

CHARTER OF THE RIVERS REGIONAL SUBSIDIARY

A Regional Subsidiary

incorporated pursuant to section 3.69 of the Local Government Act 1995 (WA)



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CHARTER

Local Government Act 1995 (WA)

1. ESTABLISHMENT & OBJECTS

1.1 Local Government Act 1995

- (a) This Charter governs the operation of the Subsidiary and both this Charter and the Subsidiary are subject to the requirements of Part 3, Division 4 of the Act and the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations.
- (b) Pursuant to section 3.69(3) of the Act the Subsidiary is a body corporate and has a common seal. Its Board has responsibility for the management of the business and other affairs of the Subsidiary.

1.2 Definitions

In this Charter:

“Act” means the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*;

“Anticipated Exceptional Deficit” means the amount, if any, of a Deficit which, during a financial year the Subsidiary determines will, or is likely to, occur in that year by reason of:

- (a) an expense for which no expenditure estimate is included in the Subsidiary’s annual budget for that year; or
- (b) an expense for which an expenditure estimate is included in the Subsidiary’s annual budget for that year but the expense is exceptional having regard to that estimate; or
- (c) a shortfall in income for which an income estimate is included in the annual budget for that year but the shortfall is exceptional having regard to that estimate;

“Board” means the Board of Management established under Clause 8;

“Board member” means a person who has been appointed to the Board by a participant in accordance with clause 8.2(a);

“Budget Deficiency” has the same meaning as the expression is given in Part 6 of the Act;

“Business Plan” means the business plan prepared by the participants pursuant to regulation 4 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations;

“Chairperson” means the person elected as Chairperson of the Board pursuant to Clause 8.4(a) and includes a person authorised by this Charter to act in place of the Chairperson;

“CEO” means the chief executive officer of the Subsidiary or a participant as specified in this Charter;

“district” means district as that term is defined in the Act;

“Deficit”, for a financial year, means the amount, if any:

- (a) by which the expenses of the Subsidiary exceeds the revenues and other income of the Subsidiary; and
- (b) which is shown as such in the annual financial report, for that year, prepared by the Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of section 5.53 of the Act as those provisions are modified by regulation 18 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations;

“local government” means a local government constituted under the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*;

“elected member” means a Mayor, Chairman or Councillor of a Council;

“financial year” means a year beginning on 1 July in each year and ending on 30 June of the following year;

“meeting” includes both ordinary and special meetings of the Board;

“Minister” means the Minister for the time being responsible for the administration of the *Local Government Act 1995 (WA)*;

“Objects” means the objects of the Subsidiary as set out in clause 1.4;

“participant” means a local government that is a member of the Subsidiary named in clause 1.3;

“parties” as described in clause 11 means a participant or participants or the Subsidiary and party means any one or more of them according to context

“Region” means the total area of the districts of the participants;

“Regional Subsidiaries Regulations” means the *Local Government (Regional Subsidiaries) Regulations 2017 (WA)*

“RRC” means the Rivers Regional Council;

“RRC Waste Agreements” means the agreements and documents itemised in Schedule 1;

“special resolution” means a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of all Board members present at a meeting and entitled to vote on the issue;

“Subsidiary” means the Rivers Regional Subsidiary; and

“Surplus”, for a financial year, means the amount if any:

- (a) by which the revenues and other income of the Subsidiary exceeds the expenses of the Subsidiary; and
- (b) which is shown as such in the annual financial report, for that year, prepared by the Subsidiary in accordance with the provisions of section 5.53 of the Act as those provisions are modified by regulation 18 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations.

1.3 Establishment

The Subsidiary is a regional subsidiary established pursuant to section 3.69 of the Act by the following local governments:

- (a) The City of Gosnells;
- (b) The City of Armadale;
- (c) The City of South Perth;
- (d) The City of Mandurah;
- (e) The Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale; and
- (f) The Shire of Murray.

1.4 Objects

The Subsidiary is established to:

- (a) replace the RRC and act as principal under the terms of the:
 - (i) Agreement for Receipt and Processing of Waste for Resource Recovery dated 4 November 2015 referred to in item 2 of Schedule 1; and
 - (ii) Participant's Agreement for the Receipt and Processing Waste for Resource Recovery dated 15 October 2015 referred to in item 1 of Schedule 1.
 - (iii) Financier Direct Deed dated 16 October 2018 and referred to in item 6 of Schedule 1; and
 - (iv) Supplemental Deed dated 16 July 2018 and referred to in item 4 of Schedule 1.
- (b) assist in the coordination of resource sharing between the participants, to reduce costs and increase operational efficiencies;
- (c) associate, collaborate and work in conjunction with other local government bodies for the advancement of matters of common interest;
- (d) undertake coordination, advocacy, education and representation roles for the participants at a regional level and, in particular, coordinate waste recovery, reuse and disposal education programs;
- (e) develop cooperation between the participants so as to improve waste management and recycling programs and practices within the Region;
- (f) assist participants to minimise the volume of waste collected in the districts of the participants which is required to be disposed of by landfill;
- (g) develop, encourage, promote, foster and maintain consultation and cooperation with the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA), other levels of government, private enterprise and the community with regard to matters relating to waste management;

- (h) strengthen the representation and status of local government when dealing with other levels of government, private enterprise and the community;
- (i) develop further cooperation between the participants for the benefit of the communities of the Region;
- (j) develop and manage policies which guide the conduct of programs and projects in the Region with the objective of securing the best outcomes for the communities of the Region; and
- (k) undertake projects that benefit the Region and its communities.

