

Consolidated Motions

Under the MAV Rules 2013, matters submitted by Members for consideration at a meeting of State Council which relate to the same subject may be consolidated into a single matter (Rule 21.1.4).

Below are the Consolidated motions as passed by State Council, together with a list of the motions being consolidated.

Consolidated Motion 1: Landfill levy/Sustainability Fund

Resolution

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian Government to:

- invest the Sustainability Fund in statewide recycling initiatives and new technologies to address the current recycling crisis
- allocate additional funding from the Sustainability Fund to compensate councils for increased kerbside recycling / waste management costs following the shutdown of a SKM Recycling
- improve transparency regarding the distribution and spending of the landfill levy and Sustainability Fund
- use funding from the Sustainability Fund to assist councils to undertake community waste reduction programs and projects
- boost landfill levy funding to the Waste and Resource Recovery Groups across all regions in Victoria to enable them to effectively perform their duties

Motions being consolidated:

Sustainability Fund Allocation - Kingston City Council

Landfill Levy - Boroondara City Council

Recycling Industry funding assistance - Maribyrnong City Council

State Government Landfill Levy – Latrobe City Council

Consolidated Motion 2: Advocate to Prioritise the early delivery of community services and infrastructure

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria advocate to the Victorian Government to prioritise the early delivery of community services and infrastructure, including transport infrastructure, in order to avoid the costly, and often inadequate, retrofitting of emerging communities and support interconnectivity between roads, public transport and active transport.

Motions being consolidated:

Prioritise Transport in Emerging Communities – Mitchell Shire Council

Early Delivery of Community Services for Emerging Communities – Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated Motion 3: Climate emergency response

Motion:

That the MAV call on the Victorian Government and Federal Government establish a climate emergency taskforce to identify priority actions and budget commitments to address climate change and advocate for the Victorian Government to:

- Establish a \$1 billion fund for councils to build the resilience of climate change vulnerable communities
- Commit to providing maximum protection for all people, economies, species, ecosystems, and civilisations, and to fully restoring a safe climate
- Mobilise the required resources and take effective action at the necessary scale and speed across Australia
- Transform the economy to zero emissions and make a fair contribution to drawing down the excess carbon dioxide in the air
- Encourage all other governments around the world to take these same actions.
- Amend the Planning and Environment Act to take into account climate risk as a factor in planning schemes and planning decisions
- Introduce mandatory disclosure of energy performance for all buildings at sale or lease
- Mandate minimum energy efficiency performance standards for rental properties
- Provide incentives for low-income home owners to upgrade their homes
- Introduce obligations on energy companies to achieve annual energy efficiency reductions
- Introduce minimum energy performance standards to at least a 7-star NATHERS equivalent and the introduction of an energy usage budget (whole-of-building) for new builds and major renovations of homes
- Increase the resources that the Victorian Building Authority has to address non-compliance
- Provide additional funding to ensure all new social housing complies with minimum energy performance standards and that the energy efficiency existing social housing is improved
- There is an assurance that Victorians will be provided with an affordable and dependable power supply

Motions being consolidated:

Climate Emergency Funding - Maribyrnong City Council

Climate Emergency - City of Darebin

Consolidated Motion 4: Social and affordable housing

Resolution

That the MAV:

Acknowledges the need for 3,000 new social and public housing units to be built every year for ten years in Victoria as identified by the Victorian Homelessness Council and commits to working with the sector to:

- Lobby the State Government to invest in these number of units
- Collaboratively identify suitable sites on public land to assist in reaching this goal.
- Evaluate and determine in conjunction with the State social and affordable housing policy, including social and affordable housing targets
- Work collaboratively with State and Federal Government agencies to directly address local homelessness and housing issues.

Advocates to the State Government to:

- To prioritise increased funding for dedicated crisis housing stock
- prioritise increased funding for urgently needed dedicated crisis housing stock and intensive support services for rough sleepers, including outreach (on street) clinical psychiatric assessments and mental health services; and
- Provide significant, consistent and ongoing funding for social and affordable housing, which includes targeted support to address the needs of our vulnerable community members at risk of homelessness.

