



Agenda Special Meeting of Electors

Monday 14 March 2022 at 4pm
Ken Allen Reserve, 26 Jeffrey St
Beaconsfield



NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

The City of Fremantle received a request to hold a Special Meeting of Electors by more than 100 electors to discuss the effects of mandatory vaccination.

The matters to be discussed at the meeting, as requested by electors, include:

1. The effect of mandatory vaccination on electors, ratepayers, residents and business in the district
2. The effect of mandatory vaccination on the local government's affairs and the performance of the local government's functions; and
3. Motions to be voted on for an advocacy position against mandatory vaccination for the Council to consider adopting to provide leadership and guidance to the community in the district.

The Special Meeting of Electors will be held on Monday 14 March at Ken Allen Field, 26 Jeffery Street, Beaconsfield commencing 4pm.

This meeting is only open to electors of the City of Fremantle and will be subject to COVID-19 requirements and protocols.

In accordance with the Local Government (Administration) Regulations 1996, the Mayor is to preside at the special meeting of electors and has determined the procedure to be followed.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glen Dougall".

Glen Dougall
A/Chief Executive Officer

11 March 2022



Information on how a Special Meeting of Electors is conducted

Meeting process

1. The Mayor will open the meeting.
2. Motions on the agenda will be moved by a resident.
3. The Mayor will call for any additional motions from electors.
4. Registered speakers will be given an opportunity to speak on the motions moved.
5. Once registered speakers have spoken, motions will be voted on in individual parts by a show of hands.
6. The meeting will be closed.

Speaker registration process

- There will be a process at the venue to register to speak.
- To register to speak you will need to show proof of ID to ensure that you are a Fremantle resident.
- Non-residents will not be entitled to speak.
- Speakers will be called up to make their statements.
- No questions will be answered at this meeting, any questions raised may be taken on notice for public answers at a later time.
- Speakers will only be permitted to speak once.
- Depending on the number of speakers, each speaker will be given a time limit to speak.

Following the meeting

A report containing the motions adopted by electors will be presented to the Council meeting on Wednesday, 23 March 2022, for Council consideration. The Council meeting will be subject to COVID-19 restrictions and protocols.



1. Official opening, welcome and acknowledgement

We acknowledge the Whadjuk people as the traditional owners of the greater Fremantle/Walyalup area and we recognise that their cultural and heritage beliefs are still important today.

The Presiding Member will welcome Fremantle ratepayers, open the meeting and explain the format of the meeting's procedure.

2. Purpose of meeting

This Special Electors' Meeting has been called in accordance with the Section 5.28 of the *Local Government Act 1995* and the matters to be discussed are as follows:

1. The effect of mandatory vaccination on electors, ratepayers, residents and business in the district
2. The effect of mandatory vaccination on the local government's affairs and the performance of the local government's functions; and
3. Motions to be voted on for an advocacy position against mandatory vaccination for the Council to consider adopting to provide leadership and guidance to the community in the district.

3. Acceptance of Motions

The following motion was provided in writing by a Beaconsfield resident:

MOTION 1:

We request that the City of Fremantle Council adopts an advocacy position statement called the 'COVID-19 Vaccination Pro-Choice Statement' with the content:

Part 1. That no person shall or should be:

- a) prevented from performing work or receiving income on the basis of vaccination status
- b) discriminated against on the basis of vaccination status
- c) coerced or manipulated into the need for vaccination for any reason



- d) deprived of any Statutory and Regulatory benefits on the basis of vaccination status
- e) restricted access to premises on the basis of vaccination status
- f) restricted in any form of community participation on the basis of vaccination status
- g) required to provide evidence for any reason of vaccination status; and / or,
- h) subject to anything under written law that a person who differs in vaccination status is not.

Part 2. That the Local Government shall:

- a) not restrict any function, property, or service of the Local Government based on vaccination status; and,
- b) as far as practicable redeploy or reinstate employees of the Local Government that risk termination or have been terminated on the basis of vaccination status
- c) honour all obligations under contract for all persons adversely impacted as a consequence of inferred mandatory requirement for vaccination; and,
- d) establish means to compensate Local Government employees that have lost income as a consequence of termination on the basis of vaccination status.

Part 3. That the Local Government actively advocate for:

- a) the removal the COVID-19 mandatory vaccination policy and any associated directions made under the Public Health Act 2016 (WA); and
- b) the repeal of any mandate or written law, or anything done under any mandate or written law that conflicts with this position statement.



Part 4. The Local Government in performing an advocacy role will seek the cooperation of:

- a) other Local Governments across the State
- b) western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA)
- c) Local Government Professionals WA; and
- d) other professional bodies, associations, and business entities.

Parts 1 and 2 of the above motion relies on the following definition of terms used:

Access means to enter or remain at a premises.

Approved COVID-19 vaccine means:

- a. any vaccine that has been approved by the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) for use in Australia for the purpose of vaccinating persons against COVID-19 or any mutations and derivatives thereof; and/or,
- b. any other vaccine specified by the Chief Health Officer, or any other person authorised by the Chief Health Officer for that purpose, as an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Premises has the same meaning that it has in the Public Health Act 2016 (WA).

Vaccine does not mean the medical terminology as defined in medical journals but is the generic term in the context of COVID-19 as referred to by the Therapeutic Goods Administration and the Chief Health Officer and Government Officials, and publications and statements made and issued under their auspices.

Vaccination status means whether a person is not vaccinated or has been vaccinated.

Not vaccinated means that the person has not been administered with any dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinated means that the person has been administered with any prescribed doses of an approved COVID-19 vaccine

4. Closure