1.5 Review of Charter

- a) This Charter will be reviewed by the participants acting in concurrence at least once in every four (4) years.
- b) Where the participants determine that the Charter ought to be amended, either at the time of review or any other time, then the participants shall thereafter comply with the provisions of regulation 6 and 7 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations to enable any proposed amendment to be made.

2. THE RIVERS REGIONAL COUNCIL

2.1 Establishment

The RRC is a regional local government established under section 3.61 of the Act.

2.2 Novation of Rights and Obligations

Upon the establishment of the Subsidiary it is the intention of both the RRC and the Subsidiary that:

- (a) the RRC shall novate all of its rights, title, interest and obligations in the RRC Waste Agreements (Novation) to the Subsidiary subject to the consents where required of the parties to the RRC Waste Agreements; and
- (b) the Subsidiary shall take the Novation.

2.3 Transfer of Assets as Deemed Contributions

It is also the intention of the both the RRC and the Subsidiary that:

- (a) the RRC shall transfer all of its assets to the Subsidiary (**Transfer**) and the Subsidiary shall deem these assets to be contributions from the participants.
- (b) the deemed contributions shall be apportioned by the Subsidiary to each participant by multiplying the total asset value received from the RRC by each participant's waste volume in tonnes for the previous five (5) financial years as a percentage of the participant's total waste for the same period.

2.4 Order of Precedence

To the extent that any of the provisions of this Charter, as set out below, are also dealt with in any of the RRC Waste Agreements then, for the purposes only of the RRC Waste Agreements, the provisions of the RRC Waste Agreement/s shall take precedence over the provisions of this Charter to the extent of any inconsistency.

- (a) Clause 4 - Non Derogation and Direction of Participants;
- (b) Clause 5 - Funding by the Participants; and
- (c) Clause 11 – Dispute Resolution

2.5 Wind Up of RRC

It is the intention of the RRC to wind itself up after completion of the Novation and Transfer referred to in clauses 2.2 and 2.3.

3. POWERS FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

The powers, functions and duties of the Subsidiary are to be exercised in the performance of the Subsidiary's Objects. The Subsidiary shall have those powers and functions provided under the Act, the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations and this Charter which include:

- (a) becoming a member of or cooperating or contracting with any other association or organisation, whether within or outside of the area of the participants, which shares similar objects and purposes to those of the Subsidiary;
- (b) entering into contracts or arrangements with any Government agency or authority that are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Objects and the exercise of the powers of the Subsidiary;
- (c) entering into contracts with any person or body including a participant for the acquisition or supply of goods and services or for any other reason that is consistent with the Subsidiary's Objects;
- (d) Subject to clause 9 appointing, employing, remunerating, removing or suspending officers, managers, employees and agents;
- (e) raising revenue by:
 - (i) charging the participants fees incurred by the Subsidiary in undertaking and carrying out its Objects;
 - (ii) arrangements with sponsor organisations;
 - (iii) making submissions for and accepting grants, subsidies and contributions to further the Subsidiary's Objects;
 - (iv) arrangements or contracts with any other person or body; and
 - (v) any other means not inconsistent with the Objects of the Subsidiary.
- (f) printing and publishing any newspapers, periodicals, books, leaflets, or other like writing;

- (g) appointing such committees as it deems necessary and to define the duties of such committees provided that the acts of any such committee shall be submitted before execution or discharge for the approval of the Subsidiary and appointing persons to committees which may consist partly of persons who are not representatives of participants;
- (h) delegating any of the Subsidiary's powers and functions to persons or committees and altering or revoking such delegations;
- (i) co-opting to any duly appointed committee, any Board member, any officer of a participant, or any other appropriate person as deemed desirable for the efficient function of that committee;
- (j) acquiring, holding, dealing with and disposing of any real or personal property of the Subsidiary;
- (k) opening and operating bank accounts;
- (l) investing monies in any manner in which trust moneys may be invested in accordance with the provisions of section 6.14 of the Act and regulation 19C of the *Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (WA)*, as those provisions are modified by regulation 22 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations;
- (m) subject to regulation 11 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations borrowing money in accordance with an approved Business Plan;
- (n) giving security for the discharge of liabilities of the Subsidiary;
- (o) imposing fees and charges in accordance with Part 6, Division 5, Subdivision 2 of the Act as modified by regulation 23 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations;
- (p) the development of a code of conduct to be observed by members of the Board, employees of the Subsidiary and members of any committee appointed by the Subsidiary;
- (q) establish a reserve fund or funds clearly identified for the upkeep and / or replacement of fixed assets or for meeting any deferred liability; and
- (r) doing all other things that are necessary or convenient for or incidental or conducive to the attainment of the Objects, and the exercise, performance or discharge of the powers, functions and duties of the Subsidiary.

4. DIRECTION BY PARTICIPANTS

4.1 Participants

All of the participants listed at Clause 1.3 are the members of the Subsidiary.

4.2 Non-Derogation and Direction by Participants

- (a) The establishment of the Subsidiary does not derogate from the power of any of the participants to act independently in relation to a matter within the jurisdiction of the Subsidiary.

- (b) Provided that all of the participants unanimously agree on the action to be taken, the participants may direct and control the Subsidiary. Non Compliance maybe dealt with under clause 8.3.
- (c) Any decision of the participants under clause 4.2(b) and/or direction given or control exercised by the participants must be given in writing to the CEO of the Subsidiary.
- (d) A project that is not a requirement of the RRC Waste Agreements or subscriptions to industry bodies shall not be commenced within 12 months of establishment of the Subsidiary unless unanimously agreed.

