

The North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils is a voluntary organisation of seven local governments, established for over 25yrs. The purpose of NEWROC is to ***work together for successful communities***. NEWROC achieves this through ***regional collaboration to champion opportunities for the communities***.

Live Sheep By Sea Trade – Economic Impact Report



On the 28 November the NEWROC released their Economic Impact Report on the live sheep by sea trade policy, which was conducted by Econisis. The potential economic impact on the 7 local governments within the North Eastern Wheatbelt if the policy is implemented could be \$128 million over 20 years.

The NEWROC local governments are home to more than 400,000 sheep. The sheep industry supports 180 local businesses across the NEWROC and contributes over \$18.7 million in gross value to the economy.

The policy would also reduce household expenditure and consumption of between \$21.2m and \$34.6m.

Two delegations from the NEWROC met with politicians, policy advisors and agricultural organisations in Canberra and Perth in late November. The purpose of the delegations was to raise awareness of the report and to recommend the policy not be implemented due to the significant economic impact that would occur.



December Council Meeting

At the last meeting of the year, NEWROC Chair Cr Melanie Brown acknowledged immediate past President of the Shire of Wyalkatchem and long term NEWROC member Quentin Davies.

Quentin was acknowledged for his contribution to the NEWROC and his passion for the region. He previously held the role of NEWROC Chair and recently supported the live sheep delegation to Canberra.