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MOTIONS LEGEND

Strategic priority to the MAV

MAV priority. Aligns with our priorities, advances advocacy activities, addresses financial need; recognises council leadership; whole of sector, time sensitive.

Significant priority to the Sector

Consistent with sector roles and responsibilities, whole of sector significance, relevant to current policy and advocacy initiatives at State or Commonwealth level etc.

Non-standard / Low priority motions

Limited application, outside government responsibility, inconsistent with MAV policy position etc.

Strategic to the MAV

Consolidated motion 1.1a - Consolidated State Council Motion on the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF)

Resolution:

The MAV expresses the local government sector's disappointment with State Government's approach to levy collection and implementation of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) and opposes Local Government being a collector on behalf of State Government, and calls on the Victorian Government that if Local Government is to administer the funding then:

- 1. Adequate administration funding for local Government to manage the cost of administering the ESVF**
- 2. Victorian Government to undertake the community engagement directly with communities**
- 3. Transferring Levy Collection to the State**
 - a. Transfer the responsibility of collecting the Principal Place of Residence (PPR) component to the State Revenue Office, ensuring streamlined and efficient collection while leveraging existing state resources.
- 4. Ensuring an Equitable Funding Model**
 - a. Continue efforts to reduce the levy burden on all Victorian residents, ensuring the model remains equitable for all communities, especially rural areas and primary producers, reflecting the adjustments made to the Primary Production Land (PPL) rate.
- 5. Improve Transparency and Communication:**
 - a. Implement a comprehensive communication strategy to clarify the levy's purpose, allocation, and impact on ratepayers.
 - b. Provide a publicly available statement detailing the reasons for changes to the fire services levy, including justifications for any fee increases from 1 July 2025.
- 6. Conduct an Ongoing Economic Impact Assessment:**
 - a. Undertake periodic economic impact assessments to evaluate how levy changes, including adjustments to the PPR and the primary producer rebate, affect residents, businesses, and the broader community.
 - b. Release findings publicly to ensure ongoing transparency and facilitate informed decision-making for future policy revisions.
- 7. Ensure Equitable Fund Distribution:**
 - a. Deliver a needs-based equalization approach for the distribution of ESVF funds, ensuring that rural and regional emergency services, which are disproportionately impacted by natural disasters, receive adequate and timely funding

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Elimination of State-based levies on local government – Frankston City Council</u> <u>Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund – Bass Coast Shire Council</u> <u>Advocacy to the Victorian Government with respect to the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund – Corangamite Shire Council</u> <u>Emergency Services and Volunteer Levy Funding Model – Moyne Shire Council</u> <u>Review of Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Levy – Hepburn Shire Council</u> <u>Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund – Wodonga City Council</u> <u>Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund – Hume City Council</u> <u>Emergency Services and Volunteers Funds – Strathbogie Shire Council</u> <u>Reduce burden on Council and Community of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund – Yarra Ranges Shire Council</u> <u>Emergency Services Volunteer Fund – Colac Otway Shire Council</u> <u>Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund - Council and Community Impacts – South Gippsland Shire Council</u> <u>Motion to Condemn the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund – Ararat Rural City Council</u> <u>Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund – Mansfield Shire Council</u> <u>Emergency Services Volunteer Fund – Cardinia Shire Council</u> <u>Leading the charge to prevent the negative impacts which the proposed Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund will have – Mitchell Shire Council</u> <u>Administrative Burden on Local Governments of the revised Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF) – Maroondah City Council</u>	Yes

C.1.1.1 - Elimination of State-based levies on local government

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.2 - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Submitting Council: Bass Coast Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.3 - Advocacy to the Victorian Government with respect to the Emergency Services Volunteer Fund

Submitting Council: Corangamite Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.5 - Emergency Services and Volunteer Levy Funding Model

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.6 - Review of Emergency Services Volunteer Fund Levy

Submitting Council: Hepburn Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.7 - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Submitting Council: Wodonga City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.8 - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Submitting Council: Hume City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.9 - Emergency Services and Volunteers Funds

Submitting Council: Strathbogie Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.10 - Reduce burden on Council and Community of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.11 - Emergency Services Volunteer Fund

Submitting Council: Colac Otway Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.12 - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund - Council and Community Impacts

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.13 - Motion to Condemn the Emergency Services and Volunteer Fund

Submitting Council: Ararat Rural City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.14 - Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund

Submitting Council: Mansfield Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.15 - Emergency Services Volunteer Fund

Submitting Council: Cardinia Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.16 - Leading the charge to prevent the negative impacts which the proposed Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund will have

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.17 - Administrative Burden on Local Governments of the revised Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund (ESVF)

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.1a

C.1.1.b - Request to Reconsider the Model for Collection of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund Motion

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Resolution:

The following motion has been developed for submission to the MAV State Council Meeting to address the changes to the fire services levy coming into effect from 1 July 2025:

1. Request the State Government to provide a statement of reasons for changes to the fire services levy resulting in a rise in charges to residents from 1 July 2025.
2. While funding for emergency services is essential, the collection of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund places an unfair burden on local governments. We call on the State Government to review the timeframes, funding, and support provided to ensure a fair and sustainable approach to the implementation of this state-wide tax.
3. Request the State Government to undertake an economic impact study to evaluate how fee increases will affect residents, local businesses, and overall community wellbeing, detailing the findings in a publicly released report.
4. Remove the increase in the Levy amount and fund these vital and essential services out of general revenue.