4.3 Provision of Information to Participants

- (a) The Subsidiary must, at the written request of a person authorised by the CEO of a participant, furnish to the participant information or records in the possession or control of the Subsidiary as the participant may require in such manner and form as the participant may require.
- (b) If the Board of the Subsidiary considers that information or a record furnished under this clause contains matters that should be treated as confidential, the Board may advise the participant of that opinion giving the reason for the opinion and the participant must, subject to sub clause (c), act on that advice.
- (c) If the Subsidiary owes a duty of confidence in respect of a matter, the participant must ensure the observance of that duty in respect of the matter, but this sub clause does not prevent a disclosure as required in the proper performance of the functions or duties of the participant.

4.4 Role of Elected Members

Elected Members via their Participating Councils

- (a) Adopt and approve amendments to this Charter
- (b) Endorse the initial Business Plan;
- (c) Approve the payment of fees and reimbursements to Board members;
- (d) Provide direction under clause 4.2; and
- (e) Nominate the Board representative.

5. FUNDING BY PARTICIPANTS

5.1 Application of Clause

This clause applies if in any year:

- (a) A Budget Deficiency is disclosed in the annual budget of the Subsidiary;
- (b) A Deficit is disclosed in the annual financial report of the Subsidiary; or
- (c) An Anticipated Exceptional Deficit is determined by the Subsidiary.

5.2 Contributions by Participants

The participants must pay to the Subsidiary contributions towards a Budget Deficiency, a Deficit or an Anticipated Exceptional Deficit as the case may be, in accordance with the steps set out in Schedule 2.

A project agreement covering expectations and cost-sharing obligations shall be agreed where a project is not a requirement of the RRC Waste Agreements or subscriptions to industry associations. The agreement shall indemnify a participant that has chosen not to participate ensuring there is no obligation to contribute to costs, a Budget Deficiency, a Deficit or an Anticipated Exceptional Deficit caused by that project.

5.3 Time for Payment of Contributions

The contributions referred to in clause 5.2 must be paid by each participant to the Subsidiary within 42 days, or any earlier time agreed by the participants, after:

- a) In the case of contributions towards a Budget Deficiency – the date on which the annual budget is prepared and adopted by the Subsidiary;
- b) In the case of contributions towards a Deficit – the date on which the annual financial report is prepared and submitted for audit;
- c) In the case of contributions towards an Anticipated Exceptional Deficit – the date on which the Anticipated Exceptional Deficit is determined by the Subsidiary.

5.4 Late Payment of Contributions

If a participant fails to pay the contribution referred to in clause 5.2 on or before the due date for payment then, in addition to the contribution, the participant must pay to the Subsidiary interest on the contribution at the overdraft rate charged by the Subsidiary's bank on amounts of the same size as the unpaid contribution calculated from and including the due date to but excluding the actual date of payment.

5.5 Contributions to the Acquisition of Land

- (a) Where the Subsidiary determines that the participants are to make contributions towards the acquisition of land then the participants must make those contributions in equal proportions.

- (b) Contributions referred to in subclause 5.5(a) are capital contributions for the purpose of clause 6.2 (f) and 7.2.

5.6 Distribution of a Paid Surplus

- (a) The participants acknowledge that it is for the Subsidiary to determine if a Surplus or portion of a Surplus is to be paid to the participants and the manner and timing of any payment, having a regard to the prudent management of its cash flow and financial requirements and other relevant matters **(Paid Surplus)**.
- (b) The participants agree that any Paid Surplus is to be distributed between them in proportions calculated in accordance with Schedule 3.

6. NEW AND WITHDRAWAL OF PARTICIPANTS

6.1 New Participants

Subject to the provisions of the Act, including but not limited to Ministerial approval under regulation 7 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations, this Charter may be amended by a resolution of the participants to provide for the admission of a new participant or participants, with or without conditions of membership, such conditions to be determined jointly by the Board and the member participants.

6.2 Withdrawal of a Participant

- (a) A participant may seek to withdraw from the Subsidiary but withdrawal shall be subject to and conditional upon the Subsidiary being able to successfully comply with the provisions of regulation 6 and 7 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations.
- (b) A participant which intends to withdraw from the Subsidiary shall give to the CEO of the Subsidiary and to the CEO's of all of the other participants written notice of such intention, specifying the date of intended withdrawal. The notice shall be a minimum of three months.
- (c) Upon receipt of a notice of intention to withdraw from the Subsidiary the remaining participants and the Subsidiary shall, subject to clause 6.2(d), use their best endeavours, acting reasonably to achieve compliance with regulations 6 and 7 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations to allow the withdrawal to proceed.
- (d) However, to the extent that the participants may have entered into contractual obligations and liabilities relying on the withdrawing participant's ongoing support, the participants may refuse the request of an individual participant to withdraw if, in the reasonable opinion of the remaining participants, they will incur an unreasonable financial burden by reason of the withdrawal.
- (e) The withdrawal of the participant does not extinguish the proportionate liability of that participant to make payment of its budgeted contribution for the financial year in which it gives notice and in respect of any other amounts outstanding.
- (f) The payment of any proportionate entitlement sought by the withdrawing participant shall only be made where the remaining participants and the Subsidiary agree with the withdrawing participant as to the amount and terms of payment.

7. WINDING UP

7.1 Form of Wind Up

The Subsidiary may be wound up by the Minister acting upon a unanimous resolution of the participants or by the Minister in accordance with the provisions of section 8.15 (2) of the Act as those provisions are modified by regulation 24 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations.

