



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. Road Safety

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Advocates to the State and Federal governments to commit to improving road safety on rural and regional roads by:
 - a. An immediate 10% increase in Financial Assistance Grants roads funding by the Federal Government, maintained in real terms thereafter;
 - b. Increased State Government funding for Regional Roads Victoria to keep all Victorian regional roads at acceptable service levels;
 - c. Simplifying and streamlining the process for accessing disaster recovery funding;
 - d. Incorporating provisions for betterment in disaster recovery funding to enable enhancements to road infrastructure alongside repair efforts thus ensuring that funding not only restores infrastructure but also enhances its resilience to withstand future events;
 - e. Improving road maintenance standards across the State;
 - f. Increased funding dedicated to road safety initiatives;
 - g. Increased accountability for Regional Roads Victoria for renewal of the regional road network through performance indicator reporting similar to the Local Government Performance Reporting Framework.
 - h. Empowering local governments with the ability to reduce the default speed limit on rural roads
2. Acknowledges and welcomes the increase in Roads to Recovery funding for the next 5 years from the Federal Government.

Consolidated motions

- Motion 1: Road Safety on Rural Roads – Nillumbik Shire Council
- Motion 2: Enhancing Road Safety, Renewal, and Disaster Recovery for Victoria's Regional and Rural Roads – Murrindindi Shire Council

MOTIONS

Road Safety on Rural Roads (C1)

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Standard Priority motion

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1: Road Safety

Enhancing Road Safety, Renewal, and Disaster Recovery for Victoria's Regional and Rural Roads (C1)

Submitting Council: Murrindindi Shire Council

Strategic Priority motion

Consolidated

Refer to Consolidated Motion 1: Road Safety

Planning for effective flood control and water management

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. Fund better flood management in critical areas, such as the Elster Creek catchment.
2. Develop a partnership approach for integrated water management including collaboration between stakeholders who influence urban design, natural resource management, planning, and economic development. Forums like the Dandenong Catchment Integrated Water Management (IWM) forum should be supported.
3. Lead updating relevant planning schemes to reflect the hazards identified in the Port Phillip Bay Coastal Hazard Assessment, including Western Port Bay. Specifically, update the Special Building Overlay (SBO) with climate change modelling.
4. Enhance the legislative framework for councils to better manage flooding by either supporting the use of declarations by a Flood Plain Management Authority to declare a flood level under the Water Act 1989, or by expediting the processing of planning scheme amendments to introduce the updated Special Building Overlay into the planning scheme under the Planning and Environment Act 1987.
5. Promote a partnership approach for integrated water management, including collaboration with First Nations communities.

Connecting communities with better bus infrastructure

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to provide funding to increase bus infrastructure and provide better connectivity to townships and existing rail infrastructure.

Statutory Planning cost shifting from State to Local Governments

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to put in place a funding agreement with Local Government to ensure the financial sustainability of its planning functions given recent decisions by the State to place more planning powers in the Minister's hands.

Revision of Affordable Housing Definition and Inclusion of Mandatory Affordable Housing Requirements

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State Government

1. to review the definition of affordable housing at Section 3AA and the income ranges at Section 3AB of the Planning and Environment Act 1987, to better reflect the housing needs of those on low incomes.
2. to introduce mandatory affordable housing requirements for all large developments (50+ dwellings).

Development delays

Submitting Council: Melbourne City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV State Council calls on the Victorian Government to establish a Ministerial Advisory Committee, inclusive of Local Government sector representation, to identify barriers to constructing developments that have received planning approval and to make recommendations on how to overcome those barriers.

Regional and metropolitan planning

Submitting Council: Melbourne City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV State Council:

1. Reasserts its strongly held view that a single Plan for Victoria is not sufficient, as it cannot adequately recognise or distinguish the distinct metropolitan, regional and rural communities of interest, their unique spatial characteristics and needs;
2. Reasserts that the complexity of metropolitan Melbourne as an integrated labour market requires interconnected planning about housing, employment, transport and environment and, like other regions in the State, requires its own comprehensive plan.
3. Reasserts that, without metropolitan and regional plans, communities of interest and their economies cannot be adequately understood by Government, or be planned to thrive;
4. Therefore calls on the State Government to commit to the creation of distinct comprehensive plans for metropolitan Melbourne and the regions; and
5. Resolves that Local Government stands ready to partner with the State Government on the development of these plans.

Improved standards and funding for infrastructure at risk from climate change

Submitting Council: Surf Coast Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to ensure there are updated design standards for infrastructure at risk from climate change-related extreme weather events, and funding to retrofit existing assets, including stormwater drainage, in areas of high risk.