Consolidated motion 1.2 - A local and state government partnership to deliver well planned and connected communities

Resolution:

That the MAV, in recognising the ongoing housing affordability crisis and the Victorian Government's commitment in the *Plan for Victoria* to align the state's settlement strategies with a target of 70% of new homes being built inside established areas, seeks a commitment from the Minister for Planning and the Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to partner with the MAV and local government to:

1. Undertake deliberative and collaborative engagement in designing and implementing planning system reforms and housing strategies. Specifically:
 - a. support the role of Local Government as the primary decision maker for planning applications
 - b. undertake meaningful community engagement, while maintaining broad third-party appeal rights in strategic and statutory planning decisions
 - c. ensure the transparent sharing of housing capacity target data.
 - d. recognise that meaningful engagement with local government will strengthen the next 50 activity centre plans, noting that engagement on the 10 pilot centre was ineffective
 - e. require all future activity centre planning processes to release supporting reports
 - f. require that activity centre planning is subject to transparent and rigorous review that enables cross examination of witnesses by councils
 - g. support and encourage local government's critical role in delivering context-sensitive planning outcomes across ESD, integration of housing with infrastructure needs and sustainable transport options, and delivery of affordable housing through partnerships
 - h. engage with industry and private sector stakeholders to address barriers to construction, such as economic viability and workforce capacity
 - i. Acknowledge the unique growth patterns and infrastructure constraints of rural and peri-regional areas and ensure planning strategies are appropriately tailored
 - j. Engage with local government, the community housing sector & communities to implement mandatory affordable housing provisions into the Victorian planning system. Minimum mandatory affordable housing provisions must be implemented through relevant legislative & other regulatory changes, informed by research into an appropriate statewide rate higher mandatory percentages for affordable housing must be provided in urban renewal areas.

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Impact on Planning Controls – Bayside City Council</u> <u>Deliberative Engagement – Future Homes – Banyule City Council</u> <u>Third Party Appeal Rights for Community – Future Homes - Banyule City Council</u>	Yes

C.1.2.1 - Impact on Planning Controls

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.2

C.1.2.2 - Deliberative Engagement – Future Homes

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.2

C.1.2.3 - Third Party Appeal Rights for Community - Future Homes

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.2

Consolidated motion 1.3 - Ensuring Victoria's identified Activity Centre precincts have the infrastructure they need

Resolution:

That the MAV support partnerships with Federal and State Government with Local Government to increase infrastructure funding in identified Activity Centres, strategic precincts and growing communities, including by:

1. piloting coordinated a Local/State/Federal infrastructure delivery project in one of the 12 designated Metropolitan Activity Centres in Victoria
2. calling on the Victorian Government to partner with local governments with declared Activity Centres and strategic precincts to deliver more green open spaces to offset densification, and support the construction of liveable and high-quality dwellings which can provide a genuine stepping stone for home buyers
3. Ensure that proportionate infrastructure coordination and funding support is developed for rural town centres and regional service hubs facing growth and demand pressures

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Pilot coordinated Local/State/Federal infrastructure delivery – Hume City Council</u> <u>Provision of Infrastructure to Existing & Future Communities - Banyule City Council</u> <u>Support for infrastructure in activity centres and strategic precincts – Kingston City Council</u>	Yes

C.1.3.1 - Pilot coordinated Local/State/Federal infrastructure delivery

Submitting Council: Hume City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.3

C.1.3.2 - Provision of Infrastructure to Existing & Future Communities

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.3

C.1.3.3 - Support for infrastructure in activity centres and strategic precincts

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.3

Consolidated motion 1.4 - Ensuring no community is left behind: reforms to Victoria's infrastructure contributions system

Resolution:

That the MAV leads sector advocacy to ensure appropriate equity and protections are incorporated in the State Government's infrastructure contributions system reforms by calling on the Victorian Government to:

1. Collaborate with the MAV and local government on the design and implementation of a new infrastructure contributions system, and in doing so:
 - a. Develop and deliver contributions mechanisms that provide for community expectations of local infrastructure in growth areas, densifying suburbs, Activity Centres, SRL sites and other strategic precincts
 - b. Include community input to ensure that infrastructure projects meet local needs and expectations
 - c. Develop comprehensive regional infrastructure plans to address the needs of growing communities
 - d. Protect existing Developer Contributions agreements, including DCPs, ICPs, and s173 agreements, whether through grandfathering or appropriate transitional provisions
 - e. Commit to regular updates and transparent communication with the community regarding infrastructure planning and implementation
 - f. Integrate the new system simultaneously with all other planning system reforms
 - g. ensure that local governments are involved early and equitably in consultation processes and afforded the same level of engagement as the development industry is provided with
2. Ensure that any new infrastructure contributions system ensures local government can fund its current and future infrastructure needs by:
 - a. not decreasing, in either real or proportional terms, the funding quantum collected by local government to support any additional responsibilities that may be transferred to local government
 - b. maintaining local government's role as a collection agency
 - c. retaining and improving processes that provide access to land for local infrastructure, including equalisation, where required
 - d. retaining local government's ability to develop and implement works in kind or other alternative methods of infrastructure delivery
 - e. allocating additional state funding to support maintenance of community infrastructure and incentive new infrastructure projects that are staged with, and unlock, housing developments
 - f. ensuring that local government is adequately resourced – both financially and through access to technical expertise – to implement, manage, and oversee infrastructure contributions mechanisms.
 - g. reviewing the rate cap mechanism to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of the sector in the context of these reforms
3. While the above is undertaken, return the Growing Suburbs Fund to its previous funding iteration of \$50million for critically needed community infrastructure

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<u>Growth Areas need the Growing Suburbs Fun– Wyndham City Council</u> <u>Draft housing targets & impacts on infrastructure and community services – Manningham City Council</u> <u>Improved Integrated Planning and Funding for Community Infrastructure - Maribyrnong City Council</u> <u>Ensuring equity for emerging communities through the State Government's proposed Developer Contributions Reforms – Mitchell Shire Council</u>	Yes

C.1.4.1 - Growth Areas need the Growing Suburbs Fund

Submitting Council: Wyndham City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.4

C.1.4.2 - Draft housing targets & impacts on infrastructure and community services

Submitting Council: Manningham City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.4

C.1.4.3 - Improved Integrated Planning and Funding for Community Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.4

C.1.4.4 - Ensuring equity for emerging communities through the State Government's proposed Developer Contributions Reforms

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.4

Consolidated motion 1.5 - Early Years Infrastructure Funding

Resolution:

That MAV advocates that the State Government:

1. consult with Council's to understand the effects of the BSBL reforms and the identified issues that will prevent all Victorian children from having universal access to two years of funded kindergarten.
2. outline its future plans and commitment to providing adequate funding for the Best Start Best Life kindergarten reforms across all of Victoria to enable Councils to adequately plan and deliver early years infrastructure expansion ensuring the sustainability of early years programs in the face of growing demand and pressure on facilities to meet the reforms.

