

On Housing, councils call for ...

Affordable housing and homelessness sector support



1. Increase social housing
2. Develop state-wide social and affordable housing strategy
3. Funding for homelessness sector
4. Directly support LG homelessness response

Don't leave the growth areas behind



1. Continue to prioritise growth area communities
2. Provide infrastructure and service delivery
3. Restore programs like the Growing Suburbs Fund

On infrastructure, councils call for ...

Building resilience into flood-prone communities



1. Ensure flood hazard controls are fit for purpose
2. Keep flood mapping is up to date and incorporated in planning
3. Review flood warning systems
4. Modify VPP to protect land subject to inundation overlay

Libraries to be funded properly



1. Don't place additional responsibilities on LG without sustainable revenue stream
2. Unfreeze grants for libraries
3. Commit to restoring funding to 50 per cent

Take responsibility for education infrastructure

1. Provide adequate parking, playing fields, open space, and other infrastructure in public schools



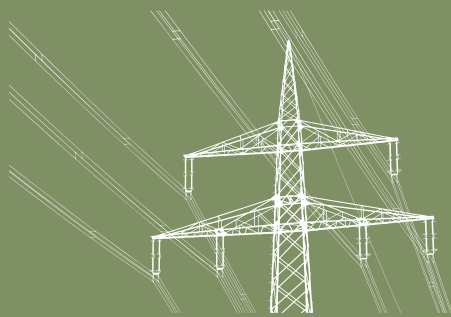
On infrastructure, councils call for ...

Betterment for public assets



1. Commit to betterment funding
2. Allow Councils to submit claims for betterment and fund improvements to assets

Establishment of renewable energy development guidelines



1. Provisions that infrastructure be developed using existing easements, be located underground where practical and require co-location of connecting lines

On transport infrastructure, councils call for ...

Maintenance, replacement and renewal of local road network

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Assess transport needs of western suburbs



1. Assess existing and future transport needs in growing western suburbs

On climate change, councils call for ...

Enshrining climate change and environmental sustainability in planning

1. Including through authorising the Elevating Targets planning scheme amendment progressed by CASBE and 24 councils to require a higher standard of Environmentally Sustainable Development.



On planning, councils call for ...

Planning reform

1. We acknowledge the Operation Sandon special report, Vic housing statement, and reforms already gazetted
2. Affirms the ambition of LG to address housing supply and affordability crisis'
3. Asserts reforms must be based on complete understanding of the causes of the crisis
4. Recognises that any fundamental reforms to the planning system require genuine consultation and engagement between State and Local Government
5. Confirms LG stands ready to increase housing supply
6. Endorses MAV's Local Government's Vision for Planning in Victoria
7. Engages with councils
8. Expresses concern with disconnect between gazetted reforms and Operation Sandon special report
9. Commits to good faith engagement with the State Government to work in genuine partnership on further planning reforms
10. Formally requests that the Planning Minister enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the MAV that establishes this partnership and enables genuine input and improvement from the Local Government sector to any and all fundamental planning system reforms

On planning, councils call for ...

Exempt rural councils from the Windfall Gains Tax

Protect, enhance and expand open spaces

1. Recognise open space is critical to healthy and active communities
2. Mandate higher minimum public open space requirements for state-approved planning proposals
3. Reform joint-use agreements to improve access to public school grounds
4. Work more closely with LG to identify opportunities and need for public space

Retain and protect community voice in system

1. Recognise the subject matter expertise in LG and partner with it to improve the system
2. Retain community voice as key pillar of system
3. Resource councils to effectively carry out our central role in system

On planning, councils call for ...

Change VPP in relation to use of car stackers

1. Make urgent changes to the Victoria Planning Provisions and prepare a new Planning Practice Note to provide clear policy direction aimed at improving the design, useability, specifications and accessibility of car stackers

Golf course land planning guidelines

1. Review the Planning Guidelines for the Conversion of Golf Course Land for other Purposes, and their practical application.

Surplus state-owned land

1. Consider rezoning state land and sale of unused state land to provide revenue, allow private industry to develop housing, commercial or industrial use, and improve presentation of highly visible land

On planning, councils call for ...

Address barriers for regional workers accommodation

1. Consider permit exemptions for Rural Worker accommodation in the Green Wedge Zones and release of other reforms from the Planning for Melbourne's Green Wedge and Agricultural Land Review.

On Governance, councils call for ...

Candidate resources for elections

1. Greater resource and training to build capacity of future candidates in the lead up to the 2024 LG elections



Council compliance framework uniformity



1. A coordinated approach to develop a regulatory and compliance framework and the technology to support council's legislative compliance requirements
2. Consider examples such as Queensland

On Governance, councils call for ...

Resources for FOI requests

1. Make resources available for small rural councils to enable to remain compliant with the FOI Act 1982



On Australia's First Peoples issues, councils call for ...

Maggolee partnership and advocacy for LG's involvement in Treaty implementation

1. Assist in the promotion of Maggolee and resources
2. Help produce model policies and best practice guidelines on LG changes relating to issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people with statewide relevance, consistent with the Treaty negotiation framework, Self-determination, and State Government policy and legislation
3. Establish a relationship with the First Peoples Assembly of Victoria and keep the membership informed of the progress of Treaty negotiations and in particular where Treaty outcomes may involve LG in their implementation
4. Involve Local Government as early as possible in designing a Treaty implementation program



On health, councils call for ...

Targeted approaches to delivering MCH services

1. MCH services policy that supports LG to implement a targeted service approach as funding models and workforce challenges prevent full-service model



Regional health services



1. Equal access to basic and emergency health care for communities in rural and regional areas
2. Incentives to specialists across disciplines to work regionally and rurally
3. Make retaining medical professionals in regional and rural areas a key priority
4. Increase Medicare rebates for rural and regional doctors

On health, councils call for ...

Mental health support

1. Conduct inquiry into the psycho-social impacts of COVID-19
2. Consider additional measures and funding in community resilience, psychological and material support



Review MCH key age and stages framework

1. Ascertain the level of complexity, need and resources required to effectively assess the health and wellbeing of children and their families
2. Sector-wide analysis of the historical shared funding model between state and local governments
3. Consult with LG to determine level of additional funding required as a result of ongoing funding shortfall

On gambling, councils call for ...

Redistribution mechanism of CBS

1. Review the redistribution mechanism of the Community Benefits Statements to ensure losses from gambling are directly invested back into communities



On emergency management, councils call for ...

Address LG emergency management arrangements

1. Review the Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program to cover all 79 councils
2. Improve timely processing and approval periods for Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements
3. Truly recognise the advantage of betterment funding through the DRFA
4. Resolve the lack of clarity about role and responsibilities in emergency management
5. Develop and deliver training for core statutory emergency management roles

