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SHIRE OF WESTONIA

Mar/April 24

Date & Time	What	Where	Who
Thursday	Council Meeting	Chambers	Councillors, Senior
21 March			Staff
Thursday	GEZ Meeting	Kellerberrin	President, DCEO
11 April			
Wednesday	Museum Articles Tourism	Busselton	Councillors, Senior
6 March	Inspection		staff
Thursday	Council Meeting	Westonia	Councillors, Senior
18 April			Staff

CEO'S REPORT

GENERAL MATTERS

- Old Primary School Leisure Centre project grants have been submitted to the following organisations.
 - o Collgar Wind Farm \$ 10,000
 - Men's Shed \$ 13,000

Further grants will be submitted to Lotterywest and Bendigo Bank for this project.

- I attended with Cr Dellabosca a CEACA Special meeting held in Merredin on Monday 19th February.
- I attended with Cr Cress the GEZ meeting held in Merredin on Thursday 22 February.
- Peter Ellis, a past plant operator employee for the shire passed away on Sunday 25th February.
- I had 3 days annual leave to attend Countryweek bowls during the month.
- Auspan installed the 2.2m apron on the West side of the Stadium on Wednesday 6 March, which
 has effectively stopped the late afternoon sun. The Westonia Bowling Club covered the cost of
 this installation.
- Westonia hosted the WEROC Board meeting on Wednesday 6 March which was followed by a dinner meal and roll of bowls.
- I participated in several activities of the Medical Students visit to Westonia.
- The new reception desk at the Heath Clinic has been installed.
- The Council will be supervising a Workplace Learning Program for local student Jaykob Mitchell which will involve a couple of days a week on the town maintenance crew.
- MRWA have advised that the intersection of Great eastern Highway and Westonia Carrabin Roads will be reconstructed with asphalt on Tuesday 26 March.

• <u>DELEGATED AUTHORITY ACTIONS</u>

• I have granted approval for the local band The Eastern Line to do a music video on top of Elachbutting Rock between the 5 – 7 April.

ROADCREW

- The construction crew has completed the reconstruction of the Warralakin Road 3.5km section between the M040 and Daddow Road, with 2 coat bitumen seal being completed this week.
- Both graders have carried out some winter grading on major routes while conditions have been favorable from thunderstorms.
- Gravel re-sheeting has been completed on the Rabbit Proof Fence and Maxfield Road projects.
- The crew will be mobilizing to the South of shire to complete the McPharlin and South Walgoolan Road projects.

TOWN

- Excavation work in preparation for new carpark shade trees has been carried out at the Stadium.
- Additional sand has been installed into the bowling green surface to improve the pace of the green.
- Preparation works have commenced for the Asphalt works in various locations around town.

• PLANT HOURS

The following is a list of plant and vehicle kilometre and hour readings for the period ending 1.3.24.

Item		1.2.24	1.3.24
P1	CAT 140 GRADER	2,263hrs	2,360hrs
P2	CAT 12M GRADER	8,638hrs	8,729hrs
P3	PRIME MOVER (KENWORTH)	7,350kms	9,118kms
P4	ROAD TRAIN (NEW FREIGHTLINER)	112,222kms	114,079kms
P5	JOHN DEERE LOADER	4,826hrs	4,937hrs
P6	CAT ROLLER (SKIP)	1,545hrs	1,628hrs
P7	MINI-EXCAVATOR	1,156hrs	1,187hrs
P8	TELEHANDLER JCB	2,776hrs	2,810hrs
P9	TOYOTA (GRADER UTE)	38,993kms	40,924kms
P10	MITSUBISHI CANTER	16,534kms	16,974kms
P11	TOYOTA HILUX (GARDENER) WT 35	107,383kms	107,950kms
P12	JOHN DEERE (5100)	2,564hrs	2,586hrs
P14	TOYOTA LANDCRUISER GXL (CEO)	0kms	1,100kms
P15	TOYOTA HILUX D/CAB (W/SUPER)	33,139kms	42,450kms
P16	TOYOTA RAV4 (ADMIN)	93,772kms	96,993kms
P17	TOYOTA HILUX DUAL CAB	33,139kms	35,014kms
P19	FAST ATTACK	17,605kms	17,605kms
P20	FIRE TRUCK	7,033kms	7,036kms
P18	WESSY BUS	145,490kms	145,833kms
P22	KUBOTA RIDE ON MOWER (OVAL)	2,063hrs	2,069hrs
P23	TOYOTA MINI-BUS (WT COM V)	40,999kms	41,674kms
P24	CAT ROLLER (LOLA)	1,932hrs	1,985hrs
P25	MICK'S BEAUT UTE	168,233kms	168,987kms
P27	TOYOTA PRADO GXL (DCEO)	34,378kms	37,259kms