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Support to kindergarten funding – Kingston City Council</u> <u>Early Years Advocacy for funding for infrastructure – Bayside City Council</u> <u>Request for the Victorian Government to engage with Council's to address the Best Start, Best Life (BSBL) reforms and the identified issues. – Casey City Council</u>	Yes

C.1.5.1 - Support to kindergarten funding

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.5

C.1.5.2 - Early Years Advocacy for funding for infrastructure

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.5

C.1.5.3 - Request for the Victorian Government to engage with Council's to address the Best Start, Best Life (BSBL) reforms and the identified issues.

Submitting Council: Casey City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.5

Consolidated motion 1.6 - Dedicated flood mitigation infrastructure fund

Resolution:

That the MAV called on the State Government to establish a dedicated flood mitigation infrastructure fund to address the increasing risk of flooding due to climate change, urban expansion, and ageing infrastructure, including state and local drainage upgrades, stormwater retention basins, riverbank stabilisation and levees.

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<u>Impact on Drainage infrastructure – Bayside City Council</u> <u>State funding for flood mitigation works – Warrnambool City Council</u> <u>The need for the State to upgrade its stormwater Infrastructure Drainage Network – Yarra City Council</u>	Yes

C.1.6.1 - Impact on Drainage Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.6

C.1.6.2 - State funding for flood mitigation works

Submitting Council: Warrnambool City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.6

C.1.6.3 - The need for the State to upgrade its Stormwater Infrastructure Drainage Network

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.6

Consolidated motion 1.7 - State-wide consistent approaches for flood, inundation and coastal sea level rise hazard mapping and planning

Resolution:

That the MAV, in recognising the Victorian Government's commitment in the *Plan for Victoria* to take on a stronger role in coordinating accurate and current flood-mapping, calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Implement a state-led, streamlined planning scheme amendment process for coastal erosion, flood, inundation, and other hazard-related planning scheme amendments
2. Urgently prepare statewide coastal vulnerability mapping, and for the State to clarify and update Clause 13.01-2S 'Coastal inundation and erosion' to ensure appropriate planning benchmarks for sea level rise can be implemented into planning schemes
3. Ensure inland flood risk is also addressed by providing accessible mapping, funding and technical support for rural councils to interpret, implement, and communicate updated flood overlays

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<u>Clarity from the Minister for Planning on appropriate sea level rise in flood modelling – Warrnambool City Council</u> <u>Streamlining flood-related planning scheme amendment pathways – Warrnambool City Council</u> <u>Vulnerability Mapping and Coastal Hazard Overlay – South Gippsland Shire Council</u>	Yes

C.1.7.1 - Clarity from the Minister for Planning on appropriate sea level rise in flood modelling

Submitting Council: Warrnambool City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.7

C.1.7.2 - Streamlining flood-related planning scheme amendment pathways

Submitting Council: Warrnambool City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.7

C.1.7.3 - Vulnerability Mapping and Coastal Hazard Overlay

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

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Consolidated motion 1.8 - Coastal inundation and erosion

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to address the impacts of coastal inundation and erosion by:

1. Articulating, simplifying and streamlining the environmental and infrastructure management roles and responsibilities of the various agencies operating around Port Phillip Bay and the Victorian coastline;
2. Establishing an ongoing fund for emergency works required to address the impacts of coastal inundation and erosion, including beach repairs and sand renourishment; and
3. Fully funding flood prevention and adaptation measures around Port Phillip Bay and the Victorian coastline.

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Coastal Erosion – Bass Coast Shire Council</u> <u>Port Phillip Bay Management Issues – Kingston City Council</u>	Yes

C.1.8.1 - Coastal Erosion

Submitting Council: Bass Coast Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.7

C.1.8.2 - Port Phillip Bay Management Issues

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.7

Consolidated motion 1.9 - Managing and maintaining state-owned land

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to protect and enhance the amenity of state-owned public land (including national parks and the natural estate, arterial roads and freeways and railway land) across Victoria by:

- increasing investment and routine maintenance, workforce solutions and programs to address management practises on public land
- recognising and reducing the burden on local government by managing the impacts of litter, debris, lack of pest-control, fire risk, weed and invasive species management and other hazards that migrate onto Council-managed areas

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Resource Allocation for Amenity Maintenance of Public Spaces Motion – Hobsons Bay City Council</u> <u>Managing the natural estate – East Gippsland Shire Council</u>	Yes

C.1.9.1 - Resource Allocation for Amenity Maintenance of Public Spaces Motion

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.7

C.1.9.2 - Managing the natural estate

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1.7

Motion 1. Financial viability and workforce planning of Maternal & Child Health as State co-funded services

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Resolution:

MAV develop and advocate for strategies to ensure the ongoing financial viability and workforce planning of the Local Government Maternal & Child Health (MCH) Service in light of the adopted Nurses and Midwives (Victorian Public Health Sector) Single Interest Employer Enterprise Agreement 2024-28, creating an employment market for highly qualified nurses that is beyond many Councils' current financial capacity.

Motion 2. Addressing Homelessness

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to address homelessness across the state by:

1. Increasing the level of funding for the specialist homelessness service workforce, including assertive outreach services based in the social support sector.
2. Fund a coordination function based in Councils to lead prevention activities and guide service coordination efforts across community support, community safety and public amenity services.
3. Support a long-term National Housing & Homelessness Strategy
4. Prioritise the unique service & Support needs for groups that are over-represented in the homeless population and/or have unique needs: Aboriginal people, anyone experiencing chronic homelessness or sleeping rough, women and young people

Motion 3. Resourcing to support health outcomes

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to adequately resource the management and delivery of programs across the state, with a particular focus on into rural and regional areas to support the complex social determinants that lead to negative health outcomes, such as domestic violence and homelessness.

