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Welcome to Day 3

Questions for presenters?

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The Hon Bill Johnston MP

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Plenary: Local Government

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Local Government and Emergency Management

- The State Emergency Management Committee identified waste management following emergency events as a significant issue
- A working group of key stakeholders developed an outline of the work that needed to address this
- WALGA was successful in a funding application to address the Local Government element of this Project.

WALGA acknowledges the support provided by the State of Western Australia to deliver the *Local Waste Management Arrangements for Emergency Events* project, which is jointly funded under the Commonwealth's National Partnership Agreement on Natural Disaster Resilience.



Local Government and Emergency Management

- **Outputs of the Project**
 - **Research report**, identifying the relevant legislation and case studies, hazards, considerations for decision making and communication and engagement
 - **Survey** of Local Government regarding roles and responsibilities
 - **Framework** to plan for waste management following Emergency Events



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Research Report

- Legislation – 10 Act's relevant
- EM Act – gives Local Government responsibility for recovery, but no power
- There are some data sets available which could assist with Hazard identification
- Asbestos one of the most significant hazards





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Survey Results

- Review of Local EM Arrangements
- Role of Local Government regarding
 - State/Federal Government property
 - LG Property
 - Private sector
 - Community
- Waste Roles
 - No role
 - Information provision
 - Contract Service
 - Provide service

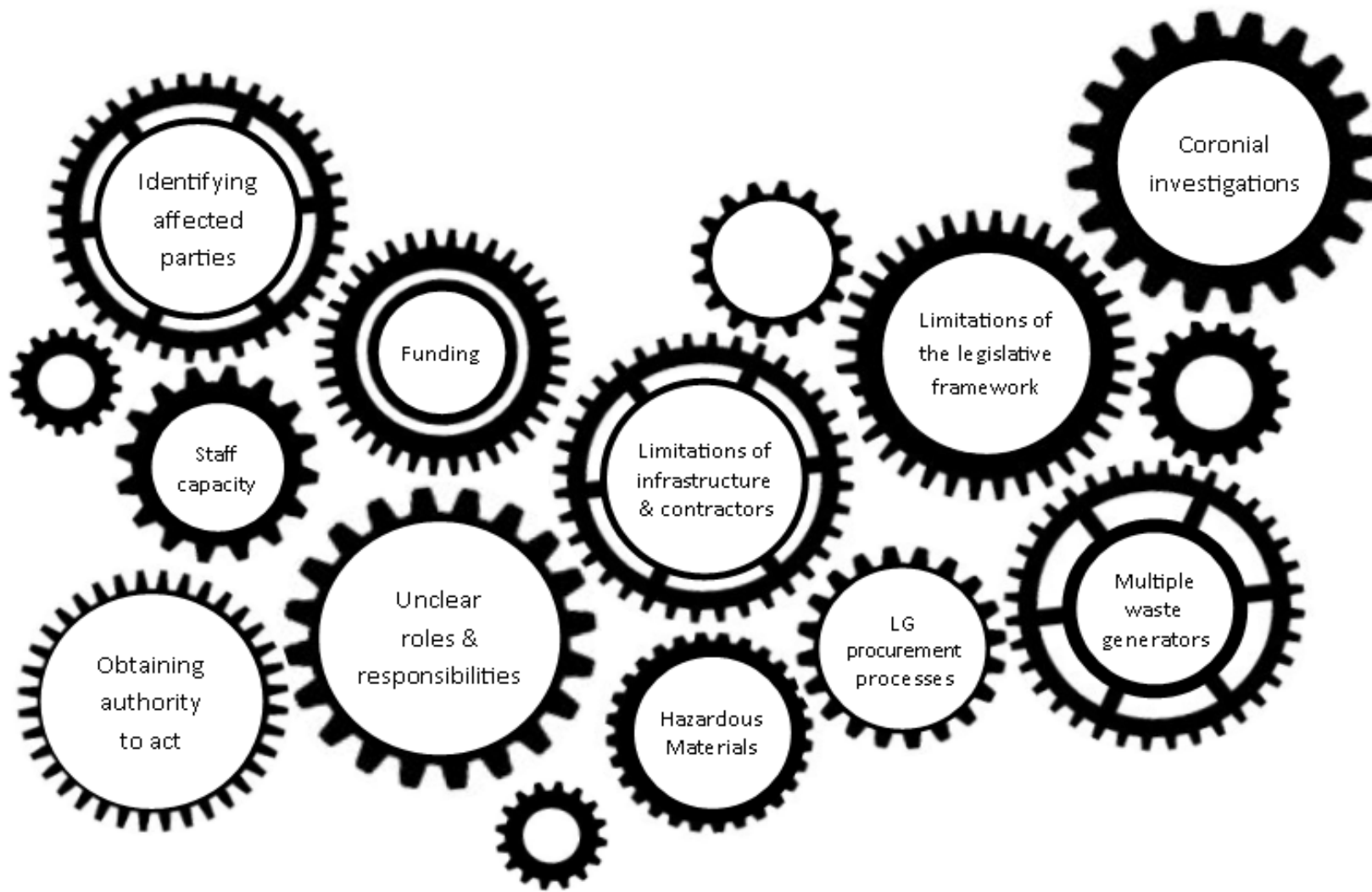




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Framework – Phase 1: Understand Waste and the factors inhibiting recovery





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Framework – Phase 2 – Planning

- Identify Emergency Event
- Identify infrastructure
- Potential Waste Arising
- LG Capacity
- Infrastructure Capacity to manage waste





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Key points

- Understand **responsibility** and **capacity**
- Understand risk - **Australian Business Registry** – any Government entity can access for **free**
- WALGA Framework for Emergency events available from WasteNet

www.wastenet.net.au



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Challenges

- Getting all councils to adopt the same policy
- Implementation is purpose of policy
- Diversity of councils eg: city, rural, regional
- Rate pegging and low funding base
- Diverse range of assets eg: water, buildings, roads
- Councils are asset heavy – lots of asbestos!
- Councils have extensive regulatory responsibility in regard to asbestos

Case Study – Burnt out and abandoned properties

- Uninsured properties
- Underinsured properties
- Councils are responsible for regulating these properties
- Value of properties is less than cost of remediation
- Councils left with the legacy
- Make safe or Clean-up?
 - Rating base insufficient to cover cost
 - No funding from state or commonwealth













Conclusion

- Better co-ordination between councils, state, and commonwealth is required
- More participation from the commonwealth would be beneficial
eg: fund the clean-up of derelict and burnt out properties that contain asbestos
- Wider participation from the commonwealth
eg: asbestos is not on the environment agenda at a national level
- Greater visibility of ASEA and the great work ASEA does!



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Keynote: Issues in Remote Communities

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Vote of Thanks

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Thank you.

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