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND WELLBEING REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Grant applications & award nominations submitted:

We are currently working on FRRR Small network grant worth up to \$20,000.00 for future community events.

Future grant opportunities & award nominations:

- Department of LG, Sport & Cultural Industries Active Regional Communities Grants (up to \$5000) categories; Capacity building, Event hosting and Participation. Applications open all year.
- Healthways and Lottery West

WELLBEING REPORT

Age Care

Westonia Home Care Services now has a total of 17 clients which is quite incredible, EOI to any community members wishing to obtain their Certificate 3 in Aged Care has been advertised in the Westonian, this is to encourage a more qualified local workforce and therefore able to deliver a higher standard of care. Meal preparation can be quite tedious and difficult for some of our clients, Lite N Easy are HCP approved providers of meals which allows each clients package to pay 70% of the fee leaving the client only 30% out of pocket which is a massive saving. We have signed up 6 clients so far who have appreciated this service and the peace of mind knowing the meals are healthy and nutritious.

The service has worked closely with clients and allied health professionals such as Occupational therapist, physio and podiatry, to ensure client needs, equipment and aids are being met and supplied to keep each client safe and assisted in their homes.

Westonia Home Care Services Clients: 17

Staff delivering services: 10

Services: Administration and Package management, Cleaning and Household tasks, Medical, Personal Care, Social Support, Support work, Gardening & Maintenance

Meals on Wheels recommenced 29th January, 9 participants are currently on board, Ramelius Resources will continue to supply meals until the cessation of the mine.

Community activities and resources

2024 Activities/ Events:

Emily and Kerry are continuing to create wellbeing activities and opportunities for community members to participate and enjoy. Kerry is now back on board after her recent health issues. We have both Kerry & Emily until the end of June at this stage when Kerry is retiring and Emilie is off to have baby no.2. Events for the year are being planned, a car boot sale is due to be held on the 20/4/24. We were going to hold a Mascarade Ball on the 22/6/24 to bring back an old tradition and to create a fundraising opportunity for future events however we will be postponing to give ourselves some wiggle room with grant opportunities and planning could be August now? Wessy Christmas Markets have been locked in on the 26/10/24. Potential dates to hold Wessy on the Green – 26^{th} of April 2025 Anzac Weekend which is both a Public Holiday and the last weekend in the School Holiday's or on the 3^{rd} of May 2025 to get away from School hols and the risk of people being away over a long weekend.

6/2/24 Scrabble 5pax 7/2/24 Use it or Loose it

8/2/24 Bingo 6pax

12/2/24 Water Areobics

13/2/24 Scrabble 6pax

14/2/24 Use it or Loose it

15/2/24 Bingo 6pax

19/2/24 Water Areobics

20/2/24 Scrabble 4pax

21/2/24 Railway Museum & Lunch Cancelled

22/2/24 Bingo 6pax

23/2/24 Plonk & Donk Cancelled

26/2/24 Water Areobics

27/2/24 Scrabble 6pax

28/2/24 Use it or Loose it

29/2/24 Bingo 6pax

WESTONIA TOURIST PARK

Our new caravan Park caretaker Fiona Hird has taken over from Jodie Peterson and since commencing work at the beginning of March is doing an excellent job. We are grateful to have Fiona on board. The Caravan Park is picking up in numbers the closer we get to Easter and it is shaping up to be a busy tourist season.

