



MAV State Council

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CONSOLIDATED MOTIONS

Under the MAV Rules 2022, motions or items which relate to the same subject may be consolidated into a single matter, with such amendments as the Board in its discretion determines are warranted, prior to inclusion in the business papers and circulation to delegates (Rule 17.2).

C1. Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges

Resolution:

That the MAV, while recognising the benefits of a consistent approach to waste service charges across councils, calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Defer the commencement date of the Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges so that they do not apply until at least the 2025/26 financial year;
2. Undertake proper consultation with the local government sector on the content of the Guidelines, especially in relation to any services proposed to be excluded from a service charge, to help ensure that that Guidelines do not undermine local government's ability to continue to deliver services to the community; and
3. Ensure that any consultation period with local government enables councils to consult with residents so that their sentiments can be included in local government feedback.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 2: Financial Sustainability Impacts from Waste Service Charges – Moyne Shire Council
- Motion 3: Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges – Macedon Ranges Shire Council
- Motion 4: To amend the 2024-25 Minister's Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges – Maroondah City Council
- Motion 5: Transition Arrangements for Good Practice Guidelines – Corangamite Shire Council

C2. Support for Victorian roads

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Increase funding provided to councils to enable urgent road maintenance and upgrades, including the maintenance of roadside reserves;
2. Explore legislative options for allowing a dedicated minimum percentage of the Department of Transport and Planning's infrastructure budget to go towards the maintenance, rehabilitation and renewal of the rural arterial road network; and
3. Increase funding to upgrade Victoria's major highways and work with councils to better understand the deficiencies of state-managed roads.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 6: Victorian Regional Roads Maintenance – Moyne Shire Council
- Motion 7: Upgrades to Major Highways – Brimbank City Council
- Motion 8: Financial Support for Roadside Maintenance – Nillumbik Shire Council
- Motion 9: Immediately increase funding available to Councils to enable road maintenance and upgrades – Mitchell Shire Council

C3. Strengthening the planning system

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Recognise and respect the right of local government to influence local planning outcomes, and ensure the integrity of local planning schemes and quality of local development is upheld;
2. Provide clarity regarding councils' role in planning decisions transferred to the state government and establish a formal cost-sharing partnership agreement between state and local government for planning approvals to enable councils to meet their obligations;
3. Ensure where the Minister for Planning is the decision-maker for planning approvals and scheme amendments, public and transparent decision timeframes are provided and adhered to, to support timely and transparent outcomes for councils and communities;
4. Consult and partner with local government to improve housing choice, affordability, and sustainability;
5. Ensure that new homes are built to the highest possible environmentally sustainable design (ESD) standards; and
6. Provide adequate infrastructure and open space for resilient communities.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 11: Housing Statement Consultation – Stonnington City Council
- Motion 12: Impact of Housing Statement and associated planning reform on local government – Moonee Valley City Council

C4. Improving Melbourne's Bus Network

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to implement all of the recommendations in Infrastructure Victoria's report 'Fast, frequent, fair: how buses can better connect Melbourne' in order to improve the capacity, regularity and reliability of Melbourne's bus network.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 13: Improving Victoria's Bus Network – Brimbank City Council
- Motion 14: Implementation of Infrastructure Victoria's 2023 Bus Reform Recommendations – Maribyrnong City Council
- Motion 15: Better Buses – Wyndham City Council

C5. Coastal and flood mitigation

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Commit to implementing a consistent state-wide planning approach to flood and coastal inundation, similar to the current bushfire arrangements, with the Minister for Planning made responsible for implementing best-available flood and inundation data into planning schemes
2. Develop a Flood Information Framework to support access to up-to-date, methodologically consistent data about where riverine and coastal inundation is likely to occur
3. Provide funding for adaptation action to mitigate coastal inundation and flood risk across Victoria
4. Support and work with the relevant councils to understand and act on the outputs from the Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment
5. Engage and consult with relevant communities to raise awareness of known coastal and flooding risk to provide funding for potential adaptation responses
6. Fund and complete updated coastal hazard mapping across Victoria.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 16: Sea Level Rise in Hobsons Bay – Hobsons Bay City Council
- Motion 17: Flood Information Framework, data sharing and investment for flood mitigation – Yarra Ranges Shire Council