7.2 Division of Assets

- (a) Where the Subsidiary is to be wound up and there remains, after satisfaction of all its debts and liabilities, any property and assets of the Subsidiary, then the property and assets are to be realised and:
- (i) firstly, to the extent that the proceeds, along with any surplus funds, are sufficient to do so, the participants are to be repaid their respective capital contributions as shown in the accounting records of the Subsidiary; and
 - (ii) secondly, the balance, if any, is to be divided among the participants in the proportions set out in Schedule 4.
- (b) For the avoidance of doubt, for the purposes of subclause (a) the capital contributions of the participants do not accrue interest.

7.3 Division of Liabilities

If the subsidiary is to be wound up and there remains any liability or debt in excess of the realised property and assets of the Subsidiary then the liability or debt is to be met by each of the participants in the proportions set out in Schedule 4.

8. BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

The Board shall have the responsibility to manage the business and other affairs of the Subsidiary ensuring that the Subsidiary acts in accordance with this Charter.

8.1 Functions of the Board

The functions of the Board shall be:

- (a) the formulation of strategic plans and strategies aimed at improving the activities of the Subsidiary;
- (b) to provide professional input and policy direction to the Subsidiary;
- (c) to monitor, oversee and evaluate the performance of the CEO of the Subsidiary;
- (d) ensuring that ethical behaviour and integrity is established and maintained by the Subsidiary and its Board Members in all activities undertaken by the Subsidiary;
- (e) subject to clause 8.6(j), ensuring that the activities of the Subsidiary are undertaken in an open and transparent manner;

- (f) the review and amendment of the Business Plan to be considered in consultation with the participants;
- (g) exercising the care, diligence and skill required by the Act and the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations and in any event such that a prudent person of business would exercise in managing the affairs of other persons; and
- (h) To manage the Subsidiaries responsibilities of the RRC Waste Agreements.

8.2 Membership of the Board

- (a) Subject to subclause (b), the Board shall consist of one (1) natural person appointed by each participant who must be an employee of the participant.
- (b) Each participant shall appoint their Board member from time to time, as required, for a period not exceeding four (4) years, and give notice in writing to the CEO of the Subsidiary, of the person who is or will be its Board member.
- (c) Notwithstanding subclause (a), a participant may appoint its Board member for a lesser period by nominating the period in the written appointment provided to the CEO of the Subsidiary. In such circumstances, any continuation of appointment following the expiry of the initial period nominated shall be in writing addressed to the CEO of the Subsidiary.
- (d) Each Constituent Council will also appoint a natural person and employee of the participant as deputy Board Member. The deputy Board Member is entitled to act in place of a Board Member appointed by the same Participant if the Board Member is unable for any reason to be present at a Board meeting.
- (e) In the absence of the Board Member, a deputy Board Member will be deemed to be the Board Member and can exercise all rights, privileges and obligations of the Board Member during the absence of that Board Member.
- (f) A notice signed by the Chief Executive Officer of a Participant will be sufficient evidence of the appointment of a Board Member and deputy Board Member of the Board of Management.

8.3 Termination of Membership of the Board

The appointment of a Board member shall terminate upon any of the grounds set out below:

- (a) the participant which appointed him/her ceasing to be a participant;
- (b) the appointing Participant providing written notice of termination to the Board Member and the Board
- (c) ceasing to be employed by the participant which appointed him/her;
- (d) the death of the Board member;

- (e) completion of a term of office without re appointment;
- (f) written resignation from the Board Member being served on the participant who appointed him / her;
- (g) personal bankruptcy or application for the benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors;
- (h) the Board, by special resolution, resolves to terminate the appointment of that Board member for:
 - (i) any behaviour of the Board member which, in the opinion of the Board, amounts to impropriety;
 - (ii) serious neglect of duty in attending to his/her responsibilities as a Board member;
 - (iii) breach of fiduciary duties to the Subsidiary or the participant(s);
 - (iv) breach of the duty of confidentiality to the Subsidiary or the participant(s);
 - (v) any other behaviour which may discredit the Subsidiary or the participants.
- (i) Notwithstanding any other clause of this Charter, a Board member may be removed from office as a Board member by special resolution of the Board prior to the expiration of a term of appointment.
- (j) If any vacancy occurs in the membership of the Board it must be filled in the same manner as the original appointment under clause 8.2. The person appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy will be appointed for the balance of the term of the original appointment and at the expiry of that term, subject to satisfying the requirements of this Charter, shall be eligible for re-appointment.

8.4 Chairperson of the Board

- (a) The Chairperson of the Board shall be appointed by the Board from amongst its members and shall hold office for a term agreed by the Board, unless he/she resigns or is removed from office pursuant to a resolution of the Board or until he/she is no longer eligible to act as a Board member.
- (b) There shall also be a Deputy Chairperson of the Board appointed by the Board from amongst its members who shall hold office for a term agreed by the Board unless he/she resigns or is removed from office pursuant to a resolution of the Board or until he/she is no longer eligible to act as a Board member.
- (c) The Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson shall be eligible for re-appointment upon their term of office expiring.
- (d) If the Chairperson either resigns or is no longer eligible to act as a Board member prior to the expiry of his/her term as Chairperson, the Deputy Chairperson shall act in that office. In the event of the Deputy Chairperson refusing or being unable to act, the Board shall elect from

amongst their own number a new Chairperson who shall hold office until the conclusion of the original term.