Motion 4. Supporting people seeking asylum within our communities

Submitting Council: Greater Dandenong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV write to the Minister for Immigration to call upon the Australian Government to:

1. Provide people seeking asylum with a valid visa and the opportunity to work while they await decisions on their protection application, including automating the bridging renewal process. By providing people work rights, they can contribute skills to Australia, remain independent in society and stay engaged in the process.
2. Expand the eligibility criteria of the Status Resolution Support Services program to ensure people's basic needs are met, including health care, accommodation, crisis support, so people in need can live safely and not in destitution and deep poverty.
3. Provide a pathway to permanency for the approximately 7,700 individuals who were refused visas under the 'Fast Track' process. These individuals, part of the 'Legacy Caseload', arrived in Australia by sea between August 2012 and December 2013 and were subjected to a refugee determination process that has been widely criticized for its lack of procedural fairness. The 'Fast Track' process limited applicants' rights to a comprehensive review, often relying on 'on-the-papers' assessments without the opportunity for interviews or the presentation of new evidence. Many have lived in Australia for over a decade on temporary visas, contributing to their communities, yet remain in a state of uncertainty, unable to reunite with family or access stable employment. Addressing their situation by providing a clear pathway to permanency would rectify past injustices and allow these individuals to fully participate in Australian society.

Motion 5. The Municipal Association of Victoria calls on the State Government to urgently review its Development Facilitation Program to provide greater transparency for the community and to ensure Council is compensated for review of applications

Submitting Council: Bass Coast Shire Council

Resolution:

The State Government's Development Facilitation Program (DFP) provides an accelerated planning assessment pathway for eligible projects. Applications lodged with the DFP are determined by the Minister for Planning or the Department of Transport and Planning under delegation. Requirements for public notification can be waived as part of this accelerated pathway, meaning the community may only learn of an application once work commences on a site. Additionally, the community does not have access to the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal to appeal the Minister's or Department's decisions. Council officers, including town planners, engineers, and waste officers, spend significant time reviewing application materials referred by the DFP. Unlike applications submitted directly to the Council, there is no fee for this service. Permits issued under the DFP should also be acted upon with the life of the permit, without the option to apply for an extension. A core criterion for DFP eligibility is that a development is 'shovel ready'. However, there is increasing concern that some developers use the DFP to increase land value and subsequently sell the site, with new owners then seeking to extend the time of the permit. This practice undermines the intent of the program and should not be permitted. The proposed motion calls for greater community involvement in applications assessed by the DFP and for the introduction of safeguards to ensure permits are acted upon within the life of the permit.

Motion 6. Establishment of intergovernmental taskforce to work with the insurance industry for affordable and available insurance for flood and bushfire prone communities

Submitting Council: Northern Grampians Shire Council

Resolution:

That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) calls on the Victorian State and the Commonwealth Governments to establish an intergovernmental taskforce including MAV representatives, to work with the insurance industry to find affordable and available insurance cover for flood and bushfire prone communities. The scope of the taskforce should include but is not limited to agreeing upon how to ensure there is ongoing strong partnerships between insurers and governments, risk reduction methods and natural hazard management plans that address insurers concerns.

Motion 7. Natural Disaster Recovery Funding

Submitting Council: Strathbogie Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the State and Federal Governments to commit to fully funding local government assets damaged through natural disaster events so they are rebuilt to a higher, more resilient standard, enabling them to better withstand future disaster events.

Motion 8. Increased funding support for Council's Emergency Management obligations

Submitting Council: Greater Dandenong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls upon the Victorian Government to urgently review the Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program (MERP) to ensure provision of realistic funding allocations, indexed to inflation and commensurate with the actual risk profile of each Victorian council.

Motion 9. Increased Funding for State Emergency Service Response to Emergencies in Victoria

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to: 1. Allocate additional funding to the SES to ensure they have the necessary resources, equipment, and personnel to effectively respond to emergencies within Victoria; 2. Provide funding for comprehensive training programs to equip SES volunteers and staff with the skills needed to handle a wide range of emergency situations, including exercises; 3. Invest in modern and advanced equipment to improve the efficiency and safety of SES operations; 4. Implement initiatives to attract and retain volunteers, recognising their critical role in the SES; and 5. Fund community education and engagement programs to enhance public awareness and preparedness for emergencies.

Significant to the Sector

Consolidated motion 2.1 - Ensuring financial sustainability of councils

Resolution:

1. That the MAV call upon the Victorian and Commonwealth governments to work with Victorian local government to ensure councils are sustainably resourced to continue providing critical services and infrastructure to local communities, including through:
2. Responding to the issues raised in MAV submissions to State and Commonwealth parliamentary inquiries into financial sustainability and service delivery
3. Implementing the recommendations of the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Inquiry into Local Government funding and services
4. Ensuring that additional duties and responsibilities placed on local government are accompanied by the resources needed to fulfil them
5. Increasing the quantum and reviewing the distribution of untied funding provided to local government to achieve the goal of horizontal fiscal equalisation

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Inquiry into local government funding and services – Mansfield Shire Council</u> <u>Cost Shifting – Bayside City Council</u> <u>Addressing Cost Shifting from State and Federal Governments to Local Councils – Moyne Shire Council</u> <u>Addressing the Recommendations of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service Delivery in Victoria – Murrindindi Shire Council</u> <u>Local Government Sustainability – Strathbogie Shire Council</u> <u>Local Government Financial Sustainability Framework – Yarra Ranges Shire Council</u> <u>Inquiry into Local Government funding and services – implement recommendations – East Gippsland Shire Council</u> <u>Increasing financial sustainability of local governments – Greater Dandenong City Council</u> <u>Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services – Maribyrnong City Council</u>	Yes

C.2.1.1 - Inquiry into local government funding and services

Submitting Council: Mansfield Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.2 - Cost Shifting

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.3 - Addressing Cost Shifting from State and Federal Governments to Local Councils

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.4 - Addressing the Recommendations of the Parliamentary Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service Delivery in Victoria

Submitting Council: Murrindindi Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.5 - Local Government Sustainability

Submitting Council: Strathbogie Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.6 - Local Government Financial Sustainability Framework

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.7 - Inquiry into Local Government funding and services – implement recommendations