C6. Emergency management funding

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Review existing funding arrangements for emergency management practitioners under the Municipal Emergency Management Resourcing Program to ensure councils can adequately resource emergency management practitioners based on the risk to each council;
2. Develop a program to support community-led planning and initiatives for emergency management; and
3. Increase funding for emergency relief services to increase core staff and respond to growing community needs and the impact of climate change.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 18: Emergency Management Funding – Campaspe Shire Council
- Motion 19: Community-led Emergency Management Planning – Maribyrnong City Council
- Motion 20: Funding for Emergency Relief Services – Yarra Ranges Shire Council

C7. Effectively targeting housing and homelessness responses

Resolution:

The MAV calls on the state government to work with the local government sector to ensure an equitable supply of social and affordable housing and homelessness services across the state. This should include the introduction of mandatory inclusionary zoning to require social and affordable housing through the planning system, co-design of social and affordable housing targets for new developments, and development of more effective needs-based funding models for homelessness support and related services that takes into account the specific needs of rural, regional and metropolitan municipalities.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 21: Improved social and affordable housing for growth areas – Cardinia Shire Council
- Motion 22: Housing Affordability and Funding - East Gippsland Shire Council

C8. Local government financial sustainability and rating review

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1) Notes:

- a) The context of the Victorian State Government's rate-capping policy and the need for local government financing to deliver positive outcomes for local communities
- b) That the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government funding and services provides a positive opportunity to explore a range of models, including those from other jurisdictions such as New South Wales and Queensland

2) Calls upon the Victorian Government to:

- a) Undertake a comprehensive, independent review of the workings of the rating system, specific to the rate cap provisions, with the objective of improving its effectiveness and supports long term sustainability for rural, regional and metropolitan municipalities.
- b) Provide an opportunity to revise the regulatory compliance, operational and revenue flexibility settings for Local Government such that councils have greater flexibility to fund the provision of critical services and infrastructure.

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 23: Review of the rating system – Hepburn Shire Council
- Motion 24: Calling on the Victorian Government to use its Inquiry into Local Government funding and services to consider alternative models for the regulatory compliance and revenue flexibility of Local Government – Stonnington City Council
- Motion 25: Financial Sustainability - East Gippsland Shire Council

C9. Rainbow Alliance

Resolution:

That the MAV hosts a series of forums open to all councils to discuss and share strategies for LGBTIQ+ inclusion. The forums would:

- Aid councils across Victoria to share learnings to enhance inclusivity and support for LGBTIQ+ community members
- Provide an opportunity for coordination and partnership between councils to address community safety matters and third party protections
- Allow for cross sharing of expertise and capacity building around risk management, and LGBTIQ+ and intersectional inclusion in the face of threats to safety

Consolidated motions:

- Motion 26: Establishment of a Rainbow Alliance Network - Darebin City Council
- Motion 27: Rainbow Alliance for Local Government - Yarra City Council

MOTIONS

Local Government Election Costs, Local Government Ward Boundary Review Costs, and Local Government service Rates and Charges

Submitting Council: Baw Baw Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV

1. Note the increased costs imposed on all councils by the Victorian Electoral Commission for the 2024 Local Government Elections and subsequent by-elections and advocate to the Victorian Government to provide adequate support to councils by way of financial assistance.
2. Note the increased costs imposed on some councils by the Victorian Electoral Commission for the 2024 Ward Boundary Reviews and advocate to the Victorian Government to provide adequate support to councils by way of financial assistance."
3. Advocate to the Minister for Local Government requesting that the implementation of the 'Local Government service Rates and Charges: Minister's Good Practice Guidelines for their use December 2023' is delayed from 1 March 2024 until 1 July 2025 to allow Local Government Victoria to fully understand the impact of the changes on councils' financial sustainability, to conduct comprehensive consultation with the sector and to work with councils and the Essential Services Commission to ensure councils are not significantly impacted financially by these changes.

Financial Sustainability Impacts from Waste Service Charges (C1)

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 1: Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges.

Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges (C1)

Submitting Council: Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 1: Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges.

To amend the 2024-25 Minister's Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

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See Consolidated Motion 1: Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges.

