

# WACSSO 2017 Conference Agenda Items

## Constitution Items

### Constitution Item 1

**Subject:** Amendment to the WACSSO Constitution  
**Proposer:** WACSSO State Council

#### **Preamble:**

When setting the closing date of conference Agenda items WACSSO needs to balance providing time for affiliates to review and discuss agenda items, with the need for affiliates to have sufficient time to formulate agenda items.

The current situation where Agenda items are required into the office twelve (12) weeks before conference means some associations have not yet had sufficient time with their new committee in place to have identified and formulated an item they wish to put onto the conference agenda before the closing date has passed.

In addition, changes to how Agenda items are distributed means the WACSSO office Councillors and staff can accommodate a reduced timeline between the closing of Agenda items and the conference.

We believe that nine (9) weeks still gives affiliates time to review and consider Agenda items and it gives associations more time to consider and submit Agenda items.

#### **Motion:**

That the WACSSO Constitution Rule 21.1 and 21.5 be amended by deleting 'twelve' (12)' and replacing with 'nine (9)', to read;

21.1 Agenda items for Conference submitted by the State Council, School Organisations or District Councils shall be in the hands of the secretary not later than nine (9) weeks prior to the date of the Conference.

21.5 An item of an urgent nature relating to a matter or event which has arisen or occurred during the period of nine (9) weeks prior to Conference may be submitted in writing to the Secretary. Late agenda items, submitted in accordance with the Constitution Rule 21.4 may be placed on the Conference if approved by two thirds majority (calculated in number of votes) of members present at Conference.

## Agenda Items

### Action Item 1

**Subject:** Student Parking/Road Safety around Schools  
**Proposer:** South Thornlie Primary School P&C Association Inc.

#### **Preamble:**

In 2001 the State Government amended the starting age of compulsory schooling. One of the results of this change is an increased number of students who attain their drivers licence during their high school years. For many valid reasons, some senior school students elect to drive to school and this puts additional pressure on the parking around high schools.

Where a primary school is located next to a high school the problems of parking become even worse, particularly if the high school does not have any, or sufficient, on campus student parking.

Whilst there has been an increase in the number of "Drop-Off zones" or "Kiss and Drive zones" near WA primary schools in recent years to alleviate parking demands, there are many parents who are unable to use these zones for varied reason; such as, they must collect young students from classrooms, attend assemblies, volunteer time at the schools in the classroom or on excursions.

The parking problems that many schools across our state experience have been amplified where high schools and primary schools are located next to each other, with frustrated drivers parking illegally and unsafely, blocking paths or obstructing road view for others. The problem also affects the local residents living near schools. This places the students' welfare from these schools at great risk, whether they are commuting by bicycle, on foot, or in a vehicle.

South Thornlie Primary School in the south east corridor has 472 students. It is located between Thornlie Senior High School, with 1150 students and a Catholic Primary School, with 460 students. That means there are nearly 2100 students attending school over three campuses in a row on a 640m stretch of road. P&C members have exhausted assistance for more parking from the local shire, Rangers, School Administrators and Department of Transport over several years without success.

South Thornlie Primary School P&C members ran the TravelSmart program to encourage cycling and walking to school, however the students face many risks caused by insufficient parking. Many parents have told P&C members they'll only allow their children to walk or ride to school when they see a dramatic improvement in the parking and road safety around these schools, as they are fearful, having witnessed students in near-miss incidents.

P&C members must not become complacent on this issue and wait for a child to be hit and injured by a car on their way to or from school. The state legislation change in 2001 has impacted on the safety of students today and we expect the Government to care enough to take urgent action.

We strongly believe that the Department of Education has a responsibility to ensure that all students have a safer journey to and from school, whether it is by foot, bicycle or vehicle.

#### **Motion 1:**

That WACSSO writes to the Minister for Education to request that:

- on-campus student parking be provided when it is requested by school administrators;
- priority for on-campus parking be given to high schools situated within close proximity of one or more other schools; and
- the Minister provides full financial support for student parking and footpaths on government schools across Western Australia.

#### **Motion 2:**

That WACSSO writes to the Minister for Education to request that the government provides a consultant to:

- review public reports made to local shires of dangerous parking incidents in school areas; and
- develop a plan for student parking within campus grounds with school administrators, Main Roads Western Australia and local shires.