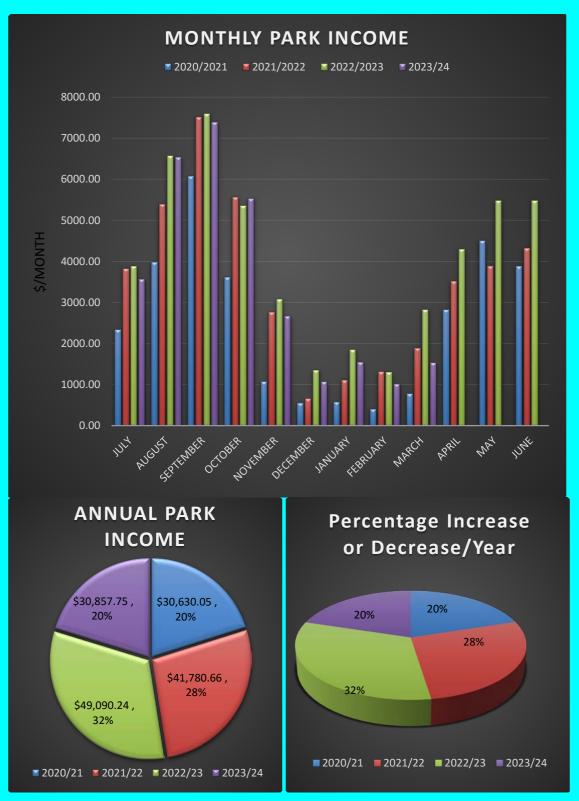
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

- Various minor repairs and maintenance ongoing. Focal area being bathroom maintenance (fixtures and disabled bathroom upgrade)
- Disabled toilet drainage will need some major work as tree roots have made their way into the pipes.

FUTURE PROJECTS

- Permanent signage required to say "If office is unattended, please ring the caretakers phone or Shire office alternatively you can visit the Shire office during business hours Monday to Friday to complete your booking".
- Overflow new signs needed for sites and information sign needed to describe
 who to ring or see to book in and outline that you must un-hook. Defined bays
 might be a good idea for this area.

STATISTICS



HOOD-PENN MUSEUM

The Museum is now open on weekends for the 2024 tourist season, as always this would not be possible without the support of our local volunteers, who dedicate their time to showcase our museum and share their knowledge about the town and its history.

REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE

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RECENT PROJECTS

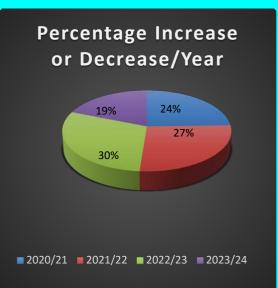
Old Truck modification for farming scene and Back drop in-place.

FUTURE PROJECTS

• New scenes to be created in the existing space of the old storage room to tell the stories of our primary industries of which Westonia was founded on.

STATISTICS







From: Bill Price
To: Chantelle Pedrotti

Subject: FW: Containers for Change Kerbside Collection Data - March 12 2024

Date: Thursday, 14 March 2024 3:24:04 PM

Attachments: image004.png image001.png

Collection Data 2024.xlsx

Bulletin

From: Pauline Guest <cashforcontainers@outlook.com>

Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2024 10:30 PM **To:** Bill Price <ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Containers for Change Kerbside Collection Data - March 12 2024

Hi Bill,

Please see below summary and attached data for the March 12 collection.

This month there was an extra bin added to the route and 67% of residences have now put their bin out at least once, which is great.

The numbers in terms of refunds are quite similar to last month.

It was excellent to see some more first time participants and strong and consistent returns.

It will be interesting to see how numbers are once everyone has deposited their summer stash and the cooler weather sets in.

