

Legislation, Delegated

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To: Legislation, Delegated
Subject: RE: Inquiry into access to Australian Standards adopted in delegated legislation

Good afternoon David

Please find to follow the City of Wanneroo submission as approved by the Manager Governance and Legal: Mustafa Yildiz and the Director Corporate Strategy and Performance, Noelene Jennings. Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

1. *Level of free public access to adopted Australian Standards in metropolitan and regional Western Australia;*

Australian Standards are developed and provided by a private entity, SAI Global Limited through a licensing agreement and the payment of the relevant subscription fees for the service, renewable every twelve months. The City of Wanneroo currently has an agreement in place and provides links to Australian Standards on its intranet. These documents are available for internal use only.

Should the City contemplate referencing Australian Standards in its local laws then the City would investigate the feasibility of purchasing a long- term license to use and reproduce the referenced Australian Standards content or extracts through its internet site. The City's Local Law referencing the Australian Standard will contain a link to the applicable Australian Standard. Additionally the City's internet site, Facebook and Customer Service Team will provide information on alternative means of acquiring the text, such as through the City's libraries or City offices.

The cost of the extended license will have to be borne by the Local Government.

2. *Whether amendments to legislation are required to improve public access to adopted Australian Standards;*

The power to incorporate material by reference should be expressly authorised in the empowering statute (in respect of the City, the Local Government Act 1995) and relevant regulations in the case of local laws and should include minimum requirements to be met by Local Government to ensure public access.

3. *Other measures to improve public access to adopted Australian Standards;*

Free access to Australian Standards is available through the State Library of Western Australia along with other departments such as WorkSafe. Additionally, some local government public libraries provide selected Australian Standards for reference. All departments, agencies and local governments who reference Australian Standards through legislation should make information available through their electronic media and notice boards in public libraries as to where standards can be accessed at no cost.

4. *Measures to improve access to adopted Australian Standards provided to the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation; and*

Please see above.

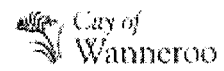
5. Any other related matters that arise during the course of the inquiry.

Nil

Regards

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