

Advocacy Positions Update

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What Council is being asked to decide

Adopt the updated City of Karratha Advocacy Positions – October 2026 Update

Purpose

To consider the updated advocacy framework and the proposed additions, updates and retirements.

Officer's recommendation

That Council ADOPT the October 2026 update included as Attachment 2.

Previous Council updates

Council adopted the document in June 2024

Council endorsed amendments in December 2024 and July 2025.

Why the document has been reviewed

Keep Council's positions current, clear and aligned with the City's strategic direction

Advocacy outcomes

Several previous objectives have been achieved or materially progressed.

Council direction

March 2026 Strategic Workshop feedback informed proposed amendments.

Strategic alignment

Positions were reviewed against the Council Plan and community priorities / feedback (e.g. Annual Community Survey).

Changing context

Government policy, funding programs and regional priorities continue to evolve.

Progress since the previous review

The update recognises completed objectives and progression on several initiatives

Mulataga

Civil works commenced, supporting about 130 additional residential lots.

Airport

Restricted Use and Alternate International Airport designation achieved.

Health

Karratha Step-Up Step-Down mental health facility completed.

GROH

State commitment for at least 110 additional dwellings in Karratha.

Housing delivery

State housing EOI creates opportunities for development-ready projects.

Service workers

Tenancy term limits removed at Warambie Estate and Karratha Quarter.

Summary of changes and updates

8

new positions

10

updated positions

2

retired positions

2

new tracking sections

Housing and land

Stronger focus on land supply and worker housing, with updated asks on housing supply and delivery.

Health services

Broader regional health advocacy covering urgent, primary, specialist and mental health care, including culturally appropriate services.

Local government and infrastructure

New positions on regional economic contribution, rating reform and funding for community infrastructure.

Transport and aviation

A connected Pilbara transport network, with aviation advocacy shifting from airport designation to international services.

Emerging and retired positions

A clearer distinction between endorsed advocacy, work in development and completed objectives

Emerging positions

- Water security
- Aboriginal business empowerment
- Cultural tourism and heritage activation
- Tourism accommodation
- Defence and regional security
- Regional procurement / buy local
- Underutilised State assets
- Dampier land transfer
- Environmental stewardship

Retired positions

- International Airport Status
- Step-Up Step-Down Facilities

Why this matters

Retired positions preserve the record of completed objectives. Emerging issues need further work before Council endorses a position.

Next steps if adopted

Use the updated document as the City's primary framework for advocacy and stakeholder engagement



Recommended outcome

Adopt the City of Karratha Advocacy Positions – October 2026 Update.