Summary for March 12 2024 Collection	
Total Containers Collected:	4,561
Total Value of Refunds:	\$456.10
Total Value of Personal Refunds:	\$338.20
Number of Personal Refunds:	21
Total Value of Donations:	\$117.90
Total Number of Donations:	14
Donated to WPA:	\$86.20
Number of Donations:	10
Donated to Hydrotherapy Pool Fund:	\$31.70
Number of Donations:	4
Number or Residences Collected From:	35
Number of Residences Issued Bins:	69
% of Residences Participated this month:	540/
(No allowances made for properties currently unoccupied)	51%
Year to Date % of Residences Participated:	67%

Material Type Summary		
Glass	903	
Aluminium	2,890	
PET - Clear	553	
PET - Colour	28	
HDPE	90	
LPB	84	
Steel		
Other	(
Total	4,563	

Ineligible Containers	6

Pauline Guest Wheatbelt Cash for Containers

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Our Ref:

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Richard Patterson Telephone: (08) 9420 3186

8th March 2024

Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage Locked Bag 2506 PERTH WA 6001

Att: Central Wheatbelt Case Management Team

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: SURRENDER OF CROWN RESERVE 2168 - WARRACHUPPIN DAM

Reserve 2168 is described as Lot 345 on Deposited Plan 203241 and being the whole of the land in LR 3150/181 - (Attachment1)

The Reserve comprises 72.865 ha and has been under Management Order to Water Corporation and its predecessors since 19 January 1893 for the purpose of WATERING PLACES. (Attachment 2).

Assets on the site comprise a stone walled catchment on a granite outcrop, gravity feeding rainwater run off to a concrete tank with pipe upstand. The tank and catchment assets have not been used for Water Corporation operational purposes since 2005 however are still functional.

There is also a pioneer well near the tank that predates the Reserve creation.

The land is not impacted by any Aboriginal heritage listings on DPLH registers.

The rock catchment, tank and well within the Reserve are listed on the Shire of Westonia Local Heritage Register however have been exempted by the Heritage Council for further consideration under GHPDP provisions in November 2020.

The Reserve is now surplus to Water Corporation requirements and surrender to DPLH has been authorised.

Following discussions with Water Corporation the Shire of Westonia resolved in November 2023 to seek the Management Order over Reserve 2168 on an "as-is" basis subject to surrender of the Reserve by Water Corporation (Attachment 3).

Due to the presence of the well, DWER has been consulted regarding the proposed transfer and have responded with the emailed advice: "No objections with the Shire taking over MO of Warrachuppin." (Attachment 4)

In accordance with the above, the Water Corporation requests that DPLH accept the surrender of the Management Order for Reserve 2168 (to facilitate transfer to Shire of Westonia), subject to the following:

- The Reserve is surrendered and transferred to the Shire on an "as-is" basis.
- The Water Corporation is removed from both Management Order and Responsible Agency status.
- Any Native Title Settlement (or Aboriginal Heritage) implications associated with the land are investigated and negotiated by DPLH as part of any transfer.

A Statutory Declaration for the Reserve has been enclosed. The original Vesting Order could not be located in Water Corporation records.

We trust this letter provides the Department with sufficient information to give priority consideration to the surrender described above. Confirmation upon completion of the surrender would be appreciated.

Please contact Richard Patterson on 9420 3186 if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Anne O'Hern
Manager
PROPERTY POE

PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

Attachments.

- 1. Landgate Record
- 2. Landgate Aerial View
- 3. DFES / ACCORP Request
- 4. DWER Advice

Enclosure

1. Statutory Declaration

ATTACHMENT 1 - LANDGATE RECORD - RES 2168

LR3150/181

Title Details

Plan Details

Reserve Details

General Details

Associated Documents

Ownership History

Certificate of Title

LR3150/181

Title Type
Parcel Identifier

Certificate of Crown Land Title Lot 345 On Deposited Plan 203241

YILGARN Location 345

Address Details Dealing Status No Street Address Information Available

Purchasers Caveat

Complete

Other Interests

N/A N/A

Document Type

Sundry - register too full for further endorsement

Document Number

K395998 31/10/2007

Date of Execution
Consideration

Refer Document

Proprietor(s)

STATE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA



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ATTACHMENT 2 - LANDGATE AERIAL VIEW - RES 2168



ATTACHMENT 3 - DWER ADVICE - RES 2168

From:

Renae Thorpe <renae.thorpe@dwer.wa.gov.au>

Sent:

Tuesday, 6 February 2024 11:46 AM

To:

David Morgan

Cc:

Sandy Turton - Parkinson

Subject:

RE: Res 2168 - Warrachuppin Tank - Transfer to Shire

Caution: This email originated from outside the organisation. If you are unsure on the legitimacy of this email do not click on any links or download attachments.

