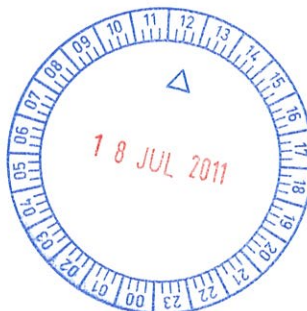


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### By Email

Dear Ms Gough

### Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Local Government Amendment (Regional Subsidiaries) Bill 2010 (the Bill).

Whilst not in a position to provide specific comment into the particular elements of the Bill, the Shire of Esperance is generally supportive of its intent, to allow local governments to establish regional subsidiaries to jointly perform local government functions.

The Shire is fully supportive of the WA Local Government Association's (WALGA) position in relation to this matter, in that it is in support of a wide range of reforms and amendments to the *Local Government Act 1995* that allow local governments to enter into a broad range of regional service delivery and collaboration options, one of which is the regional subsidiary model proposed by this Bill.

The Shire is also in support of WALGA in its advocacy for local government to be able to establish Local Government Enterprises (corporate subsidiaries), and for compliance requirements and bureaucracy to be reduced for formal Regional Councils.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide comment, and should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Regards

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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**