Transition Arrangements for Good Practice Guidelines

Submitting Council: Corangamite Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 1: Ministerial Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges.

Victorian Regional Roads Maintenance (C2)

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire Council

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See Consolidated Motion 2: Support for Victorian Roads.

Upgrades to Major Highways (C2)

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 2: Support for Victorian Roads.

Financial Support for Roadside Maintenance (C2)

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 2: Support for Victorian Roads.

Immediately increase funding available to Councils to enable road maintenance and upgrades (C2)

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 2: Support for Victorian Roads.

Strengthening the planning system (C3)

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. introduce a statutory clock, ideally three months, for the Minister to consider amendments for authorisation or approval;
2. prioritise environmentally sustainable design planning scheme amendments to take action on the climate emergency; and
3. audit planning system reforms since 2017 to ensure they have aligned with recommendations of the Victorian Auditor-General's (VAGO) report entitled Managing Victoria's planning system for land use and development and the Planning and Buildings Process Review discussion paper 2019.

Housing Statement – consultation with Local Government, Key Performance Indicators for Ministerial clearance times, and proposal for cost-sharing arrangement with Local Governments (C3)

Submitting Council: Stonnington City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 3: Strengthening the planning system.

Impact of Housing Statement and associated Planning Reform on the local government sector (C3)

Submitting Council: Moonee Valley City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 3: Strengthening the planning system.

Improving Victoria's Bus Network (C4)

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 4: Improving Melbourne's Bus Network.

Implementation of Infrastructure Victoria's 2023 Bus Reform Recommendations (C4)

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 4: Improving Melbourne's Bus Network

Better Buses (C4)

Submitting Council: Wyndham City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 4: Improving Melbourne's Bus Network.

Sea Level Rise in Hobsons Bay (C5)

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 5: Coastal and flood mitigation.

Flood Information Framework, data sharing and investment for flood mitigation (C5)

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 5: Coastal and flood mitigation

Emergency Management Funding (C6)

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 6: Emergency management funding.

Community-led Emergency Management Planning (C6)

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 6: Emergency management funding.

Funding for Emergency Relief Services (C6)

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 6: Emergency management funding.

Improved Social and Affordable Housing funding for Growth Areas (C7)

Submitting Council: Cardinia Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 7: Effectively targeting housing and homelessness responses.

Housing Affordability and Funding (C7)

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 7: Effectively targeting housing and homelessness responses.

Review of the Rating System (C8)

Submitting Council: Hepburn Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 8: Local government financial sustainability and rating review.

Calling on the Victorian Government to use its Inquiry into Local Government funding and services to consider alternative models for the regulatory compliance and revenue flexibility of Local Government (C8)

Submitting Council: Stonnington City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 8: Local government financial sustainability and rating review.

Financial Sustainability (C8)

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 8: Local government financial sustainability and rating review.

Establishment of a Rainbow Alliance Network (C9)

Submitting Council: Darebin City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 9: Rainbow Alliance.

Rainbow Alliance for Local Government (C9)

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Consolidated

See Consolidated Motion 9: Rainbow Alliance.

Affordable Housing

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to conduct an independent review into affordable housing. The review needs to provide a New Affordable Housing Planning Practice Note (PPN) and Building Practice Notes (BPN) to deal with the contemporary affordable housing crisis and fund strategic and statutory planning as well as building compliance guidelines for affordable housing.

Kindergartens and Childcare

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to conduct an independent review into kindergarten and childcare provision. The review should provide clear legal decision pathways on the role of councils and the extent of their involvement in kindergarten and childcare provision so that council rates are used equitably across the state.

Resourcing and support for appointment and retention of Municipal Building Surveyors

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to develop a program to support councils in the recruitment and costs of retaining key building personnel, specifically Municipal Building Surveyors along with Building Surveyors and Inspectors required to enable councils to fulfill their statutory obligations under the *Building Act 1993*.

Provide local government guidance and direction on the implementation and use of emerging Artificial Intelligence systems and applications.

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV establish an industry working group to explore and advise on the current and future use of and opportunities for Artificial Intelligence applications and systems to assist in the delivery and decision-making processes within Local Government.

Presentation of State Government owned infrastructure assets

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to prioritise the inclusion of additional reoccurring annual funding towards the proactive improvement and maintenance of state government owned road, median strips, gateway, bridges, sound walls and railway stations.

