

C I T Y O F W A N N E R O O

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF ELECTORS, HELD AT WARWICK
LEISURE CENTRE, ON THURSDAY, 21 MARCH 1991

ATTENDANCES AND APOLOGIES

Councillors:	W S SMITH - Chairman from 7.47 pm	South Ward
	B J MOLONEY	South Ward
	C G EDWARDES	South Ward
	F D FREAME	South-West Ward

Town Clerk:	R F COFFEY
Deputy City Planner:	A SHEPPARD
Committee Clerk:	M THURSTON
Trainee Minute Clerk:	D GOWER

In Attendance

Mr E Cunningham, MLA, Member for Marangaroo

There were 125 Electors and 20 non-Electors in attendance.

Apologies for absence were tendered by Crs W Duffy (Mayor), G A Major (Deputy Mayor), W W Bradshaw, A V Dammers and N Rundle.

The Town Clerk declared the meeting open at 7.41 pm and advised that, in the absence of the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor, in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(6) of the Local Government Act, he would call upon the electors present to chose a Councillor to preside over the meeting.

Cr Moloney nominated Cr W S Smith to be Chairman of the Meeting.

An unidentified elector nominated Cr F D Freame to be Chairman of the Meeting. Cr Freame declined.

There being no further nomination, the Town Clerk declared Cr Smith elected unopposed.

Cr Smith assumed the Chair, the time being 7.47 pm.

ITEM OF BUSINESS

Cr Smith reported that this meeting had been called in accordance with the provisions of Section 171(3) of the Local Government Act, in response to a petition of Electors.

The petition calling the meeting requested discussion of the following item:

"The proposed establishment of a refuge for adolescent Aboriginal girls at 16 Marden Street, Marangaroo."

Cr Smith then sought questions and statements from the floor.

A number of unidentified speakers expressed their opposition to the establishment of a refuge for homeless aboriginal girls in Marden Street, Marangaroo. This opposition was based largely on a fear that the amenity of the area would be reduced and property values would be affected.

A representative of Ebenezer Home stated that the proposed refuge would shelter all races and creeds of homeless girls, not only aboriginal. Several speakers, including those from religious organisations and welfare agencies, outlined the experience gained by their organisations of other such homes, established in residential areas, which had created no problem at all for the other residents in the vicinity.

An employee of Homeswest detailed the process by which refuges such as the one proposed are established and how the girls are selected. He reiterated the experience of his department, whereby similar homes have not created any known nuisance in the areas where they have been established.

Mr E Cunningham, MLA, then advised that he too has had no knowledge of a refuge, currently established within his electorate, causing any nuisance or reduction in amenity. He stated that a house used for a similar purpose in Girrawheen is one of the most beautiful he had had the pleasure to visit.

MOVED Mr J Miszztal, **SECONDED** Mr M Ridley that the Special Meeting of Electors calls upon the City of Wanneroo to refuse the application by Ebenezer Homes (Inc) to use Lot No 430 (16) Marden Street, Marangaroo, for the purpose of institutional housing, on the grounds that the proposed use does not conform with Council's Town Planning Scheme and will adversely affect the amenity of neighbouring locality which is solely single residential and associated recreation areas.

CARRIED

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the Meeting closed at 9.20 pm.