



Minutes

Special Meeting of Electors

Tuesday, 15 September 2026 6:30pm



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1. Official opening, welcome and acknowledgement

The Presiding Person Deputy Mayor Fedele Camarda declared the meeting open at 6:30pm and welcomed electors and other members of the community to the meeting.

2. Attendance

Cr Fedele Camarda	Presiding Person / Deputy Mayor / Central Ward
Cr Geoff Graham	Central Ward / Observing as Elector
Cr Andrew Sullivan	Coastal Ward / Observing as Elector
Cr Jemima Williamson-Wong	Coastal Ward / Observing as Elector
Cr Pip Slaughter	East Ward / Observing as Elector
Mr Glen Dougall	Chief Executive Officer
Mr Graham Tattersall	Director Infrastructure
Mr Pete Stone	Director Creative Arts and Community
Mr Mark Donnelly	A/Director Planning, Place and Urban Development
Ms Melody Foster	Manager Governance
Mr Ryan Abbott	Manager Parks and Landscape
Ms Morgan Adams	Manager Infrastructure Project Management & Facilities
Mr David Settelmaier	Manager Strategic Communications and Stakeholder Relations
Ms Vikki Barlow	Manager Community Development
Ms Gabrielle Woulfe	Meeting Support Officer
Ms Jordyn Harvey	Meeting Support Officer

There were approximately 310 members of the public, of which 222 were electors, and 1 member of the press present at the meeting.

2. Purpose of the meeting

The Presiding Person explained the procedure of the meeting and noted the purpose of the Special Meeting of Electors (SME), which was to discuss the protection of mature urban canopy across the City of Fremantle, and proposed motion as detailed in the request and petition for the meeting, presented by Mr Mark Woodcock.

3. Proposed motions

The Presiding Person noted that the original motion would be considered first, and that subsequent proposed motions provided at the meeting would be considered pending the outcome of the original motion.



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The Presiding Person invited Mr Mark Woodcock to present the original motion that was provided in the petition and request for a Special Meeting of Council.

Mr Mark Woodcock moved the following motion, seconded by Ms Marija Vujcic, as follows:

Original Motion

That Council immediately halt all clearing and mature tree removals across the City of Fremantle, specifically including the destruction of mature trees at Hilton Reserve, and mandate that any future infrastructure, sports, or masterplan developments must be redesigned to prioritise 100% retention of mature urban canopy.

The Presiding Person invited Mr Michael Willicombe to present his proposed motion, provided before the meeting as follows:

Proposed Motion by Mr Willicombe

- 1. In accordance with the Hilton Park Masterplan guiding principle to maintain the existing mature tree canopy as far as possible, the Council will allow further detailed assessment of the siting and alignment of the new Junior Oval, as per the Masterplan, in order to see if more mature trees can be saved.**
- 2. To aid this process the Council will make available the contour and feature survey of the Ovals site north of Walton Way in its possession.**
- 3. Council will convene a meeting of stakeholders to review options presented.**
- 4. The Review will include assessment of trees to be retained and trees to be removed and costs associated with any revised plan(s) presented.**
- 5. Following final review with stakeholders the officers will present a final detailed plan for Council approval.**



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The Presiding Person invited Mr Andrew Burton to present his proposed motion, provided before the meeting as follows:

Proposed Motion by Mr Andrew Burton

- 1. The City of Fremantle pause works associated with the installation of the proposed junior AFL oval for a period to be set by Council, but to be no less than three months;**
- 2. The City investigate shared-use agreements with local education institutions and other relevant stakeholders to determine whether community sporting needs over the next ten years can be met through more efficient use of existing sporting ground assets;**
- 3. The investigation include an assessment of canopy impacts, ensuring that any proposed solution results in no net loss of tree canopy as measured against the City's Urban Forest baseline;**
- 4. The City of Fremantle provide evidence to underpin their claim that the asbestos is at risk of generating airborne fibres and must be removed;**
- 5. The City of Fremantle works with the Fremantle City Dockers Junior Football Club and other sporting clubs using the Hilton Park precinct, to investigate ways to mitigate the additional inconvenience that short term lack of access to a new playing area will cause;**
- 6. The City provide a report to Council and the community at the conclusion of the investigation period, clearly supported by documentary evidence, that outlines findings, options, and recommendations;**
- 7. Works do not commence until it is demonstrated that no alternative option can meet community sporting needs without reducing tree canopy.**

The Presiding Person invited Mr Craig Anderson to present his proposed motion, provided before the meeting as follows:

Proposed Motion by Mr Craig Anderson

That Council request a report on improving community notification and engagement for proposals involving the removal of mature trees or significant canopy loss, including direct notification to affected residents, businesses and ratepayers before decisions are considered by Council.

4. Public speaking time

39 members of the public spoke in relation to the original motion and/or the additional proposed motions.



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5. Motions by Electors

The Presiding Person put the following original motion to the vote:

ELECTORS MOTION 1 (Original Motion)

Moved: Mr Mark Woodcock

Seconded: Ms Marija Vujcic

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CARRIED by Simple Majority Vote

The Presiding Person accepted part 1 of Mr Willicombe's proposed motion to be moved as an additional part 2 to the original motion (carried), to read as follows:

AMENDMENT 1 (Amendment to Original Motion)

Moved: Mr Michael Willicombe

Seconded: Ms Kathy Stocker

1. In accordance with the Hilton Park Masterplan guiding principle to maintain the existing mature tree canopy as far as possible, the Council will allow further detailed assessment of the siting and alignment of the new Junior Oval, as per the Masterplan, in order to see if more mature trees can be saved.

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Note: The Presiding Person determined that parts 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the proposed motion presented by Mr Willicombe at the meeting was considered contradictory to the intent of the original motion and therefore not accepted.



Following a request by a number of Elector's present at the meeting, the Presiding Person approved the following motion by Mr Burton, be considered as an additional motion:

ELECTORS MOTION 2

Moved: Mr Andrew Burton

Seconded: Mr Bill Johnstone

- 1. The City of Fremantle pause works associated with the installation of the proposed junior AFL oval for a period to be set by Council, but to be no less than three months;**
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- 3. The investigation include an assessment of canopy impacts, ensuring that any proposed solution results in no net loss of tree canopy as measured against the City's Urban Forest baseline;**
- 4. The City of Fremantle provide evidence to underpin their claim that the asbestos is at risk of generating airborne fibres and must be removed;**
- 5. The City of Fremantle works with the Fremantle City Dockers Junior Football Club and other sporting clubs using the Hilton Park precinct, to investigate ways to mitigate the additional inconvenience that short term lack of access to a new playing area will cause;**
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- 7. Works do not commence until it is demonstrated that no alternative option can meet community sporting needs without reducing tree canopy.**

Carried by Simple Majority Vote



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The Presiding Person approved the following motion presented by Mr Anderson, be considered as an additional motion:

ELECTORS MOTION 3

Moved: Mr Craig Anderson

Seconded: Ms Sandy Bennetts

That Council request a report on improving community notification and engagement for proposals involving the removal of mature trees or significant canopy loss, including direct notification to affected residents, businesses and ratepayers before decisions are considered by Council.

Carried by Simple Majority Vote

6. Closure

The Presiding Person, Deputy Mayor Fedele Camarda, declared the meeting closed at 8:57pm.