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Hi David

Thankyou, I hope you are well too.

No objections with the Shire taking over MO of Warrachuppin.

Thankyou

Renae

From: David Morgan < David. Morgan@watercorporation.com.au>

Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 11:43 AM

To: Renae Thorpe <renae.thorpe@dwer.wa.gov.au>

Cc: Sandy Turton - Parkinson <Sandy.Turton-Parkinson@dwer.wa.gov.au>

Subject: Res 2168 - Warrachuppin Tank - Transfer to Shire

Hi Renae,

Hope you are well.

The Shire of Westonia has contacted the Water Corporation requesting the Management Order for Reserve 2168 (containing the Warrachuppin Tank).

Can you confirm if DWER has any comments/objections?

Kind Regards

David Morgan

Senior Planner - Property Portfolio Procurement & Property

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9.4 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH, PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

9.4.1 SURRENDER MANAGEMENT RESERVE 2168 – WARRACHUPPIN TANK

Responsible Officer:

Bill Price, CEO

Author:

Bill Price, CEO

File Reference:

ES1.5.7.2 Warrachuppin Water Tank

Disclosure of Interest:

Nil

Attachments:

Nil

Signature:

Officer

CEO

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Purpose of the Report



Executive Decision



This report seeks Council's agreeance to accept the management control of Reserve 2168 Warrachuppin Water Catchment & Tank from the Water Corporation.



Background

Council would be aware that they have already accepted management of the Geelakin Reserve and Tank from the Water Corporation earlier in the year.

Water Corporation have also written advising that the Warrachuppin Reserve and tank are surplus to needs and are enquiring whether the Council would be interested in accepting similar management vesting.



Comment

Reserve 2168 (containing the Warrachuppin Tank and rock catchment) is surplus to Water Corporation requirements. Once a resolution of Council is received, the Water Corporation will commence its due diligence and executive approvals process.

Subject to internal approvals being received, the Water Corporation would then write to DPLH recommending that the Reserve be transferred to the Shire. DPLH will then process the transfer accordingly.

Please note that as part of the transfer process, DPLH may consult with Traditional Owners to ascertain the cultural significance of this land. Should Aboriginal heritage values be identified, DPLH will discuss appropriate arrangements with the Shire at that time.

The Shire President, Construction Supervisor, representatives from the DWER and myself inspected the tank on Wednesday 18 October. The tank itself is surprisingly in very good condition (3/4 full) but the roof structure is now non-existent and has totally collapsed.

It is my recommendation that Council agree with the as is basis offer from water Corporation.



Statutory Environment

Local Government Act 1995.



Policy Implications

Council does not have a policy in relation to this matter.



Strategic Implications

Strategic water source in Warrachuppin for land user and Council use.

	Financi	al Implications			
Futu	ıre mainten	ance costs of the Warrachuppin	n Water	Tank in future bu	udgets.
	Voting	Requirements			
\boxtimes	Simple Majority Absolute Majority			rity	
OF	OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS				
	The second second	ee to accept the management of Corporation on an as is basis.	control o	f Reserve 2168 V	Varrachuppin Water Catchment & Tank
RE	SOLUTION				
Mo	oved:	Cr Geier		Seconded:	Cr Simmonds
08	/11-23	That Council agree to accept	the mar	agement contro	ol of Reserve 2168 Warrachuppin Water

Catchment & Tank from the Water Corporation on an as is basis.

CARRIED 5/0

How the West is the genuine article on \$1b Ramelius dea

ADRIAN RAUSO

Ramelius Resources has seemingly taken a subtle dig at Eastern States media outlets after confirming it is in exclusive talks with Toronto-listed Karora Resources about a potential merger that could be valued at more than \$1 billion.

Ramelius told the market

on Friday it was thrashing out a deal with Karora but said the discussions, including the value of the potential transaction, remained incomplete.

The Mark Zeptner-led gold miner notably included commentary regarding the speculated value range of a deal—published by other media outlets on Thursday.

"The company refers to the press speculation of a potential transaction value of between \$700 million to \$1b ... the company notes Karora's market capitalisation of approximately C\$841m," Ramelius said.