Investment should aim to deliver the following types of initiatives:

- a) Graffiti prevention of road and rail sound walls such as public art and/or greening including upkeep of median strips.
- b) Proactive road surface maintenance and improvements as a means of reducing reactive maintenance needs
- c) Increased responsiveness to graffiti removal and roadside litter and illegal dumping
- d) Increased responsiveness to maintenance requests of roads, bridges and underpasses
- e) Investment in beautification improvements to intersections and underpasses/bridges, including public lighting, public art, path surface improvements and new planting

Furthermore, seeking the development of service level agreements between the Victorian Government and Local Government authorities that clarifies roles, responsibilities, intervention levels, procedures and timings. Any service level agreements should also take into consideration adequate and timely responses to customers, acknowledging their requests as well as providing timely resolutions informing customers of the outcome.

Improving Council safety

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

That the MAV State Council:

1. acknowledges the significant detrimental impact that the recent escalating disruptions at Council meetings is having on the good conduct of Council meetings and on the health, wellbeing and safety of councillors, council staff and community members;
2. recognise this may deter quality and diverse candidates from seeking office at the upcoming local government elections and existing councillors to continue in their roles or to seek re-election;
3. calls for new initiatives which strengthen understanding, inclusion, collaboration and respectful dialogue between the community and their elected representatives; and therefore
4. directs that a forum be held to explore and recommend strategies aimed at reducing the instance of civic incivility and assist and resource councils to implement safety measures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of elected representatives and staff. The forum should include CEOs and Mayors of select Councils, Victoria Police, LGV, the Local Government Minister and representatives from her office, and LGPro

Heatwave Planning

Submitting Council: Moonee Valley City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to provide role clarification and resources with respect to the operation of municipal cooling centres and heat refuges in extreme heat or declared heatwaves for the vulnerable community members.

Data, Digital Technology and Cyber Security

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to provide meaningful financial support to assist all local government areas to become better 'Smarter Cities', utilising technology, data and innovation to improve service delivery and making communities better places to live.

Stronger Deterrents for Illegal Vegetation Removal

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV call on the State Government to strengthen the powers of local councils to effectively enforce, and respond to breaches of, their Planning Schemes under the Victorian Planning Provisions, particularly in regards to illegal native vegetation removal as referenced in the 'Offsetting Native Vegetation Loss on Private Land' VAGO Report (May 2022), and illegal earthworks.

Supporting residents using in-home care

Submitting Council: Port Phillip City Council

Motion:

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian State Government for support for Local Governments wanting to be the first point of contact for older people seeking access to in-home care and related services that best meet their needs.

Electric line clearance and metropolitan tree canopies

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government:

1. to amend the *Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020*, as part of the 2025 review, in order to retain trees and tree canopy and acknowledging most metropolitan municipalities and rural townships as a low bush fire risk area.
2. for an immediate amnesty to save any low risk non-compliant trees near powerlines in metropolitan municipalities and rural townships of Victoria.
3. consider funding support for bundling or undergrounding of powerlines and cross arm solutions when it plans for its 2024/2025 Victorian Budget.

Telecommunications Infrastructure and Connectivity Resilience

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to work with the Commonwealth Government to:

1. undertake an independent investigation into the widespread telecommunications infrastructure failures in the early 2024 storm events in the state with clear recommendations to enhance system resilience; and
2. establish mandatory telecommunications infrastructure reliability standards that consider a contemporary understanding of the use of infrastructure by emergency services, government and community.

Supporting rural councils to meet the Victorian Government's Renewable Energy transition targets

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Motion:

That MAV support rural councils which are impacted by Victoria's Renewable Energy transition targets, by calling on the State Government to provide:

1. funding and resourcing to support land use and infrastructure planning and delivery to rural councils impacted by the anticipated growth; and
2. dedicated funding in lieu of rates through Community Benefit Scheme payments to rural councils impacted by offshore wind.

Increase betterment funding to build resilience and support communities to build back better following disasters

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to commence an urgent review of betterment funding arrangements to identify how increased betterment funding can be provided to support improved resilience to ever-increasing natural disasters and other emergencies.