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.8 - Increasing financial sustainability of local governments

Submitting Council: Greater Dandenong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

C.2.1.9 - Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.1

Consolidated motion 2.2 - MCH MOU Amendment

Resolution:

1. That the Maternal and Child Health Memorandum of Understanding signed by the Municipal Association of Victoria on behalf of local government maternal child health services in Victoria effective from 01 January 2022 to 30 June 2025 be amended during the renegotiation process to include the following:
 - a) That the universal maternal child health program may be delivered by local government, or via a maternal child health service provider servicing the local government area, that is approved by the Department of Health.
 - b) In instances where local government is not the provider of maternal and child health services, the respective local government authority is exempt from contributing an equal (50:50) share towards the provision of the universal maternal child health program delivered within their local government area.
 - c) Where a Hospital or Health Service is delivering maternal child health services within a local government area, the applicable hospital or health service is responsible for the equal (50:50) contribution towards the provision of the universal maternal child health program.
 - d) Where local government does not provide the maternal child health service, and/or immunisation service within their local government area, they are exempt from the requirements outlined in the Maternal Child Health Memorandum of Understanding.
2. That the Municipal Association of Victoria advocate to the Department of Health to amend the Maternal and Child Health Service Guidelines to reflect the changes included above in item 1 (a) through to (d).

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Maternal Child Health Funding Municipal Association Victoria State Council Motion – Yarriambiack Shire</u> <u>Maternal and Child Health Costing Mode – Cardinia Shire</u>	Yes

C.2.2.1 - Maternal Child Health Funding Municipal Association Victoria State Council Motion

Submitting Council: Yariambiack Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.2

C.2.2.2 - Maternal and Child Health Costing Model

Submitting Council: Cardinia Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.2

Consolidated Motion 2.3 - Increased funding for Victorian libraries

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Introduce a needs-based funding formula, with consideration for factors such as population and socio-economic disadvantage;
2. Introduce a 'no worse off' test and top-up funding to ensure no individual library service faces a reduction in funding as a result of introducing the needs-based formula;
3. Increase the Public Library funding pool by \$10 million in 2025/26 to achieve these objectives and permanently index funding to CPI thereafter; and
4. Restore the Living Libraries Infrastructure Program to at least \$4.5 million annually to build, redevelop or refurbish libraries across the state and to replace mobile library vehicles.

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Increased funding for Victorian Libraries – Manningham City Council</u>	Yes
<u>Needs-Based Funding for Libraries – Brimbank City Council</u>	

C.2.3.1 - Increased funding for Victorian Libraries

Submitting Council: Manningham City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.3

C.2.3.2 - Needs-Based Funding for Libraries

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.3

Consolidated motion 2.4a - Evidence-based approach to recycling reforms

Resolution:

1. That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:
 - a. Work with councils and industry to improve the competitiveness, effectiveness, and resilience of Victoria's waste and resource recovery system, including through improved utilisation of the Sustainability Fund
 - b. Release the business case that informed the decision to require a separate glass recycling stream
 - c. Postpone requirements on councils to introduce a four-stream service to give them time to examine that business case in the context of and with the participation of their local communities
 - d. Give councils flexibility to decide where alternatives to kerbside collection are appropriate, including consideration of the volumes of materials to be collected
 - e. Expand the Container Deposit Scheme to accept a broader range of containers to align with a nationally harmonised scheme
 - f. Allow the continued use of caddy liners in FOGO collection streams where composting facilities are able to process them, to ensure ongoing community participation

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion 'of significance to local government' that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Repeal of the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2012 Provisions for a mandatory glass bin service – Manningham City Council</u> <u>Consideration be given to flexibility measures and alternatives for Victorian glass recycling services – Yarra Ranges Shire Council</u> <u>Negative Impacts of Waste Service Standards on Local Government – Maroondah City Council</u> <u>(partial) – Cost of living pressures – Kingston City Council</u>	Yes

C.2.4.1 - Repeal of the Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling) Act 2012 Provisions for a mandatory glass bin service

Submitting Council: Manningham City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.4

C.2.4.3 - Consideration be given to flexibility measures and alternatives for Victorian glass recycling services

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.4

C.2.4.4 - Negative Impacts of Waste Service Standards on Local Government

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.4

C.2.4.5 - Cost of living pressures

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.4

C.2.4.b - Improved competitiveness of the Victorian recycling and waste market

Submitting Council: Surf Coast Shire Council

Resolution:

That MAV calls on the Victorian Government to implement strategies identified by Recycling Victoria to improve the resilience and competitiveness of the recycling and waste market.

Consolidated Motion 2.5 - Fostering safety and social cohesion

Resolution:

That the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) advocates to the Victorian Government to improve community safety by collaborating with councils to develop and fund place-based initiatives, including:

1. Dedicated funding streams and resources for councils to implement evidence-based community safety initiatives that promote social cohesion and inclusivity, which may include infrastructure improvements (e.g. improved lighting, clear and effective signage, graffiti removal, safer pedestrian routes), delivery of events (e.g. community safety days: 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Based Violence), community engagement programs (e.g. scam awareness), programs to support vulnerable groups (e.g. Advance to Zero homelessness By Name List; Salvation Army Street Team – late night outreach) and anti-discrimination measures enhancing local law units (e.g. Racism. It stops with me).
2. Support for councils to work with local community groups and stakeholders to co-design targeted solutions that address specific local safety concerns and support community-based organisations, such as Neighbourhood Watch, to educate residents about safety, share resources, communicate and promote social cohesion.
3. Investment in statewide programs such as Advance to Zero Homelessness By Name List, Welcoming Cities and YourGround that empower councils to address the unique safety concerns of diverse and vulnerable community groups, including women, youth, and culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) communities.
4. Through policy and funding reform, enhance community safety initiatives expanding the availability of mobile trailers for Victoria Police, and fostering stronger community-police partnerships through safety engagements such as “Coffee with a Cop”.
5. Collaborate with councils to develop and fund place-based safety initiatives, including employing Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to enhance public space safety, support Community Safety Audits tailored to local circumstances and strengthen local partnerships
6. Request additional police resourcing as well as a commitment to joint patrols with Local Laws staff when required.