8.5 Powers of the Chairperson and the deputy Chairperson

- (a) The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board.
- (b) In the event that the Chairperson is absent from a meeting, the Deputy Chairperson shall preside at that meeting, and in the event that both the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson are absent from the meeting, the Board shall appoint a member from amongst them who shall preside at that meeting or until the Chairperson or Deputy Chairperson is present.
- (c) If any circumstance arises on which this Charter is silent, incapable of taking effect or being implemented according to its strict provisions, the Chairperson may decide the action to be taken to ensure achievement of the objects of the Subsidiary and its effective administration.
- (d) The Chairperson shall report any such decision at the next ordinary meeting

8.6 Meetings of the Board

- (a) The Board may determine procedures in addition to but not inconsistent with those specified in this Charter to apply at or in relation to its meetings.
- (b) The Board shall meet:
 - (i) for ordinary meetings at such times and places as may be fixed by the Board from time to time provided that there will be not less than three ordinary meetings each financial year; and
 - (ii) for special meetings if demanded in writing by the Chairperson, the CEO of the Subsidiary or by the Board members appointed by any three (3) participants.
- (c) An ordinary meeting of the Board will constitute an ordinary meeting of the Subsidiary. The Board shall administer the business of an ordinary meeting.
- (d) For the purposes of this sub-clause, the contemporary linking together by telephone, audio-visual or other instantaneous means ("telecommunications meeting") of a number of the Board members, provided that at least a quorum is present, is deemed to constitute a meeting of the Board. Each of the Board members taking part in a telecommunications meeting must at all times during the telecommunications meeting be able to hear and be heard by each of the other Board members present. At the commencement of the meeting each Board member must announce his/her presence to all other Board members taking part in the meeting. A Board member must not leave a telecommunications meeting by disconnecting his/her telephone, audio-visual or other communication equipment, unless that Board member has previously notified the Chairperson of the meeting.
- (e) A resolution may be passed without a meeting being held if all the Board Members entitled to vote on the resolution sign a document containing

a statement that they are in favour of the resolution set out in the document.

- (f) Except as otherwise provided in this Charter, notice of ordinary meetings will be forwarded by the CEO of the Subsidiary to the Board members and the CEO's of the participants at least 7 days prior to the date of the meeting, either by post to the participant's address or by post to any other location, or via any other means of giving notice (eg. facsimile or email) as nominated by the Board member and the CEO of a participant in writing addressed to the CEO of the Subsidiary.
- (g) Notice of meetings will be sent by the CEO of the Subsidiary to the Board members and the CEOs of the participants at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the meeting in the manner provided for at clause 8.6(e). Notice of a meeting for the purpose of making a recommendation to wind up the Subsidiary shall be sent to the Board members and the CEOs of the participants at least eight (8) weeks before the date of the meeting in the manner provided for at clause 8.6(f).
- (h) A majority of the Board members present at a meeting of the Board may adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place.
- (i) Subject to clause 8.6(k), meetings of the Board will be conducted in a place open to the public where deemed appropriate by the Chairman or CEO of the Subsidiary.
- (j) All Board members must keep confidential all documents and any information provided to them on a confidential basis for their consideration prior to a meeting of the Board.
- (k) The Board may order that the public be excluded from attendance at any meeting in order to enable the Board to consider in confidence any information or matter listed in section 5.23(2) of the Act (after taking into account any relevant consideration under that subsection).

The exercise of this power does not exclude Board members and any other person permitted by the Board to remain in the room.
- (l) Where an order is made under clause 8.6(k), a note must be made in the minutes of the making of the order and of the grounds on which it was made.
- (m) Where the Board has considered any information or a matter in confidence under Clause 8.6(k) it may subsequently resolve to keep minutes and/or any other documents considered during that part of the meeting confidential.
- (n) The CEO of the Subsidiary must cause minutes to be kept of the proceedings at every meeting of the Board and ensure that the minutes are presented to the next ordinary meeting of the Board for confirmation and adoption.
- (o) Where the CEO of the Subsidiary is excluded from attendance at a meeting of the Board pursuant to clause 8.6(k), the person presiding at the meeting shall cause the minutes to be kept.

- (p) The Board may invite any person to attend at a meeting of the Board to act in an advisory capacity.
- (q) Meeting agendas and minutes shall be made available on a website accessible to the public.

8.7 Quorum

The quorum for any meeting of the Board is a majority of the number of Board members in office, being a number ascertained by dividing the total number of Board members for the time being in office by two (2), ignoring any fraction, and adding one (1). No business will be transacted at a meeting of the Board unless a quorum is present.

8.8 Voting

- (a) Unless stipulated otherwise in this Charter, questions arising for decision at meetings of the Board will be decided by a simple majority of eligible votes on the basis of one (1) vote per Board member present at the meeting. The Chairperson shall not, in the event of equality of votes, have a second or casting vote. In the event of equality of votes the matter will lapse.
- (b) Subject to a conflict of interest, each Board member validly present at a meeting must vote on a question arising for a decision at the meeting. Failure by any Board member to vote will be deemed to be a negative vote in relation to the question for decision.

8.9 Standing Orders or Rules

- (a) Subject to this Charter, the Board may pass, alter or rescind standing orders, policies or rules for the due management and regulation of meetings of the Subsidiary.
- (b) Standing orders, policies or rules made pursuant to this clause 8.9 shall be entered in a record which will be kept for the information of the Board members and may be printed and/or circulated at the discretion of the Board.
- (c) The standing orders, policies and rules in existence shall remain in operation for a period of one (1) year, at which time they shall be reviewed by the Board and confirmed, varied or discontinued by resolution of the Board.