State Victorian Government to conduct an independent review into the operation of the administrative body Fines Victoria

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to conduct an independent review into the operation of the administrative body Fines Victoria regarding the administration and enforcement of infringement fines and court fines across Victoria.

The review should include an analysis of the benefit that councils receive when lodging infringements through the agency or when court fines are processed through the agency by:

1. Conducting a review of the success of collection of monies owed to Victorian councils since the inception of the agency including a provision of the dollar values.
2. Providing details of returns to each council monies that have been collected in the past four years.
3. Obtaining an understanding of the key performance indicators for Fines Victoria and the relevant measures and how they are being met.
4. Providing details of how each individual council's financial expectations will be met in the future by the agency.

Grant opportunities for project scoping and feasibility

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to widen the eligibility criteria of the grant programs available to Local Government to routinely include project identification, scoping, and feasibility analysis.

Review of the Domestic Animals Act 1994

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government review the Domestic Animals Act 1994 to address a range of issues, including the current crisis with respect to animal shelters and pounds.

Improved Infrastructure Planning for Growth Areas

Submitting Council: Cardinia Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to provide financial support to municipalities experiencing very significant population growth, to address the growing funding gap between funds raised through Development and Infrastructure Contributions frameworks and the true cost of delivering essential infrastructure.

Financial vulnerability and wellbeing

Submitting Council: Cardinia Shire Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Commonwealth Government on behalf of Victorian councils to conduct a review into the funding mechanism that addresses financial vulnerability and wellbeing nationally and establish a dedicated fund that councils can access to address the financial vulnerability and wellbeing within communities.

Seek action on the implementation of the Victorian food systems consensus statement

Submitting Council: Ballarat City Council

Motion:

That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to establish an action plan for achieving the following 10 policy priorities in the “Towards a Healthy, Regenerative and Equitable Food System in Victoria” Consensus Statement by VicHealth and the Food Systems and Food Security Working Group:

1. Right to Food Law in Victoria.
2. Food Systems Governance
3. Food Systems Monitoring
4. Agroecological Food Production
5. Local Food Infrastructure
6. Public Sector Food Procurement and Retail
7. School Food Systems
8. Community Food Systems Strategies
9. Community Food Systems Planning
10. Food Relief Models

A greater share of Short Stay Accommodation Levy funds for regional communities

Submitting Council: Warrnambool City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to guarantee at least 50% of the funds raised by the Short Stay Accommodation Levy will be spent on providing housing in regional Victoria.

State Government Funding for Regional Airport Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Warrnambool City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the State Government to establish a funding program for improving infrastructure at airports in regional Victoria.

Mental Health Social Inclusion Action Groups

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution:

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to increase support for the delivery of mental health services by expediting the establishment of mental health social inclusion action groups in all Local Government Areas.

Fire Plugs and Free Water

Submitting Council: Wodonga City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate for the changes to legislation to clarify the ownership of water hydrants, plugs and associated infrastructure should form part of the network to be maintained wholly by the water authorities.

Challenges with 'Build-to-Rent'

Submitting Council: Port Phillip City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV seeks a review of existing Build to Rent regulations and provisions and assesses the ongoing challenges identified by local government around these developments for infrastructure and open space investment.

Victorian Precinct Rejuvenation after COVID

Submitting Council: Port Phillip City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV seeks the collaborative support of the State Government through the Minister for Precincts and the Minister for Tourism to rejuvenate precincts significantly hit from a lack of visitation extending from the COVID pandemic and to open grant opportunities for these precincts to revive their visitor economies.

Maximising the value of our Major Events economy

Submitting Council: Port Phillip City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV requests the office of Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events consider a roundtable to hear from traders and local government on the challenges associated with holding these major events in their municipalities, and the opportunity for flow on impacts to be realised.

Supporting People Seeking Asylum within our Communities

Submitting Council: Greater Dandenong City Council

Resolution:

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to advocate to the Australian Federal Government to:

1. rapidly process valid bridging visas with work and study rights while applicants await decisions on their protection application, including automating the bridging renewal process;
2. expand the Status Resolution Support Services (SRSS) Program eligibility and simplify the application process so that individuals and families seeking asylum who are in need and awaiting the outcome of their protection claims, or awaiting the outcome of the Administrative Appeal Tribunal (AAT) (or Administrative Review Tribunal once the AAT is abolished) can access healthcare, disability, housing support and other essential services; and
3. allow access to tertiary education options after the age of 18 for people seeking asylum (and their children) awaiting the outcome of their protection claims or awaiting the outcome of the AAT (or Administrative Review Tribunal once the AAT is abolished).