Which motions are being consolidated?	Is the motion of strategic relevance to the MAV or is the motion ‘of significance to local government’ that it ought to be considered at the meeting.
<u>Fostering community safety and social cohesion – Stonnington City Council</u> <u>Fostering community safety and social cohesion – Port Phillip City Council</u> <u>Fostering community safety and social cohesion – Glen Eira City Council</u> <u>Promoting community safety: A partnership between state and local government – Yarra City Council</u>	Yes

C.2.5.1 - Fostering community safety and social cohesion

Submitting Council: Stonnington City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.5

C.2.5.2 - Fostering safety and social cohesion

Submitting Council: Port Phillip City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.5

C.2.5.3 - Fostering community safety and social cohesion

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.5

C.2.5.4 - Promoting Community Safety: A Partnership Between State and Local Government

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 2.5

Motion 10. Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Services

Submitting Council: Hume City Council

Resolution:

“That the MAV call upon the Victorian Government to implement all recommendations from the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee Local government funding and services Inquiry plus:

1. The Victorian Government should conduct a review of developer contributions to grow the use of in-kind agreements to assist councils with the timely delivery of infrastructure.
2. That the Victorian Government conduct a review of prescribed local government fees and fines to ensure they reflect the actual costs to individual councils.
3. That the Victorian Government, in consultation with the local government sector, reinvest more funding from the Sustainability Fund in circular economy initiatives.
4. That the Victorian Government, in consultation with the local government sector, establish a local government climate resilience fund.”

Motion 11. Prevention of Illegal Rubbish Dumping

Submitting Council: Melton City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government to highlight the significant financial and amenity impact of illegally dumped rubbish on council and private land in Victorian municipalities and request the following to combat illegal rubbish dumping and support the improvement of the State’s circular economy:

- Develop an ‘Illegal Rubbish Dumping Strategic Plan’ and implement a state based preventative and education campaign.
- Release funding from the Sustainability Fund that is collected from the Waste Levy, for increased financial support of local councils to manage illegal rubbish dumping.
- Request additional funding to the EPA to increase resources for the enforcement of illegal rubbish dumping.

Motion 12. Municipal Industrial and Landfill Levy

Submitting Council: Hume City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government for a review of the Municipal Industrial and Landfill Levy to ensure that the quantum of the Levy better reflects the level of waste generated as well as the population growth that is occurring across different communities which includes consideration of an intermediary rate for growth Councils.

Motion 13. Waste Service Charges

Submitting Council: Wyndham City Council

Resolution:

That MAV calls on the State Government to review the Minister for Local Government's Good Practice Guidelines for Service Rates and Charges to ensure these guidelines offer consistency with the definition of a waste, recycling and resource recovery service within the Circular Economy (Waste reduction and Recycling) Act 2021 (the Act). Specifically, this review should permit waste service charges to include the following:

- Litter collection
- Illegal dumping collection
- Public litter and recycling bin collections
- Street sweeping
- Drop off services such as for electronic and clothing waste
- Waste and litter education about the use of waste and litter services and community programs to reduce waste.
- Transfer Stations

Motion 14. Roads and Bridge Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV State Council call on the Victorian Government to:

1. Allocate additional funding specifically for the maintenance and renewal of bridges in regional councils, recognizing the disproportionate financial burden on these councils as bridges meeting end of life, and in regards to the cost of repair and replacement as disproportional to the rural, small-sized council ratepayer population or;
2. Create a dedicated grant program, or reinstate a similar program to the historic Country Roads and Bridges Program, for bridge maintenance and renewal, or;
3. Allocate a specific proportion of existing road safety funding to the purpose of bridge maintenance or renewals where councils with extensive road and bridge networks and low ratepayer bases receive priority.

Motion 15. Physical infrastructure – accessibility

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates for the Victorian Government to establish a dedicated funding program aimed at supporting accessibility upgrades to ageing community facilities and open spaces in municipalities. This program should focus on:

- Ensuring compliance with the Disability (Access to Premises – Buildings) Standards 2010 and universal design principles, including sensory considerations.
- Increasing the number of designated accessible parking spaces.
- Developing continuous accessible pathways, especially around community facilities, parks, trails, and public transport hubs.
- Enhancing social connection, participation, and mobility for people with disabilities.
- Fostering more inclusive communities.

Motion 16. Road Funding and Maintenance

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Calls on the Victorian Government to review its current approach to maintenance of major roads, and in particular the increased tolerance shown by the Department of Transport and Planning for allowing damaged roads to go unrepaired for very long periods.
2. Calls on the Victorian Government to urgently address the growing safety issue caused by unrepaired potholes, ruts, corrugations, cracking and unmown verges, and
3. Calls on the Victorian Government to end the practice of offering roadside mowing contracts to councils at below cost, in effect another form of cost shifting.
4. Include rural and regional roads, where poor maintenance poses higher risks due to freight traffic, limited public transport options and high speed conditions.
5. Include vegetation & roadside management strategies that reduce wildlife deaths and protect habitat corridors by addressing overgrowth and poorly timed mowing.

Motion 17. Funding of State-Owned assets managed by Local Government and community-based committees.

Submitting Council: Wellington Shire Council

Resolution:

That the Municipal Association of Victoria calls on the Victorian Government to undertake a review of all State Government assets managed by both Local Councils and community-based committees, with a view to the Victorian Government providing an annual fund to support both maintenance and capital works for assets that are fundamentally owned by the State.

Motion 18. Getting infrastructure on the ground in a timely manner in emerging communities

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV take a leading role in advocating for the timely delivery of key transport infrastructure in emerging new growth areas including metropolitan standard public transport by setting aside appropriate funding for the delivery of train stations and other upgrades for all growth area communities.

Motion 19. Equitable Funding of Community Facility Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls upon the Victorian Government to commit to a review and increased funding for ageing or non-existent infrastructure ensuring equitable access to essential community facilities especially libraries and pool across all municipalities.