8.10 Common Seal

- (a) Pursuant to section 3.69(3) of the Act the Subsidiary shall have a common seal upon which its corporate name shall appear in legible characters.
- (b) The common seal shall not be used without the express authorisation of a resolution of the Board and every use of the common seal shall be recorded in the minute book of the Subsidiary.
- (c) The affixing of the common seal shall be witnessed by the Chairperson or the Deputy Chairperson and the CEO of the Subsidiary or such other person as the Board may appoint for the purpose.

- (d) The common seal shall be kept in the custody of the CEO of the Subsidiary or such other person as the Board may from time to time decide.

8.11 Committees

- (a) The Board may establish a committee of Board members for the purposes of:
 - i. enquiring into and reporting to the Board on any matter within the Subsidiary's functions and powers and as detailed in the terms of reference given by the Board to the committee;
 - ii. exercising, performing or discharging delegated powers, functions or duties.
- (b) A member of a committee established under clause 8.11(a) of this Charter holds office at the pleasure of the Board.
- (c) The Board may otherwise establish advisory committees consisting of or including persons who are not Board members for enquiring into and reporting to the Board on any matter within the Subsidiary's functions and powers and as detailed in the terms of reference.
- (d) The Chairperson of the Board is an ex-officio member of any committee or advisory committee established by the Board.

8.12 Fees and Allowances

Fees, annual allowances or reimbursements, if any, for expenses payable to Board Members shall be subject the approval of the majority of Participants.

9. EMPLOYEES OF THE SUBSIDIARY

- 9.1 The Board must appoint a CEO of the Subsidiary to manage the business of the Subsidiary on terms agreed between the CEO and the Board. The CEO of the Subsidiary may be a natural person or a body corporate approved by the Board.
- 9.2 The CEO of the Subsidiary shall cause records to be kept of the business and financial affairs of the Subsidiary in accordance with this Charter, in addition to other duties provided for by this Charter and those specified in the terms and conditions of appointment.
- 9.3 In the absence of the CEO of the Subsidiary for any period exceeding six weeks a suitable person to act in the position of CEO of the Subsidiary must be appointed by the Board.
- 9.4 The Board shall delegate responsibility for the day to day management of the Subsidiary to the CEO of the Subsidiary, who will ensure that sound business and human resource management practices are applied in the efficient and effective management of the operations of the Subsidiary.
- 9.5 The functions of the CEO of the Subsidiary shall be specified in the terms and conditions of appointment and shall include but are not limited to:

- (a) appointing, managing, suspending and dismissing employees of the Subsidiary;
 - (b) determining the conditions of employment of employees of the Subsidiary within the budgetary constraints set by the Board;
 - (c) attending at all meetings of the Board unless excluded by resolution of the Board;
 - (d) ensuring that the decisions of the Board are implemented in a timely and efficient manner;
 - (e) providing information to assist the Board to assess the Subsidiary's performance against its Strategic and Business Plans;
 - (f) providing advice and reports to the Board on the exercise and performance of its powers and functions under the Act, the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations and this Charter;
 - (g) ensuring that the Subsidiary is at all times complying with the Act, the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations and this Charter;
 - (h) ensuring that the Subsidiary's annual report prepared in accordance with section 5.53 of the Act as modified by regulation 18 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations is distributed to the participants in time to be incorporated in their annual reports;
 - (i) co-ordinating and initiating proposals for consideration of the Board including but not limited to continuing improvement of the operations of the Subsidiary;
 - (j) ensuring that the assets and resources of the Subsidiary are properly managed and maintained;
 - (k) exercising, performing or discharging other powers, functions or duties conferred on the CEO of the Subsidiary by or under the Act or any other legislation, and performing other functions lawfully directed by the Board; and
 - (l) inviting any person to attend at a meeting to act in an advisory capacity.
- 9.6 The CEO of the Subsidiary shall provide a report on his/her activities to the Board at every ordinary meeting.
- 9.7 The Board in association with the CEO shall agree key performance indicators and undertake a review of the performance of the CEO at least once in relation to each year of the person's employment.

10. MANAGEMENT OF THE SUBSIDIARY

10.1 Financial Management

- (a) The Subsidiary shall keep proper books of account, which must be available for inspection by any Board member or representative

authorised by the CEO of any participant at any reasonable time on request.

- (b) The Subsidiary must establish and maintain a bank account at a bank and with such bank facilities to be determined by the Board.
- (c) The Subsidiary shall appoint, the CEO of the Subsidiary, the Chairperson and Deputy Chairperson as authorised operators of the bank accounts. A minimum of two authorised operators must be required to deal with the bank account at any one time.
- (d) All cheques must be signed by two of the persons appointed under or listed at clause 10.1(c).
- (e) Any payments made by electronic funds transfer must be made in accordance with procedures for the authorisation of, and payment of accounts which have received the prior approval of the Board.
- (f) The Board must establish and maintain a purchasing policy in relation to contracts for other persons to supply goods and services.

10.2 Reporting

- a) The CEO of the Subsidiary shall ensure that the CEO and the Board member of each participant receive, within 14 days of a Board meeting, a copy of the minutes from that Board meeting for distribution to the elected members of the participants.
- b) The CEO of the Subsidiary must act prudently in the handling of all financial transactions for the Subsidiary and must provide quarterly financial and corporate reports to the Board and, if requested, the Participants.
- c) The Board must submit their annual report, annual budget and auditor's report to the participants upon completion of those reports.

10.3 Business Plan

The Board shall:

- a) compare the Business Plan against performance targets at least twice every financial year;
- b) review the contents of the Business Plan annually; and
- c) undertake reasonable consultation with the participants prior to adopting or amending the Business Plan.