Motions being consolidated:

Increased homeless support: City of Stonnington

Affordable and social housing crisis in Victoria: City of Melbourne

Social and Public Housing: City of Darebin

Social Housing Development in the Western Region: Maribyrnong City Council

Strategic Priority Area: Financial sustainability

Sport and Recreation Funding for Grassroot Communities

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution

That Municipal Association of Victoria State Council write to the Minister for Sport to call on the Victorian Government to:

1. Provide increased funding for local community grassroot sport through the Community Sport Infrastructure Fund, Better Pool Fund and Community Sport Loans Schemes and
2. Provide ongoing funding and application timeline certainty around these funds.

Broadening of the Rating Review Strategy

Submitting Council: Mildura Rural City

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria lobby the State Government to consider broadening the scope of the current Rating System review to include an assessment of the fairness of using Capital Improved Value (CIV) to determine rates and also the inequity between rural councils compared to more financially viable metropolitan counterparts with consideration given to reassessing the criteria applied to the Financial Grants Scheme (FAGS).

Cost Recovery for Properties with Hoarding and Squalor

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council calls upon the State Government to amend section 197 (5) of the Public Health and Wellbeing Act to allow Councils the option to recover the costs and expenses from regulatory action and orders by issuing a charge to the land or property that is the subject of the order, along with the existing ability to pursue the person on whom the order is made.

Green Wedge Management Plan funding support

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to create a grant to allow councils in the Green Wedge to apply for funds to help with preserving the Green Wedge and deliver on actions deriving from GWMPs.

Transitional funding support for Council pound and animal shelter services

Submitting Council: Greater Bendigo City Council

Resolution

That the State Government provide urgent funding to cover the transitional costs being incurred by Victorian municipalities to assume the management of their local pound and animal shelters services, as a result of the RSPCA's decision to move away from management these service on behalf of Local Governments.

Strategic Priority Area: Waste & resource recovery

Environmental Equity

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution

That MAV State Council calls upon the Federal and State governments to work with Victorian Local Government Areas (LGAs) to urgently address the environmental equity issues occurring as many local communities are increasingly being expected to absorb the unfair burden of addressing current and legacy environmental problems.

Recycling Facilities

Submitting Council: Mildura Rural City

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria strongly advocate to the Victorian State Government on behalf of all members as a matter of urgency, that they in conjunction with private enterprise, initiate construction of a number of dedicated Recycling Facilities in regional areas, capable of recycling plastics, paper, steel and other materials, and that the costs be met utilising the waste levy funds the Government is currently holding. Further, it is suggested that each such facility could be dedicated to a separate waste category such as steel or plastic, should this approach be established as a cost saving opportunity.

Waste Management in Victoria

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council calls upon the State Government to re-prioritise and re-focus what is critical in the Waste and Resource Recovery space, including:

- Deeming waste and resource recovery as an essential service
- Expanding legislative reform on plastic bags to include the phasing out of problematic single-use plastic products, including plastic wrappings on food at supermarkets
- Establishing a container deposit scheme by legislation in line with other States and Territories
- Advocating to the Federal Government for effective national product stewardship arrangements, including container deposit framework, to drive recycling of drink containers, textiles, polystyrene, paper, cupboard and all electronic goods
- Giving special consideration for those Councils spending a premium to maintain recycling with current contractors, that they are also considered as part of any grant funding
- Establishing consistent marketing tools and techniques that can be shared with the wider community by all Councils - to ensure recycling is not forgotten (other than just consistent bin colours)

- Ensuring that the messaging regarding Food Organics in the Green Bin (FOGO) and Alternative Waste Solutions is clear and well understood - to ensure that these two methods of waste processing are not perceived to be in conflict with one-another

Landfill Levy

Submitting Council: Boroondara City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 1

Recycling Industry funding assistance

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 1

Recycling holding facilities

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victorian call on the Victorian Government to take immediate steps to ensure that all necessary temporary storage facilities are identified and equipped to accept and store recyclable material to mitigate the risk of recyclables being deposited to landfill.

This should include the immediate consultation with local government to identify priority areas and potential sites, and the allocation of suitable funding.

Recycling Crisis

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate to the state government to take a leadership role in identifying and supporting sustainable solutions for the recycling crisis in Victoria; and

Write to the State Government expressing disappointment with the State Government directive that the Metropolitan Waste & Resource Recovery Group (in conjunction with 16 Councils) delay the release of an Expression of Interest (EOI) for an advanced waste processing solution and urging the Government to allow the EOI process to proceed

State Government Landfill Levy

Submitting Council: Latrobe City Council
Consolidated – see Consolidated Motion 1

Strategic Priority Area: Government relations

Improved State Government consultation model

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution

That MAV advocates for an improved consultation model being currently pursued by the State Government, that local government be seen as an important partner that will be able to provide worthwhile feedback and that the consultation model by State Government should include active involvement and collaboration with local government and provide sufficient timelines that accommodate this model.