Motion 20. Countering Misinformation

Submitting Council: Wyndham City Council

Resolution:

That MAV calls on the State Government to combat misinformation by implementing all the recommendations of the parliamentary inquiry into the impact of social media on elections and electoral administration.

Motion 21. Online misinformation and abuse, and request for investigation

Submitting Council: Moonee Valley City Council

Resolution:

1. Call on the MAV to support Councils in condemning the personal abuse directed at individuals, and misinformation about Councils, employees and councillors, conveyed regularly online.
2. Request the MAV to write to the Victorian Electoral Commission, Local Government Services expressing concerns about the lack of mechanisms for addressing online attacks and seeking an investigation into whether various organisations engaged in local government elections meet the definition of a third-party campaigner organization under the Electoral Act 2002 (VIC) or should be required to be transparent about political expenditure in local government elections under relevant regulations and required to comply with relevant reporting provisions and disclosure laws.
3. Request that the MAV make relevant representations, submissions and advocacy to the Electoral Matters Committee and other relevant bodies supporting the implementation of truth in political advertising laws in Victoria.

Motion 22. Strengthening Mental Health Services for Youth

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to significantly enhance investment and increase support for youth mental health services, prioritising early intervention, accessible care, and school and community-based mental health programs. Despite existing initiatives, demand continues to outpace capacity, leaving community-based services under-resourced.

Motion 23. Providing access to locally based mental services for all communities right across Victoria

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to deliver more mental health services based in local communities, particularly across emerging growth areas, peri-urban townships, and regional and rural communities with the aim of ensuring the communities in every single municipality have access to locally based services.

Motion 24. Victorian Maternal and Child Health Services Dad Groups - DadsConnect

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to urgently provide full funding to all Maternal and Child Health services for Dad groups, to support family violence prevention and address the vulnerability of dads transitioning to parenthood and support healthy family relationships.

Motion 25. Reinstate FReeZA Program Funding

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the Victorian government urgently reconsiders funding for, and inequity of distribution of, FReeZA programs across Victorian Councils and Victorian young people. The 20-years history demonstrates the significant impact of programs on the leadership, skills development, capacity building and engagement of young people through participation in programs and more broadly through engagement in the resulting events.

Motion 26. Providing learning and education opportunities for new and emerging communities

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV lead the advocacy calling on the State Government to provide increased and targeted planning for the delivery of tertiary education, including TAFE, in new and emerging communities.

Motion 27. Gambling reform

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to endorse the recommendations from the 2023 Standing Committee on Social Policy and Legal Affairs Inquiry Report 'You Win Some You Lose More'

Motion 28. Rooming Houses

Submitting Council: Wodonga City Council

Resolution:

1. That the Municipal Association of Victoria advocate for the changes to state legislation to require planning consent for rooming houses within 200 metres of another rooming house including public exhibition of the proposal.
2. Ensure that any planning requirements for rooming houses support the fair and transparent integration of diverse housing types, while considering amenity, service provision and equitable access to housing
3. Include safeguards to prevent planning controls from reinforcing stigma or discrimination toward residents of rooming houses or disproportionately restricting the availability of low-cost housing

Motion 29. Balancing Provision of Additional Housing & Protection of Environment Through Vegetation Retention & Planting

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV supports advocacy to the Victorian Government to consider the impacts of all housing strategies on the natural environment and the ability of urban areas to retain and/or create a 30% tree canopy and reflects the priorities of 'Cooling and Greening Melbourne.'

Motion 30. Improved clarity on Small Second Dwellings in the State Planning Scheme

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV work with the Victorian Government and Department of Transport and Planning (DTP) to clarify planning legislation for tiny homes.

Motion 31. Designating cellular telecommunication networks as 'essential services' and associated planning controls

Submitting Council: Casey City Council

Resolution:

The MAV calls on the Victorian State Government to mandate cellular telecommunication networks as an 'essential service' and implement planning controls that require earlier delivery of cellular communication services in new residential and commercial estates.

Motion 32. Advocating for the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal to set remuneration bands for Council CEOs in Victoria

Submitting Council: Darebin City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Notes and values the role of a CEO in Victorian local government which is essential to the delivery of council services for the community.
2. Notes that current legislative arrangements require councils to have regard to the state government wages policy and decisions of the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal but do not provide any direct guidance on what Council CEOs receive thereby giving some discretion to councils in determining terms and conditions of CEO employment contracts and total remuneration packages.
3. Notes that the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal is responsible for setting remuneration for Members of Parliament, Victorian Public Sector Executives, executives in the Victorian public sector and Mayors, Deputy Mayors, Local Councillors but not council CEOs.
4. Advocates on behalf of the sector and calls on the Victorian Independent Remuneration Tribunal to take responsibility for setting remuneration bands in line with Council Tiers for Council CEOs in Victoria in the future.

Motion 33. The efficacy and resource impact on Councils of Fire and Safety Regulations

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Resolution:

That MAV call on the Victorian Government to:

- a) review the requirements for maintenance of essential safety measures to ensure efficacy and confirm the role of owner corporations in complying with those measures
- b) properly resource councils, directly or indirectly, to fulfil their determined role in administering and enforcing fire safety regulatory requirements

Motion 34. Fines Victoria

Submitting Council: Melbourne City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV

1. Notes that the performance levels of Fines Victoria in collection of fines have improved but the rate has not returned to levels seen before Fines Victoria became the responsible collections agency in 2018.
2. Recognises that the current performance level of Fines Victoria continues to adversely affect the financial position and budgetary processes of impacted councils.
3. Calls on the Victorian Government to provide the following:
 - a. A timeline in which it anticipates the performance of Fines Victoria will return to or exceed the collection rates achieved pre-Fines Victoria.
 - b. Significant compensation by allowing the responsible Minister to write-off bad debts held by Fines Victoria on behalf of councils (anticipated to include any amounts exceeding 24 months) and provide compensation to each council for an equivalent value.
 - c. Refund to councils by Fines Victoria for services not delivered to the level before Fines Victoria became the responsible collections agency in 2018.

