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Sarah Palmer
Principal Research Officer
Community Development and Justice Standing
Committee
Parliament House
Perth WA 6000

Dear Sarah,

**Appearance before the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee
on 16th November 2016.**

On 15 November 2016, the President, CEO and WALGA staff met with the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services; Small Business; Veterans, to discuss the State government response to the Special Inquiry into the Waroona Fire 2016.

The Minister was represented by his Chief of Staff, Mr Stephen Barton along with senior officials from the Department of Premier and Cabinet. The discussions focused on recommendation 15, the establishment of a rural fire service, as the state government has initiated early discussions with key stakeholders on a way forward.

WALGA impressed the need for consultation with the sector on this important community issue. In light of the early catastrophic weather conditions on us this week, WALGA President Lynne Craigie also encouraged the State to move on this body of work involving Local Governments in the process.

For enquiries please contact John Lane, Coordinator Emergency Management Services on 9213 2064.

Yours sincerely

**Warwick Carter,
Executive Manager Planning and Community Development**