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Ms Clair Siva  
Committee Clerk  
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial  
Operations  
Legislative Council  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Ms Siva

### **Inquiry into the Government's Local Projects Local Jobs Program and the establishment of a Parliamentary Budget Office**

The City of Karratha is pleased to be invited to provide a written submission on the matters associated with the terms of reference to the above inquiry.

The City was successful in obtaining funding from the Local Projects Local Jobs Program for the following initiatives:

- **Wickham Skate Park Lighting - \$35,000 +GST**  
Project funding designed to contribute towards shade and lighting at the Wickham Community Hub outdoor Skate Park area.  
Project commenced 30 June 2017 and was to be completed by 31 October 2018.  
Jobs creation: 0%  
Local Infrastructure provision: 100%
- **Community Safety and Youth Services in Karratha - \$250,000 +GST**  
Project funding designed to provide additional opportunities for participation, programming and engagement with the City's youth. Specific elements included resurfacing of half-court for basketball, construction of rebound wall, urban art project, CCTV surveillance and landscaping.  
Project commenced 30 June 2017 and was to be completed 30 June 2018.  
Jobs creation: 3%  
Local Service Provision: 11%  
Local Infrastructure provision: 85%
- **Improved Road Signage and Traffic Calming Devices - \$50,000 +GST**  
Project funding designed to assist in road signage and calming devices for the purposes of road safety, tourism promotion and superior traffic flow in town sites.  
Project commenced 30 June 2017 and was to be completed 31 January 2018.

Jobs creation: 17.35% of expenditure

Sign design, manufacture and installation

Local Infrastructure provision: 82.65% of expenditure

Development of specific long vehicle parking areas

- Roebourne Aquatic Centre Uniforms - \$1,500 +GST [T:\$1527]

Project funding designed to purchase equipment and uniforms for the Roebourne Aquatic Centre.

Project commenced 27 July 2017 and was to be completed by 10 August 2017.

Jobs creation: 0%

Local Service provision: 100%

Our response to the inquiry is based on our experiences with the above projects.

The Committee is to inquire into the Local Projects Local Jobs program with particular reference to:

- (a) How each project was developed, evaluated and selected for funding

In response to matters contained within paragraph 2 of the terms of reference, the City of Karratha identified projects ready to hit the ground running and was able to utilise the funds from the Local Projects Local Jobs program. The Wickham Skate Park Lighting project needed supplementary funding to finish off the new Wickham Community Hub facility. The Community Safety and Youth Services project was being pushed by a community group but as they could not hold the funding, the City offered to assist in managing this project. The road signage project assisted in the design and installation of wayfinding tourism signs to assist tourists travelling around the city centre of Karratha.

The City was not involved or consulted regarding applications from community groups from within Karratha. It is our understanding that the selection of projects was determined by the State Government through regional development commissions.

- (b) How payments were made and acquitted to ensure financial probity and accountability

Funding for the projects was issued up front for all four projects and progress reports were provided for those longer term projects. The City's projects were individually managed by respective teams responsible for the projects and acquittals have been provided for those projects that have been completed. An audit report accompanies the Road Signage project and the Roebourne Aquatic Centre project. The Wickham Skate Park project is completed and the Youth Services Project and is near completion following approval for extensions and will also be accompanied by an audit report.

- (d) The number of projects funded and for each project the amount of funding provided and number of jobs created

It is difficult to ascertain any specific increase in the level of employment for each of the projects. What can be identified is that work has been provided to local businesses to employ new staff or maintain existing staffing levels to undertake these new jobs.

- (e) Whether community, education, arts and sporting groups within the State were afforded an equal opportunity to access the program

It does seem apparent that there has been some level of equality provided to groups within Karratha with differing interests. Community, arts and sporting groups appear to have been successful recipients in addition to community infrastructure projects predominantly sourced by the City of Karratha.

Should you seek any further information, please contact me at the above address.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Henry Eaton', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Henry Eaton  
Manager Governance & Organisational Strategy

30 April 2019