Motion 35. Victorian Electoral Processes for Retired Candidates

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to ensure the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) fully complete the process of reviewing nominated candidate eligibility prior to the commencement of printing ballot papers in future local government elections.

Non-Standard / Low Priority

Motion 36. Funding designations for arts galleries

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to prioritise the inclusion of funding for cultural facilities situated in greater metropolitan Councils. Presently, there are funding opportunities for such facilities in areas classified as regional, leaving very limited State level funding opportunities to contribute to the future sustainability of centres outside of these areas.

Motion 37. Community Safety

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution:

The MAV strongly advocate to the Premier and Minister for Police and Emergency Services for decisive action to combat the significant surge in youth crime, car theft and home invasions including:

- An increase in resources available to Victoria Police to combat these crimes
- A review of sentencing and the impact of new bail laws
- Appropriate resourcing for proactive community engagement and youth diversion programs

Motion 39. Stronger action from the State Government on graffiti

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to direct its agencies to take stronger action to police the increasing number of graffiti incidents and remove graffiti from State Government owned assets.

Motion 40. Improved communications with Local Government on resolution time-frames for locally reported road hazards and issues

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV work with the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning (DTP/VicRoads) to create an issue resolution portal to communicate with Councils on VicRoads hazard resolution.

Motion 41. Increased Funding to Expand Electric Bus Fleets

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Allocate additional funding for the infrastructure planning and investment necessary to support the rollout of zero-emissions buses (ZEBs) including charging station development, depot upgrades, and grid enhancements
2. permanently commit to the transition to a zero-emissions bus fleet across Victoria, ensuring that financial mechanisms such as fleet replacement subsidies are in place to support operators without causing financial strain
3. lead the coordination and delivery of workforce training initiatives to support the effective operation and maintenance of ZEBs, in consultation with relevant industry and education bodies
4. Ensure timely implementation of safety upgrades across the public transport fleet, particularly school buses, ensuring delays in the broader fleet transition do not compromise passenger safety
5. Actively pursue and coordinate opportunities to leverage federal programs and funding aimed at promoting zero-emission public transport solutions.

Motion 42. Strategic Cycling Corridors

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to support the development and implementation of an Investment Program to ensure that Strategic Cycling Corridors are delivered in a transparent, equitable, and efficient manner as follows:

1. Establishment of a more detailed Statewide Strategic Cycling Network Plan based on existing demand, population growth, mode shift requirements, links to employment hubs, and regional connectivity, aligning cycling corridor planning with existing transport and land use strategies, including Plan for Victoria, regional growth plans, and local government cycling plans.
2. Creation of a Project Prioritisation Framework, with a data-driven approach to assess cycling corridor projects based on factors such as demand, safety, connectivity, economic benefits, and social inclusion.
3. Dedicated Investment Program with a long-term funding stream and strategic pipeline for cycling infrastructure to provide certainty for local governments and enable efficient project delivery.
4. Integration with Public Transport and Land Use Planning, prioritise cycling corridors that improve first-and-last kilometre connections to train stations, tram stops, major bus routes and activity centres and supports infrastructure that facilitates multi-modal transport, such as secure bike parking at public transport hubs and end-of-trip facilities in key employment precincts.
5. Partnerships with Local Government and local communities, establishing a collaborative governance model that includes local councils, community stakeholders, and cycling advocacy groups in decision-making.

Motion 43. Advocacy for a strong and competitive Victorian manufacturing industry

Submitting Council: Greater Dandenong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV write to the Ministers for Industry, Innovation & Science, Economic Growth, and Local Government to:

1. Acknowledge the vital role of the manufacturing sector across Victoria, noting that South East Melbourne alone, which contributes \$54 billion to gross regional product and provides 24% of Victoria's total manufacturing output.
2. Recognise the increasing risks of manufacturing business closures due to rising operational costs, energy pricing instability, excessive regulatory burdens, and unfair competition from low-cost imports.
3. Call on the Victorian Government to strengthen enforcement of the Local Jobs First policy to ensure government-funded projects prioritise locally manufactured products that meet Australian safety and quality standards.
4. Highlight the growing competitive disadvantage for Victorian manufacturers due to stronger incentives and financial support provided by other states to attract manufacturing investment, which risks shifting business away from Victoria.
5. Support the State Government's focus on advanced manufacturing by ensuring dedicated funding for innovation, technology adoption, and industry transition to high-value manufacturing, with a specific focus on supporting metropolitan manufacturing hubs in addition to regional areas.
6. Advocate for a competitive tax framework and business cost relief, including reviewing corporate tax settings and ensuring a stable, affordable energy supply to enhance global competitiveness.
7. Urge collaboration between the Victorian and Federal Governments to reinstate and strengthen anti-dumping measures, ensuring fair trade and protecting Australia's sovereign manufacturing capability.
8. Encourage investment in research, skills development, and workforce training to future-proof the sector, ensuring alignment with Victoria's Economic Growth Statement initiatives supporting advanced manufacturing.

Motion 44. Food Security

Submitting Council: Greater Bendigo City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the State Government for greater investment in food systems (including food security) that should involve:

- Developing a comprehensive Victorian Food System Plan and advocacy to the Federal Government to develop a National Food System Plan. Such Plans should provide for food security, including nutritional security. They should have clear objectives and measurable targets set out in action plans and be subject to regular review. They should apply a food systems approach to account for the complex relationships involved from farm to fork, and foster relationships and synergies between government, relevant industries and civil society, and the community.
- Appointing a Victorian Minister for Food and advocating for the appointment of a Federal Minister for Food. These roles should be responsible for leading the development, implementation and evaluation of State and National Food System Plans.
- Supporting the development and implementation of regular monitoring of food security in Victoria against the six dimensions of food security.
- Empowering and resourcing local councils to lead the participatory development of community food system strategies by amending the Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008.
- Legislating food as a human right and working towards its progressive realisation.
- Improving dignified and affordable access to fresh and healthy food by resourcing local councils to work with State Government and the food relief sector to develop a new collaborative approach to food security grounded in the human right to food.
- Advocating to increase income support payments, including Jobseeker, to above the poverty line and indexed to wage growth.



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