



# Special Council Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday 12 August 2025

**NOTICE OF MEETING**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

Dear Councillors

Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of Council will be held in the Council Chambers, Administration Centre, 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda on **Tuesday 12 August 2025 at 7.30pm.**

Anthony Vuleta  
Chief Executive Officer  
8 August 2025

**Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners**

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land we are meeting on, the Whadjuk Noongar people. We wish to acknowledge their Elders' past, present and future and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to the life of this City and this Region.

**Emergency Procedures**

**Please view the position of Exits, Fire Extinguishers and Outdoor Assembly Area as displaced on the wall of the Council Chambers.**

**In case of an emergency follow the instructions given by City Staff.**

**Please remain at the assembly point until advised it is safe to leave.**

# Our Vision



## Connected Communities, Valuing Nature and Creating our Future Together

### Core Values

**Service:** We demonstrate a 'can do' attitude, we listen, we understand, and we go above and beyond when we serve others.

**Professionalism:** We look, speak, act & do what it takes to show others we are reliable, respectful and competent.

**Quality:** We think clearly, plan mindfully, act decisively, measure carefully and review regularly everything we do.

### Aspirational Values

**Courage:** We make brave decisions and take calculated risks to lead us to a bold and bright future. We show courage in our pursuit for the protection of the environment, for the well being of our people and to support the economy.

**Diversity:** We challenge ourselves by keeping our minds open and looking for all possibilities and opportunities.

**Innovation:** We believe in a workplace where you're safe to try new things—where we can push the boundaries of the norm and learn from things that don't always go according to plan. We strive for a just and blameless culture that respects people as individuals and paves the way to genuine learning and improvement.

**Our simple guiding principle will be to ensure everything we do will make the City of Kalamunda socially, environmentally and economically sustainable.**

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## Webcasting Notice

Please note that tonight's meeting, other than the confidential sessions, are being recorded and will be placed on Council's website.

All in attendance and those addressing Council should refrain from making offensive/defamatory statements as there may be legal implications.

Council takes all care when maintaining privacy, however members of the public gallery and those addressing Council should be aware that you may be recorded.

## INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Welcome to this evening's meeting. The following information is provided on the meeting and matters which may affect members of the public.

If you have any queries related to procedural matters, please contact a member of staff.

### Special Council Meetings – Procedures

1. Council Meetings are open to the public, except for Confidential Items listed on the Agenda.
2. Members of the public who are unfamiliar with meeting proceedings are invited to seek advice prior to the meeting from a City Staff Member.
3. Members of the public are able to ask questions at a Special Council Meeting during Public Question Time on matters relating to the functions of this meeting.
4. To facilitate the smooth running of the meeting, silence is to be observed in the public gallery at all times except for Public Question Time.
5. All other arrangements are in general accordance with Council's Standing Orders, the Policies and decision of the City or Council.

### Deputations and Public Question Time

These sessions in the Council Meeting provides an opportunity for people to ask any question of the Council or speak publicly on any matter.

#### Public Question Time

Public Question Time session will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act and the City's Standing Orders.

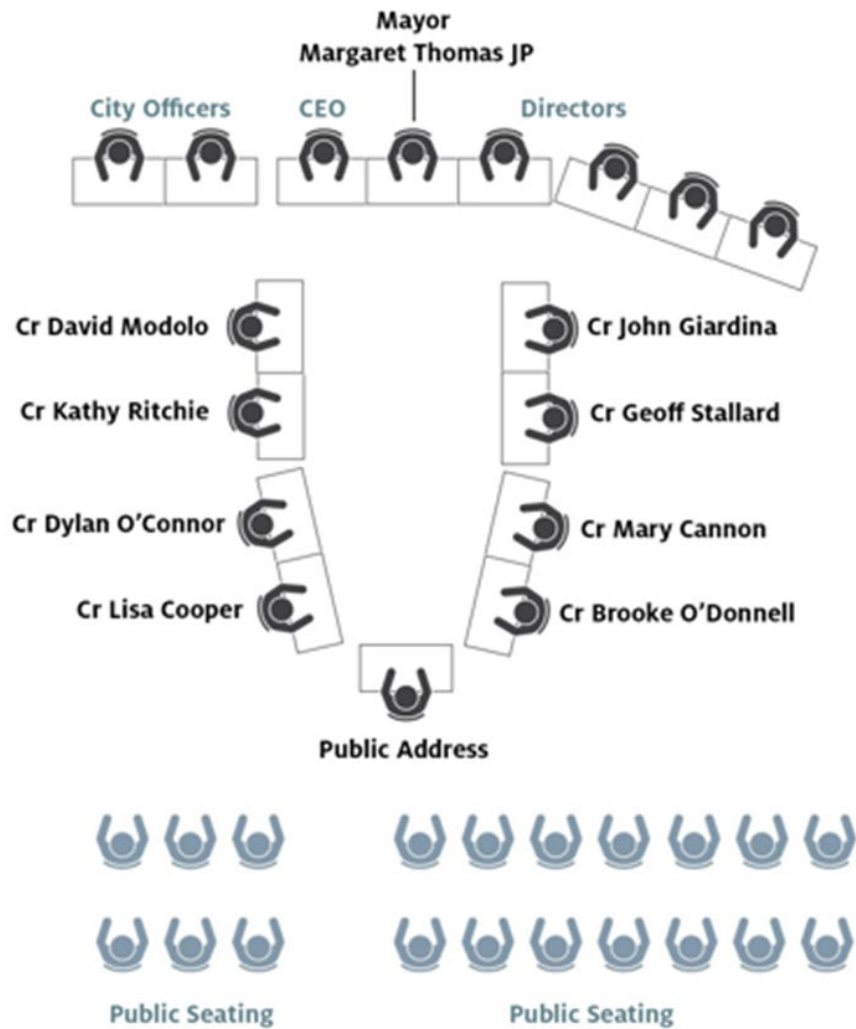
Where a member of the public raises a question during Public Question Time, a response will be provided where Councillors or staff have the necessary information at hand; if not, a reply will be provided at a later time. There is a limit of one question per speaker per meeting.

