



PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION (With Notice)

Name: Mayor Honourable George Gear

Date of Meeting: 16 February 2021

Meeting of the: Ordinary Meeting of Council

Subject: Motion With Notice – Donation to Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund – Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire Appeal 2021

PROPOSED NOTICE OF MOTION: CITY OF MELVILLE

That the Council:

- 1. authorise the Chief Executive Officer make a donation to the Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund – Wooroloo and Hills Bushfire Appeal 2021 on behalf of the community of the City of Melville for the amount of \$50,000.**
- 2. increase Disaster Relief Account (100.25299.7900.000) by \$44,950.00 and decrease the CEO’s Special Project Account (100.26419.7550.000) by \$44,950.00**

ABSOLUTE MAJORITY REQUIRED

Reasons for the Motion Without Notice as provided by the Mayor

1. An out of control fire started in Wooroloo on February 1 and raged across Perth’s north-eastern suburbs, destroying homes and threatening lives. There are reports, at this time of this motion, in excess of 85 homes have been lost.
2. The Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund (LMDRF) is Western Australia’s official State emergency fund. The fund is used to raise and coordinate donations to support the victims of natural disasters occurring within the State.
3. The LMDRF was established in 1961 in conjunction with the State Government to provide financial assistance to individuals for the alleviation and relief of distress, suffering and personal hardships, brought about by any disaster or emergency within Western Australia declared by the Western Australian Government or for which the LMDRF Board considers assistance is warranted.
4. City of Perth administers the LMDRF. All administration costs are wholly absorbed by the City of Perth, so 100 per cent of all funds raised go directly to those in need. The Lord Mayor’s Distress Relief Fund has now been activated to assist victims of the bushfires in the affected local government areas.
5. The LMDRF will reach out to the affected Local Governments and work with them to get application forms out as quickly as possible. The Fund will work with the affected local governments and the State Recovery Coordinator to ensure money is disbursed directly to those who need it. All administration costs are absorbed by the City of Perth so 100 percent of funds raised will go directly to those in need.

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