10.4 Annual Report

The Subsidiary shall prepare an annual report for each financial year in accordance with the provisions of section 5.53 of the Act as those provisions are modified by regulation 18 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations.

10.5 Annual Budget

The Subsidiary shall prepare an annual budget in accordance with the provisions of section 6.2 of the Act as those provisions are modified by regulation 18 of the Regional Subsidiaries Regulations.

10.6 Audit

The Board shall determine that the audit functions required under section 3.70A of the Act be undertaken by:-

- (a) a committee, which may include Finance Manager or Governance representatives from the participants or independent parties; and/or
- (b) an external audit arrangement where the size and scale of the operations warrants.

10.7 Code of Conduct

In establishing a code of conduct for the subsidiary as required by clause 3(p) the Board shall take into consideration the guidelines and legislation relevant to Local Government and the participants code of conduct policies.

General principles to guide the behaviour include that a person in his or her capacity as a Board or Committee member, or employee:-

- (a) act with reasonable care and diligence; and
- (b) act with honesty and integrity; and
- (c) act lawfully; and
- (d) avoid damage to the reputation of the subsidiary; and
- (e) be open and accountable to the public and participants; and
- (f) base decisions on relevant and factually correct information; and
- (g) treat others with respect and fairness; and
- (h) not be impaired by mind affecting substances

11. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

11.1 Negotiation

- (a) The procedure in Clause 11 must be applied to any dispute that arises between the Subsidiary and a participant or participants concerning the affairs of the Subsidiary, or between participants concerning the affairs of the Subsidiary, including a dispute as to the meaning or effect of this Charter.
- (b) In the event of a dispute between the parties (**Dispute**) one party may deliver a written notice to the other party that identifies the Dispute (**Notice of Dispute**).
- (c) The party that delivers the Notice of Dispute should also provide enough information about the Dispute for the other parties to reasonably understand the:
 - (i) alleged facts on which the claim is based

- (ii) legal basis on which the claim is made; and
 - (iii) relief that is claimed.
- (d) Within 10 Business Days of a Notice of Dispute being delivered, the receiving parties must deliver a written response to the other parties stating:
- (i) its position in relation to the Dispute; and
 - (ii) the basis for its position.
- (e) Within ten Business Days of receipt of the response referred to in clause 11.1 (c), the parties agree to attempt in good faith to resolve through negotiation any Dispute arising under or in relation to this Charter.

11.2 Mediation

- (a) If the parties fail to resolve the Dispute within the 10 Business Days under clause 11.1(d), any of the parties may refer the Dispute to mediation by notice in writing to the other parties.
- (b) Within 10 Business Days of a party referring the Dispute to mediation, the parties will attempt in good faith to agree the appointment of a mediator for the purposes of mediation.
- (c) In the event the parties are unable to agree the appointment of a mediator then the Chairperson of the Resolution Institute in Western Australia shall appoint a mediator for the purposes of mediation.
- (d) Once a Mediator has been appointed then the parties must within 10 Business Days of the mediator being appointed agree a mutually convenient date, time and place for the mediation to take place.

11.3 Terms of Mediation

The mediation must be conducted on the following terms:

- (a) the reference to the mediator is made in accordance with, and subject to, the Resolution Institute Mediation Rules;
- (b) the mediator will assist the parties to explore the options for and, if possible, achieve expeditious resolution of the dispute by agreement;
- (c) the mediator will not make decisions for a party or impose a solution on the parties;
- (d) the mediator will not obtain from any independent person advice or an opinion as to any aspect of the Dispute unless:
 - (i) the mediator is requested in writing by all parties to do so;
 - (ii) all parties have agreed upon the identity of the independent person to give such advice or opinion; and
 - (iii) all parties have agreed on who will be responsible to pay for the costs or fees in relation to the advice provided by the independent person;

- (e) all parties will co-operate in good faith with the mediator and each other during the mediation;
- (f) each party will use its reasonable endeavours to comply with reasonable requests made by the mediator to promote the efficient and expeditious resolution of the Dispute;
- (g) the mediation, including all preliminary steps, shall be conducted in such manner as the mediator considers appropriate having regard to the nature and circumstances of the Dispute, the agreed goal of an efficient and expeditious resolution to the Dispute and, to the extent that the mediator may deem appropriate, to the view of each party as to the conduct of the mediation;
- (h) the proceedings, discussions and all documents created during the course of the mediation and all things said or disclosed during the course of the mediation shall be privileged and shall be for the purposes of any future matters or actions between the parties be without prejudice save to the extent that the parties shall reach an enforceable agreement;
- (i) if, after consultation with the parties, the mediator forms the view that the mediator will be unable to assist the parties to achieve resolution of a Dispute, the mediator may immediately terminate its engagement as mediator by giving written notice to the parties of that termination, upon which, the mediator's role shall cease;
- (j) the mediation shall be terminated immediately upon the earlier of:
 - (i) execution of a settlement agreement in respect of the Dispute; and
 - (ii) withdrawal of the Dispute;
- (k) the costs of the mediation shall be paid equally by each participant.

11.4 Arbitration

- (a) If the Dispute has not been resolved by mediation under clause 11.2 and 11.3, then the Dispute may be submitted by any party to the arbitration of a single arbitrator in accordance with, and subject to, Resolution Institute Arbitration Rules. Unless the parties agree on the appointment of an arbitrator, any party may request a nomination from the Chair of the time being of the Resolution Institute Western Australia Division.
- (b) The arbitrator's award shall be final and binding on the parties.
- (c) The costs of the submission, reference or award are in the discretion of the arbitrator.
- (d) Nothing in this Charter shall prevent a party from obtaining any urgent injunctive, declaratory or other interlocutory relief from a court which may be required in respect of a Dispute under clause 11 or any matter under this Charter.

