

# Agenda



## SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

ON THURSDAY, 11 SEPTEMBER 2025, COMMENCING AT 5.00PM

The meeting will be held at the Civic Centre  
Strickland Street, Denmark

**ATTENDEES WILL NEED TO REGISTER**

**REGISTRATIONS WILL OPEN AT 4.30PM**

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## 1. HOW THE SPECIAL ELECTORS MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED

These procedures are consistent with requirements under the Local Government Act 1995 and the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996.

- The Shire President will preside over the meeting [s 5.30].
- The only matter to be discussed at this meeting is the matter detailed in the Special Meeting Request.
- All electors present are required to sign the Attendance Register with their name and address.
- Only electors are permitted to vote.
- Each elector who is present is entitled to one vote on each matter to be decided at the meeting but does not have to vote [r 17].
- Voting is to be conducted so that no voter's vote is secret [r 17].
- All decisions are to be made by a simple majority of electors present [r 17].
- The presiding person will call for a mover and a seconder for any motions.
- If a motion is moved and seconded, it becomes live, and the presiding person will facilitate debate.
- Debate will be limited to 3 speakers for the motion, and 3 speakers against the motion.
- Speakers for, or against, the motion will be limited to 3 minutes each.
- All decisions made at the meeting are to be considered at the next Ordinary Council meeting or, if that is not practicable, at the first Ordinary Council meeting after that meeting; or at a Special Meeting called for that purpose, whichever happens first [s 5.33].
- There will be no public question time [r 5].
- The meeting procedure to be followed, other than those listed above, is to be determined by the person presiding [r 18].

An *elector* means a person who is eligible to be enrolled to vote at Shire of Denmark local government elections. An eligible person is one that is a ratepayer or is on the Shire of Denmark's Owners & Occupiers Roll.

## 2. DECLARATION OF OPENING

The Presiding Person to declare the meeting open.

## 3. RECORD OF ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

### ATTENDANCE – Electors Present:

Cr Kingsley Gibson (Shire President), Presiding Person

Electors present are required to sign the Attendance Register, detailing their name and address, which is available at the entrance of the Civic Centre. This is a legal requirement.

### STAFF:

David King (Chief Executive Officer)

Kellie Jenkins (Executive Manager Corporate Services)

Rob Westerberg (Director Infrastructure & Assets)

Claire Thompson (Governance Coordinator)

Kristie Buss (Executive Support Officer)

## 4. PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

A request signed by 340 different Electors was submitted to the Shire President on 28 July 2025 requesting a Special Meeting of Electors for the following purpose.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is as follows:

### **Ecological Exclusion Zones and Biodiversity Protection:**

- Removal of key biodiversity zones from DBCA burn plans
- Independent ecological assessments
- Transparency on burn decisions

### **Health and Wellbeing:**

- review of mental and physical health impacts from prescribed burns

### **Insurance and Accountability**

- Report increased fire risks associated in prescribed burns and insurance costs rising
- Adjust policy to protect residents, businesses and farms

## 5. MOTIONS

### 5.1 ECOLOGICAL PROTECTION

#### MOTION 1

ITEM 5.1

We URGE WA leaders to:

1. Remove key biodiversity zones from burn plans.
2. Conduct independent ecological assessments.
3. Designate fire exclusion zones for vulnerable species and peatlands.
4. Release data justifying burn decisions and explain past ecological damage.

### 5.2 HEALTH AND WELLBEING

#### MOTION 2

ITEM 5.2

We DEMAND:

1. Independent review of the mental and physical health impacts from prescribed burns.
2. Direct consultation with affected residents.
3. Transparent air quality and health data.
4. Immediate halt to the Harewood burn due to trauma and risk.

### 5.3 INSURANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

#### MOTION 3

ITEM 5.3

We CALL for:

1. Clear liability when prescribed burns go wrong.
2. Reporting on increased fire risks and insurance costs.
3. Compensation for affected property owners.
4. Policy changes to reduce insurance risk.

## 6. CLOSURE

The meeting will conclude when there are no further motions.