In Australian dollar terms that equates to about \$945m.
The West Australian reported

on Thursday the proposed acquisition would likely come at a premium, as was customary with the vast majority of take-overs, meaning Karora's sticker price could spill past the \$1b mark.

It is believed a scrip-based merger is being assessed as one of the options to structure the deal, as Ramelius looks to take

advantage of its shares rising nearly 50 per cent over the past year to a \$1.8b market capitalisation.

Karora owns two mills — Lakewood and Higginsville which are fed ore from its Beta Hunt and Higginsville gold mines.

All of these assets are just south of Kalgoorlie.



Our ref Enquiries Phone Email GR-04-00000830 Sam Cornthwaite 08 9690 2400 wheatbelt@dlgsc.wa.gov.au

Mr Bill Price Chief Executive Officer Shire of Westonia ceo@westonia.wa.gov.au

Dear Mr Price.

COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND (CSRFF) GRANT REFERENCE: GR-04-00000830

Thank you for your application for funding support through the CSRFF to assist with the re-development of Westonia Aquatic Centre.

For the 2024-25 CSRFF Forward Planning, the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries (DLGSC) received 33 funding applications requesting \$32,823,966, which far exceeds the amount available for allocation in this round. As such, the DLGSC is unable to support a number of very worthwhile community projects. I regret to advise that your application for CSRFF support has been unsuccessful on this occasion.

There are a number of reasons why a project may not have been funded. In this instance, your application has not been successful as there were higher priorities in the funding round.

Sam Cornthwaite, Regional Manager, will contact you to discuss the assessment of your project. I would also encourage you to discuss the option of re-applying for CSRFF funding support in the future.

Yours sincerely

Audrey Formentin

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A/Executive Director Infrastructure

15 March 2024



MEDIA RELEASE

18 March 2024

COOK LABOR GOVERNMENT DESERTS LIVE SHEEP EXPORT INDUSTRY

Premier Roger Cook has deserted farmers and shown his true intentions after admitting in Parliament last week to talks with Federal Agriculture Minister Murray Watt to end the live sheep export industry.

Deputy Nationals WA Leader and Member for Roe Peter Rundle MLA asked the Premier in Question Time last week to explain why the Minister for Agriculture had been in secret talks with Canberra around a transition package for farmers.

"Instead of fighting for WA farmers and ensuring our \$132 million live export industry continues, the Premier confirmed the State Government has been meeting with the Federal Government around plans to shut down the industry.

"Members of the Labor Party also denigrated Parliament, making loud animal noises when questioned about their support for live export until they were chastened by the Speaker," Mr Rundle said.

"It was an absolutely disgraceful response from the Premier and further proof that the Cook Labor Government is no friend to our live export sector or our primary producers."

Mr Rundle called on the Premier to sack the Minister for Agriculture for her failure to stand up to Canberra and support live export.

"The Minister refused to stand up and demand the Prime Minister meet with representatives from the live export sector during his recent visit to WA, and the Minister was also silent during the MV Bahijah debacle," Mr Rundle said.

Candidate for Central Wheatbelt Lachlan Hunter said WA farmers deserved better than an arrogant and dismissive Labor Government. "I attended several of the live export forums around regional WA in recent weeks, and farmers are frustrated by the lack of support they have received from the Cook Labor Government," Mr Hunter said.

"The decision to close down the live export trade threatens hundreds of jobs in WA, and will have disastrous flow on effects to our sheep and wool industry, and potentially to our cattle exports as well."

Mr Hunter also called on the Federal Government to release its Independent Panel Report into the phasing out of live sheep, which was completed in 2023.

"It's becoming more and more obvious that Labor doesn't want to release it's so called scientific and economic evidence behind closing the live export trade because it simply doesn't exist.".

MEDIA CONTACT: 0457 721 949





MEDIA RELEASE



(Leader of The Nationals, Hon David Littleproud MP, and Deputy Leader of the Opposition and The Nationals WA, Mr Peter Rundle MLA in Katanning)



(Mr Peter Boyle, sheep farmer in York with Lachlan Hunter, Nationals candidate for Central Wheatbelt)

MEDIA CONTACT: 0457 721 949