Improve and Enhance Maternal and Child Health Child Development Information System (CDIS)

Submitting Council: Boroondara City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria negotiate additional funding from the Victorian Government to improve and enhance the Maternal and Child Health Child Development Information System (CDIS).

Prioritise Transport in Emerging Communities

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 2

Early Delivery of Community Services for Emerging Communities

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 2

Strategic Priority Area: Transport & infrastructure

A Minimum Passing Distance (MPD) between Motor Vehicles & Bicycles

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocates to the State Government to adopt road rules requiring motor vehicles to leave a MPD of one metre in areas with speed limits 60km/h or less, and 1.5 metres in areas with speed limits greater than 60km/h.

Increased Investment in Rail Freight Network

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire

Motion:

That state and federal governments support the priorities of the Rail Freight Alliance Policy Statement and increase investment in the rail freight network.

Aerial Service Authority Cables

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Motion:

That the Municipal Association of Victoria advocates the State Government to seek action to remove redundant aerial service authority cables in road reserves to improve visual amenity.

Social and Public Housing

Submitting Council: City of Darebin

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 4

Infrastructure Grants

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate to VicRoads to provide clarity and purpose on the value provided to local government agencies as a result of deducting 10 percent administration fees (6 percent for SSRIP - Safe System Road Infrastructure Program - and 4 percent VicRoads Metro regional offices) from infrastructure grants allocated to councils.

Strategic Priority Area: Societal & social policy change

Increased homeless support

Submitting Council: City of Stonnington

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 4

Early Childhood Education Funding

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution

That the MAV write to the Prime Minister expressing concern at the lack of funding certainty for the 15 hours of kindergarten and early childhood programs beyond 2020, and call on the Federal and Victorian Governments to undertake a broader whole of early childhood funding review, to help better align federal, state and local strategies, policies and investments for the whole early childhood sector.

Early Years Infrastructure – co-location on Government school sites

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Resolution

That MAV work with Department of Education and Training (DET) via the Early Years Compact to clarify DET's position on and method for relocating early years facilities (specifically kindergartens) to existing Government school sites. Further, that Local Government's role in the process is clarified (including co-contribution), where Local Government is asset owner of infrastructure to be relocated.

Skilling Australians fund participation

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

1. That the MAV advocates to the Victorian Government to sign on / join the Federal Government's 'Skilling Australians Fund' which will enable Victoria to receive federal funding to increase the number of high priority pre-apprenticeships and apprenticeships throughout Victoria; and
2. In the event, the Victorian Government again refuses to participate in the scheme/fund, the MAV is to approach the Federal Government about potentially bypassing the State Government and forming bilateral agreements with individual local governments which will enable their participation.

Affordable and social housing crisis in Victoria

Submitting Council: City of Melbourne

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 4

Strategic Priority Area: Planning & building

Review of Clause 52.22 of the Victorian Planning Scheme in relation to community care accommodation

Submitting Council: City of Greater Geelong

Motion:

That the MAV write to the Minister for Planning:

- a) requesting a review of Clause 52.22 of Victorian Planning Schemes in relation to Community Care Accommodation to allow for a more transparent process by providing for community input into such development proposals; and
- b) highlighting that the current provisions fail to provide for community consultation in relation to issues around design, height, scale, bulk and neighbourhood character.

Planning for Golf Course Redevelopments

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria request the Planning Minister ensure that the Golf Course Advisory Committee recognises the important recreational and environmental role of Golf Course land and that these critical values are strongly established in future guidelines for Golf Course Redevelopments.

Building Defects and Regulation of Building Professionals

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria request the State Government to:

1. Provide more resources to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to allow it to create a 'fast track' process to administer the likely growing number of cases for compensation in relation to Domestic and Commercial building disputes.
2. Provide the Victorian Building Authority with greater resources to investigate and where considered appropriate take required action to suspend or remove registrations of professionals who have consistently acted against required legislation.