#### Deputations

All speakers are limited to ten minutes, with a one-minute warning given to speakers prior to the ten-minute time period elapsing. The commencement and conclusion of time shall be advised by the Mayor/Chairperson.

It should be noted that speakers at Council meetings do not enjoy any protection from parliamentary-style privilege. Therefore, they are subject to the risk of defamation action if they make comments about individuals.

## Council Chambers Seating Plan



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**1. Official Opening**

**2. Attendance, Apologies and Leave of Absence Previously Approved**

**3. Public Question Time**

**3.1. Public Question Time**

*A period of not less than 15 minutes is provided to allow questions from the gallery on matters relating to the functions of this meeting. For the purposes of Minuting, these questions and answers will be summarised.*

**4. Petitions/Deputations**

Nil

**5. Announcements by the Member Presiding Without Discussion**

**6. Matters for Which the Meeting may be Closed**

**7. Disclosure of Interest**

**7.1. Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests**

a. Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matter to be discussed at the meeting. (Section 5.56 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.)

b. Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting. (Section 5.70 of the *Local Government Act 1995*.)

**7.2. Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality**

a. Members and staff must disclose their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the member or employee had given or will give advice.



**8. Reports to Council**

**Nil**

**9. Motions of Which Previous Notice has been Given**

**MOTION**

<b>Voting Requirements: Simple Majority</b>
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That Council:

1. OBJECTS to all Alcoa's bauxite mining activities, particularly exploratory drilling and all mining operations on the Darling Range, including in and the surrounds of the City of Kalamunda, on the grounds that such activity poses a significant negative impact and risk to the long-term character and amenity of the Perth Hills region.
2. REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer prepare a submission on behalf of the City of Kalamunda to the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) opposing the expansion, to be submitted prior to the deadline of 21 August 2025.
3. REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer engage with neighbouring local governments — including the Shire of Mundaring, City of Gosnells, City of Armadale, and Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale - to explore opportunities for a coordinated advocacy response and joint representation to the EPA and relevant State Ministers.
4. REQUESTS the Chief Executive Officer prepare a letter to the Premier of Western Australia to outline the sentiments of Council's objection of Alcoa's Mining Activities in the Darling Range and that any future negotiations on renewal or modifications to any state agreements, or mining leases in a local area must include representation from local government as part of the process to ensure local matters are given appropriate consideration in the decision making process.

Moved: Cr David Modolo

Seconded:

## **Rationale**

1. The City of Kalamunda includes large areas of the jarrah forest and is well known for its rural character, distinctive landscape, and strong sense of place.
2. Alcoa's proposed expansion into the Darling Range, including the City of Kalamunda, raises significant concerns about the long-term impacts on the identity and lifestyle of communities in the Perth Hills, and its vision for the future.
3. Large-scale industrial activity of the kind proposed is fundamentally at odds with the community's expectations and the established character of the area.
4. This matter affects multiple local government areas. A coordinated approach will allow the City of Kalamunda to stand alongside its neighbouring councils in ensuring that the voice of the Hills region is clearly heard in state-level decision-making.
5. The City has consistently recognised the importance of preserving the unique character of the Perth Hills, and it is appropriate that it take a clear position on a proposal that could alter that character irreversibly.

## **Officer Comments**

1. The City's Strategic Community Plan and associated strategic documents recognise the importance of protecting and enhancing natural bush areas and biodiversity. The City's significant Regional Reserves and State Forests are significant natural assets that contribute towards the City's unique character and identity and support a wide range of social and economic opportunities for the City and surrounding communities.
2. Alcoa operates under a Mineral Lease extending from Mundaring to Collie along the Darling Range. The Environmental Protection Authority is seeking public submissions regarding Alcoa's bauxite mining activities on the Darling Range in the southwest of Western Australia spanning the years 2023 to 2027. The period to make submissions concludes on 21 August 2025.
3. Alcoa's current plans for potential exploration include areas of state forest south-east of Pickering Brook (near the old Barton's Mill Prison site) within the City of Kalamunda.
4. The City understands these activities are exploration works only, which do not include any current plans to mine this area. Alcoa's current plans until 2027

include undertaking cultural and environmental surveys, and low impact drilling to assist in understanding the area's geology. The City is planning engagement with neighbouring local governments to support a coordinated understanding and response to this proposal.

5. The City will prepare a submission by 21 August 2025 including any relevant technical or operational considerations associated with this proposal and include any resolutions of Council as part of this process.
6. It is noted that decision making responsibility regarding exploration and mining activities, licenses and tenure is ultimately the responsibility of the State Government, and Minister of Mines and Petroleum under the *Mining Act 1978* and associated regulations.

**10. Meeting Closed to the Public**

**11. Closure**