SCHEDULE 1**RRC WASTE AGREEMENTS**

Doc	Description	Date
1	Participant's Agreement between the RRC, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Mandurah, City of South Perth, Shire of Murray, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale and City of Canning	Dated 15 October 2015
2	Agreement for Processing of Waste for Resource Recovery between the RRC, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Mandurah, City of South Perth, Shire of Murray, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, City of Canning and Kwinana WTE Project Co Pty Ltd	Dated 4 November 2015
3	Deed of Variation to Waste Supply Agreement between the RRC, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Mandurah, City of South Perth, Shire of Murray, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, City of Canning and Kwinana WTE Project Co Pty Ltd	Dated 7 June 2017
4	Supplemental Deed between the RRC, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Mandurah, City of South Perth, Shire of Murray, City of Canning and Kwinana WTE Project Co Pty Ltd	Dated 16 July 2018
5	Exercise of Rights letter by the RRC	Dated 23 April 2018
6	Exercise of Rights Letter by the RRC	Dated 21 September 2018
7	Exercise of Rights Letter by the RRC	Dated 15 October 2018
8	Financier Direct Deed between the RRC, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Mandurah, City of South Perth, Shire of Murray, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, City of Canning, Kwinana WTE Project Co Pty Ltd and BTA Institutional Services Australia Limited	Dated 16 October 2018
9	Participants Agreement Deed of Variation between the RRC, City of Armadale, City of Gosnells, City of Mandurah, City of South Perth, Shire of Murray, Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale, City of Canning, Kwinana WTE Project Co Pty Ltd	Dated 14 September 2018

SCHEDULE 2

CALCULATION OF CONTRIBUTIONS

2.1 Contributions towards a Budget Deficiency

Each participant must pay a contribution towards the Budget Deficiency calculated as follows:

$$\text{participant's contribution} = \text{BD} \times \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TTP}}$$

Where:

- (a) BD is the Budget Deficiency;
- (b) TP is the number of tonnes of the participant's Waste in the previous year;
- (c) TTP is the number of tonnes of all of the participants' Waste in the previous year;
- (d) "previous year" means the financial year preceding the financial year in which the Budget Deficiency is to occur; and
- (e) "participants Waste" means the wastes to be delivered to the Resource Recovery Facility in accordance with the Agreement for Processing of Waste for Resource Recovery referred to in item 2 of Schedule 1 and the Participants Agreement referred to in item 1 of Schedule 1.

2.2 Contributions towards a Deficit

Each participant must pay a contribution towards the Deficit calculated as follows:

$$\text{participant's contribution} = \text{D} \times \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TTP}}$$

Where:

- (a) D is the Deficit;
- (b) TP is the number of tonnes of the participant's Waste in the relevant year;
- (c) TTP is the number of tonnes of all of the participants' Waste in the relevant year;
- (d) "relevant year" means the financial year in which the Deficit occurs; and
- (e) "participants Waste" means the wastes to be delivered to the Resource Recovery Facility in accordance with the Agreement for Processing of Waste for Resource Recovery referred to in item 2 of Schedule 1 and the Participants Agreement referred to in item 1 of Schedule 1.

2.3 Contributions towards an Anticipated Exceptional Deficit

Each Participant must pay a contribution towards the Anticipated Exceptional Deficit as follows:

$$\text{participant's contribution} = \text{AED} \times \frac{\text{PT}}{\text{PTT}}$$

Where:

- (a) AED is the Anticipated Exceptional Deficit;
- (b) PT is the number of tonnes of the participant's Waste in the previous year;
- (c) PTT is the number of tonnes of all of the participants' Waste in the previous year;
- (d) "previous year" means the financial year preceding the financial year in which the Anticipated Exceptional Deficit is determined; and
- (e) "participants Waste" means the wastes to be delivered to the Resource Recovery Facility in accordance with the Agreement for Processing of Waste for Resource Recovery referred to in item 2 of Schedule 1 and the Participants Agreement referred to in item 1 of Schedule 1.

SCHEDULE 3**CALCULATION OF PROPORTIONS IN WHICH PARTICIPANTS ARE TO RECEIVE A PAID SURPLUS****3.1 Calculation of proportions**

Each participant is to receive a proportion of the Paid Surplus calculated as follows:

$$\text{participant's proportion} = \text{PS} \times \frac{\text{TP}}{\text{TTP}}$$

Where:

- (a) PS is the Paid Surplus;
- (b) TP is the number of tonnes of the participant's Waste in the relevant year;
- (c) TTP is the number of tonnes of all of the participants' Waste in the relevant year;
- (d) "relevant year" means the financial year in which the Surplus occurs; and
- (e) "participants Waste" means the wastes actually delivered to the Resource Recovery Facility in accordance with the Agreement for Processing of Waste for Resource Recovery.

SCHEDULE 4**PROPORTIONS OF PARTICIPANTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF WINDING UP**

- 4.1** For the purpose of clauses 7.2(a)(ii) and 7.3, the proportion of each participant is the proportion that the number of tonnes of the participant's Waste for the previous five (5) financial years (including RRC member tonnes as defined in the Establishment agreement if required) bear to the number of tonnes of all of the participants' Waste for the same period.

"participants Waste" means the wastes actually delivered to the Resource Recovery Facility in accordance with the Agreement for Processing of Waste for Resource Recovery.