Treaty with First Nations People

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on all levels of Government to support the First Nations Treaty Process.

Gender Equality Advisory Committee reinstatement

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for Women to reinstate the Gender Equality Advisory Committee (GEAC) to ensure the local government sector remains a key partner in helping achieve the Victorian Government's vision for gender equality in Victoria's 79 councils.

Local Government Consultation – Local Government Act 2020 Reform

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to revise and reframe its consultation approach to the local government legislative reforms.

Renewable electronic vehicle (EV) chargers in schools

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government, and specifically the Department of Education to partner with local government to enable power generated from school solar to be integrated in rural EV charging infrastructure.

Increase Access to Funds from the Landfill Levy for Councils

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate for increased access to funds collected through the Landfill Levy to support councils in delivering key waste and environmental initiatives, particularly in light of the recent reforms introduced by the State Government's Circular Economy Plan and the recently released Local Government Service Rates and Charges Minister's Good Practice Guidelines.

Second Dwelling provisions

Submitting Council: Surf Coast Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to adjust the Second Dwelling provisions, announced through the 2023 Housing Statement, to ensure such dwellings can only be used for long term occupancy and not short stay rental, in areas where there is a shortage of key worker and affordable accommodation.

Increase funding to support councils to manage the cost impact of Cultural Heritage Management Plans

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the State Government to provide funding to support councils to manage the significant costs associated with Cultural Heritage Management Plans.

Increased support for the management of heritage structures

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government for increased financial and other support to enable councils to appropriately manage and maintain heritage structures.

State Government funding for municipal public libraries

Submitting Council: Boroondara City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV request the Victorian Government:

1. Reverse their declining funding for municipal public libraries and establish an annual funding model which is increased annually by CPI to reflect the rise in costs and service delivery.
2. Commit to providing annual payment of library funding in a timely manner, with notification and payment to local government in the first quarter of each financial year (as opposed to third quarter in the 2023/24 financial year).

State Government funding for local government immunisation services

Submitting Council: Boroondara City Council

Resolution:

That MAV advocates to the Victorian Government to address the disparity of funding provided for different types of immunisation providers. Local Government authorities are specifically seeking:

1. Equal access to funding for future state government vaccination initiatives, including the 2024 free influenza vaccination package;
2. Increased funding for local government immunisation services which is equivalent to pharmacist immunisers; and
3. Funding for all vaccines on the National Immunisation Program (NIP) from birth to adulthood.

Increase current funding for prevention of violence against women

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to increase current funding for the prevention of violence against women.

Road Safety

Submitting Council: Greater Dandenong City Council

Resolution:

The MAV advocates to the Victorian Government to:

1. develop broader road safety messaging and education campaigns to address risks on roads neighbouring schools (not just School Speed Zones);
2. implement and adequately resource the roll-out of the new School Crossing Risk Assessment Framework; and
3. provide local governments with greater input on school planning decisions and provide investment to assist with pick-up, drop-off and parking facilities wherever necessary.

Shared school community facilities

Submitting Council: Wyndham City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV requests the State Government to:

1. develop a policy to guide how councils and State Government can partner to share community facilities. The policy would explore including this in planning for new schools, where suitable and appropriate, to open outdoor sports facilities, indoor facilities, open space, and performing arts facilities for community use beyond school-only use outside of hours.
2. commit funding to support the development and operation of shared use community infrastructure on school sites, including:
 - a) early learning centres,
 - b) sports courts and facilities,
 - c) 'Community hubs' that provide meeting rooms, or
 - d) health services.

Ensure the timely delivery of new schools

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government, and in particular the Minister for Education, for an overhaul of the way in which new schools are planned and delivered in order to achieve best practice standards.

Wildlife Vehicle Collision Hotspots

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Motion:

That the State Government, in collaboration with local councils, allocate funding to investigate and trial initiatives to reduce harm to wildlife and improve driver safety.