

**WA Public Libraries Strategy
Status Report to PLWG
November 2019**

1 Governance		
1.1	Repeal the <i>Library Board (Registered Public Libraries) Regulations 1985</i>	Supported by 90.7% of consultation survey respondents. PLWA is mapping those regulations that are being used by local governments and will provide libraries with alternative methods for those no longer required. Once this had been done, the process can be started to repeal the regulations.
1.2	Establish a Library Board sub-committee for governance and strategic oversight of the WA public libraries.	Supported by 84% of consultation survey respondents. Will be discussed by PLWG at next meeting.
1.3	Consider the adoption of the ALIA <i>Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures for Australian Public Libraries (2016)</i>	Supported by 96.4% of consultation survey respondents. Tiered Model Framework incorporates the <i>Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures</i>
1.4	Develop new legislation	Supported by 97.3% of consultation survey respondents. Review of Legislation is not on the agenda for this term of government.
2 New Model to support public library service delivery in WA		
2.1	Implement a multi-tiered support model determined by the ability to meet agreed criteria for service provision and population growth	Supported by 92.3% of consultation survey respondents. New model endorsed by PLWG, WALGA State Council and Library Board. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposal for repurposing of capital funds to recurrent funding and transfer of ownership of stock from State to Local Governments prepared for Treasury for consideration at MYR. • On track for implementation 1 July 2020 (pending Treasury approval of proposal)
2.2	Introduce a system for the allocation of annual State Government Funding	Supported by 92.1% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation Model Review Report tabled at November 2019 meeting of PLWG. • Consultation Forum planned for February 2020.

2.3	Develop an accountable and robust reporting framework for expenditure of allocated funds	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant paperwork being prepared by SLWA • Local Agreements to be drafted.
2.4	Investigate ways in which to foster innovation and experimentation in public libraries through the introduction of a competitive innovation grants system, using the available annual State Government funding allocation.	Supported by 81.8% of consultation survey respondents. To be discussed further by PLWG
3	New Model to support regional and remote public library services	
3.1	Develop a new support model and an accountable reporting framework for regional and remote public libraries	Supported by 95% of consultation survey respondents. New model endorsed by PLWG, WALGA State Council and Library Board and implemented from 1 July 2019. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLWA support for local government library services in tiers 2 and 3 in place. • Travel grants in place. • Professional development grants in place. • On-going communication and networking opportunities in place. • On-line training and PD in place. • Planning commenced for face-to-face PD for library staff in tier 2 and 3 LGs.
3.2	Realign public library regional boundaries with WA Regional Development boundaries	Supported by 89% of consultation survey respondents. Endorsed by PLWG, WALGA State Council and Library Board and implemented from 1 July 2019.
3.3	Contribute to a broader strategy to strengthen partnerships and collaboration between libraries, local government and the WA CRC network, business and not-for-profit organisations in the regions.	Supported by 94% of consultation survey respondents. Ongoing and includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings established between SLWA and DPIRD. • Presentation at Linkwest Conference by SLWA and WALGA. • SLWA representation on DPIRD stand at Linkwest Conference.
4	Single access card system	

4.1	Investigate further the proposed options for the single access card system and shared LMS to determine the best value ROI	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents. Options paper completed.
4.2	Develop a business case for a single access card system and shared LMS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLWA has identified funding and engaged AOT Consulting to develop business case and Steering Group with representation from SLWA, PLWA and WALGA established to guide project. • On-track for completion by November 2019.
5	Public Value	
5.1	Consider the adoption of ALIA's Guidelines, Standards and Outcome Measures	Supported by 97% of consultation survey respondents. See implementation details in 1.3
5.2	Investigate the feasibility of a State-wide subscription to Culture Counts as a measurement and evaluation framework	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping of CC subscriptions completed for WA public libraries.
5.3	Develop a State-wide marketing campaign promoting the diverse service offerings and value of public libraries in Western Australia	Supported by 93% of consultation survey respondents. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLWA Humans of the Library project offered to all libraries. • Kit being developed for regional and remote libraries. • PLWG to discuss and report back following strategic planning in November 2019.