government sustainability, reform, rating fairness and fit-for-purpose regulatory settings.	To better reflect the range of current local government financial sustainability and revenue issues.	Administration update
Local Government Revenue and Regional Economic Contribution	3.1	New position	Added a new position seeking recognition of the Pilbara's economic contribution and a place-based reinvestment mechanism, including one cent for every dollar of GDP generated in the Pilbara.	To create a clear advocacy position around local government revenue capacity and reinvestment of regional economic value into local infrastructure and services.	Administration update to reflect current advocacy
Rating Methodology Reform	3.2	New position	Added a new position seeking review of rating methodology settings to better reflect Pilbara conditions, market volatility, land use, housing constraints and regional cost pressures.	To capture concerns raised with the Valuer-General and establish a clear advocacy ask on valuation, rating equity and financial sustainability.	Administration update to reflect current advocacy
Review of Rating Exemptions for Charitable Purposes	3.3	Updated	Simplified the charitable purposes rating exemption section and retained a concise ask for review of exemptions and compensation where State-mandated exemptions materially reduce local revenue.	To make the position clearer and less technical while retaining the core revenue fairness issue.	Administration update
Transport and Infrastructure	4	Updated	Updated the section introduction to focus on regional connectivity, workforce mobility, community access, aviation, freight, tourism,	To better reflect transport as a regional connectivity and	Council Plan alignment /

			logistics and integrated network planning.	liveability issue, not only an airport or road project issue.	administration update
International Airport Status	Retired	Retired	Retired the previous airport designation position and added it to the Retired Advocacy Positions table as designation achieved.	Karratha Airport has achieved restricted use and alternate international airport designation, so the advocacy objective has been met.	Administration update
International Air Services	4.1	New position	Added a new active position focused on securing regular international air services from Karratha and progressing agency, airline, border, customs, immigration and biosecurity approvals.	To shift the City's advocacy from achieving designation to activating international services and regional connectivity.	Administration update / Strategic Focus Areas alignment
Capped Price Regional Airfares	4.2	Updated	Updated to reflect the City's support for the Regional Airfare Zone Cap Scheme through maintaining the Passenger Service Charge for eligible passengers and reducing the Passenger Security Charge. Added asks for long-term scheme continuation and transparent usage data.	To recognise the City's contribution to airfare affordability and strengthen the ask for State Government transparency to support local decision-making.	Administration update
Roebourne Heavy Vehicle Deviation Route	4.3	Updated	Simplified the problem statement and position, retaining key points around freight impacts, safety, amenity, cultural values, townsite activation and coordination with Traditional Owners, industry and local government.	To make the position more concise and strategic while maintaining the core advocacy ask.	Administration update

Manuwarra Red Dog Highway	4.4	Updated	Added minor updates to position the highway as part of a broader Pilbara transport network and retained asks for full delivery, funding and co-investment.	To strengthen the link between Red Dog Highway, regional freight, tourism, resilience and strategic road network planning.	Administration update
Strategic Regional Transport and Connectivity Network	4.5	New position	Added a new position calling for Pilbara transport projects to be planned and assessed as an integrated regional network, including Red Dog Highway, Conzinc Bay Road and the Roebourne Heavy Vehicle Deviation Route.	To avoid ad hoc project-by-project funding decisions and encourage strategic sequencing of linked regional transport initiatives.	Administration update / Councillor feedback
Dampier Marina Development	4.6	Renumbered	Renumbered following insertion of the Strategic Regional Transport and Connectivity Network section.	Consequential numbering change.	Administration update
Former Nickol Bay Hospital Site – Karratha Community, Education and Recreation Precinct	4.7	Renumbered	Renumbered following insertion of the Strategic Regional Transport and Connectivity Network section.	Consequential numbering change.	Administration update
Community Infrastructure Funding	4.8	New position	Added a new position seeking dedicated and ongoing funding support for community infrastructure in regional and remote communities, while recognising the need to plan and invest in the infrastructure required to support future growth.	To establish a clear advocacy position supporting both the delivery of existing community infrastructure priorities and long-term planning and investment required to support Karratha's future growth.	Administration update to reflect current advocacy

Emerging Advocacy Positions table	5	New addition	Added a new table to capture emerging advocacy positions that require further work, testing or consideration before being confirmed as active positions.	To provide a clear place for emerging issues to be recorded, monitored and further developed without presenting them as settled advocacy positions.	Administration update
Retired Advocacy Positions table	6	New addition	Added a new table to capture and keep track of advocacy positions that have been retired, delivered or discontinued.	To provide a clear historical record of positions that are no longer active, while retaining visibility of why they were retired and what outcome was achieved.	Administration update
Housing Support Program – Mulataga	Retired	Retired	Added to the retired positions table noting the City’s \$22.1 million funding application was approved and the project is progressing.	Advocacy objective achieved through funding approval.	August 2025 update
Walgu Apartments	Retired	Retired	Added to the retired positions table noting Council formally resolved not to proceed with the project.	Position no longer active following Council decision.	August 2025 update