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## MEMBER ADVISORY: COVID-19 UPDATE

Events have moved very quickly since the last circular issued April 15, 2020.

The majority of our members employed in Local Government, State Government, Racing and Cemeteries have remained employed on a full-time basis.

In the State Government Sector they have also been further supported by a guarantee four (4) weeks' pay without deduction from any accrued leave entitlement if they are asked to stand down. The Racing Sector at this point has not been affected.

In Local Government the following developments have occurred:

1. At the City of Fremantle our members have been asked to enter into temporary contract between now and the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2020 which reduce their paid and working hours from an average of 38 hours per week to an average of 30.4 hours per week.
2. At the City of Bunbury, and the Shires of Bridgetown-Greenbushes and Murray the employers have approached all employees seeking consent to vary their existing enterprise bargaining agreements to defer wage rises scheduled to be paid as of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2020.
3. The Minister for Local Government has directed all Councils to not increase rates, charges, and fees for the 2021-2022 rating. Critically, they have also been asked to not impose penalties and charges on late or deferred rates payments.
4. The Industry as a whole across Australia has been excluded from the JOB KEEPER SCHEME.

As a consequence of the above the Organisation's Committee of Management will meet on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May 2020 to decide industrial strategies in response to the developing situation. It is expected that communication will be made to the PRIME MINISTER, THE PREMIER OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA and THE PRESIDENT OF THE WESTERN AUSTRALIAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (WALGA) seeking direct support for our membership.

We are also co-operating in sharing communications with the other Unions operating in the Industry to maintain a position of solidarity for all workers in the industry.

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