Building Amendment (Swimming Pool and Spa) Regulations 2019

Submitting Council: Gannawarra Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV call on the State Government to:

- a) provide suitable funding to Local Government Authorities to develop the necessary systems, processes and resources to implement the Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Standards
- b) provide ongoing funding to resource the increase in statutory obligations imposed by the Swimming Pool and Spa Safety Standards.

Derelict Properties

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria State Council calls upon the State Government to amend the existing building regulations to provide Councils the necessary power to require the rectification or ultimately demolition of properties that are in a significant state of neglect and dereliction.

Signage in Public Park and Recreation Zones

Submitting Council: Moonee Valley City Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocates to the State Government, specifically the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Planning, to amend the Victoria Planning Provisions to apply a less restrictive signage category to our Public Parks and Recreation Zone land to make such signs subject to a VicSmart approval process.

Save Our Red Gums

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

That MAV makes representation to the Premier, the Hon. Daniel Andrews MP, Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change, Minister for Planning, Minister for Aboriginal Affairs and all local members of Parliament requesting a special significant classification be placed over the native Red Gum (*Eucalyptus Camaldulensis*) population in the State of Victoria. Of particular importance are the more mature trees ranging in age between 100 years and in excess of 500 years.

Carbon monoxide detectors

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

Due to the needless deaths and injuries suffered by victims of carbon monoxide poisoning the MAV is to advocate to both tiers of government to legislate the mandatory installation of carbon monoxide detectors. As such, all homes built or resold are mandatorily required to have working carbon monoxide detectors operational near bedrooms in in all properties including rented properties such as private rentals, dorms, motels and rooming houses.

Building regulations for NDIS Special Disability Accommodation

Submitting Council: City of Casey

Resolution

To seek support requesting the Minister for Planning to amend the MG 12 in regard to Regulation 89 of the Building Regulations 2018 to include consideration for an increase in front fence heights as being appropriate as a specific need for security and privacy as a critical element of successful operation of a supported residential service.

Cladding and substandard building construction

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victorian call on the Victorian Government to conduct a robust investigation into the VBA and its oversight of the Building industry and take immediate steps guarantee that all necessary controls and supervision are in place to eradicate the use of illegal cladding and substandard building construction, future proofing the investment and livelihood of the community.

Strategic Priority Area: Business & digital transformation

Business and Digital Transformation support

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV:

1. Take a leadership role in developing and supporting Councils in efficient and effective Local Government business and digital transformation.

2. Advocate to State Government to provide financial support, in the form of grants, for councils embarking on business and digital transformation to enable it to better deliver on community expectations and enhance service delivery.

Strategic Priority Area: Climate impacts & emergency management

Murray Darling Sustainability of Water

Submitting Council: Mildura Rural City

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria advocates for its Murray river based communities by calling on a Federal Royal Commission into the management and sustainability of water in the Murray Darling Basin with a full remit to conduct an independent audit on water-saving schemes, trading, ownership, extraction and allocation and with the power to subpoena representatives including politicians, government agencies and peak bodies.

Climate Emergency Funding

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 3

Climate Emergency

Submitting Council: City of Darebin

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 3

Strategic Priority Area: Population change

Better Population Data

Submitting Council: Swan Hill Rural City Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate on behalf of all Victorian Councils to the Australian Bureau of Statistics for the development and implementation of a more robust and accurate Australian census methodology.

Motions of state-wide significance not related to the MAV Strategic Plan 2019/21

Supporting Young People

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victoria calls on the Victorian Government to develop a collective regional strategy for optimal growth, diversification and desirable service mix within local government youth services responsive to emerging youth and family needs.

Funding for VICSES (Victorian State Emergency Service) volunteer units

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That the Municipal Association of Victorian call on the Victorian Government to assist in locating and funding suitable fit for purpose sites and facilities for VICSES Volunteer Units across the state.

Child Safe Standards and Councillors

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

Resolution

That the MAV:

1. seek absolute clarity on the requirements for Councillors with respect to the Victorian Reportable Conduct Scheme;
2. updates the model Councillor Code of Conduct to address child safety and wellbeing; and
3. develop a model Councillor Child Safe Policy which addresses:
 - a. Interactions with children and young people
 - b. Processes to be followed in the event a child abuse allegation is made against a Councillor and actions to be taken dependant on the outcome of any subsequent investigation
 - c. Working with Children Check requirements for Councillors
 - d. Child safety and wellbeing training requirements for Councillors.