E-waste

Submitting Council: Macedon Ranges Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV

1. Advocates to the State Government to provide councils with funds from the waste levy revenue to assist with the costs of collecting and transporting e- waste to be recycled;
2. Continues to advocate to the Federal Government, via the Australian Local Government Association (ALGA), for industry mandatory product stewardship programmes for electronic items, including but not limited to, televisions, computers, mobile phones, small electrical goods, items with embedded batteries, and photovoltaic cells;
3. Advocates for the State and/or Federal Government to mandate retailers of electrical goods to provide collection points for e-waste; and
4. Advocates to the State and Federal Government to support industry innovation that results in electrical goods being more readily repairable and reusable, as well as creating strong end markets for the resulting e-waste.

Circular Economy

Submitting Council: Greater Bendigo City Council

Motion:

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian Government for greater investment in programs, policy, community education, infrastructure and market development that achieves higher order outcomes under the waste hierarchy. This includes waste avoidance, reuse and recycling, to help accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

Call for an audit and assessment of the Future Fit Program for Meals on Wheels

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to request the Australian Government carry out a comprehensive audit and assess the efficacy of the Future Fit Program under the award for Business Transition Project for Meals on Wheels Australia.

Protection of Green Wedge

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to provide a dedicated and ongoing funding commitment to better support Green Wedge councils in their management and enforcement responsibilities.

Inclusion of Local Government in the Worker Protection Consultation Group

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to include local government in the proposed Worker Protection Consultation Group, to participate in the development of a legislative approach to protecting customer facing workers in the community.

State Government Funding for Maternal and Child Health Service

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to honour its commitment to providing appropriate funding support for Maternal and Child Health Service at the rate of 50% of the real cost of providing the service to the Victorian Community.

Balancing location of renewable energy facilities with protection of High Value Agriculture Land

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to

1. review the Solar Energy Facilities Design and Development Guideline to provide better mapping of areas of high agriculture and landscape value within renewable energy zones
2. introduce criteria to require proposed facilities to consider the agrotourism and agriculture productivity of the site and wider area in assessing the suitability of sites for renewable energy facilities.

MAV Budget 2025-26 Submission to the Victorian Government

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV lodge a budget submission 2025-26 to the Victorian Government calling on it to increase funding to councils in accordance with the priorities MAV's Strategic Plan 2024-27: Shaping our Future.

Assessing the impact of State Government decisions on local government and communities

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to uphold its commitment to the Victorian State-Local Government agreement 2014 or a successor agreement to be negotiated in good faith between the parties.

Waste Management: Statewide Waste Procurement & Contact Management

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV write to the Minister for Environment requesting:

1. The formation of a new body that provides the collective procurement, contract services management recommended by the Victorian Auditor General's 2019 Report Recovering and Reprocessing Resources from Waste, so that local government and the private sector can more efficiently achieve the goals outlined in the Recycling Victoria State Plan.
2. The new body be fully funded from the State Government Waste Levy.

Review of Victorian Grants Commission Funds Allocation Methodology

Submitting Council: Murrindindi Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV, while retaining its calls to the Commonwealth Government to increase Financial Assistance Grants funding overall, calls on the Victorian Grant Commission to address the methodology used in determining the allocation of Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants be reviewed to place greater emphasis on the impacts on rural councils of natural disasters and climate change, the limited alternate revenue options, the increased costs associated with Cultural Heritage Management Plans (CHMPs), and the increased demands of heavy transport and tourism impacting local roads.

Retaining the Country Character of Rural and Regional Townships

Submitting Council: Murrindindi Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. seek a commitment from the Minister for Planning to recognise and retain the character of rural and regional townships through the creation of appropriate Planning Scheme controls, with these controls set to keep the country character of our small towns and localities.
2. that this commitment provide for planning controls that recognise local constraints and fit the size, character, and location of our rural townships, avoiding local policy being over-ridden by policy and regulations more appropriate to Metropolitan Melbourne.

Increasing funding for legal support for women to escape family violence

Submitting Council: Manningham City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on State Government to:

1. expand the successful Mabels legal advice service, which places a lawyer part time in Maternal and Child Health Centres with a focus on family violence support, to all parts of Metropolitan Melbourne, noting the successful trial of the model in the outer East.
2. prioritise the expansion of community legal centres in rural and metro areas, including further trials of the Mables initiative for improved service delivery, and in turn advocate to the Commonwealth for additional funding for community legal services when the current agreement between State and Commonwealth expires in mid-2025.

Loss of Community Appeal Rights – VCAT

Submitting Council: Wangaratta Rural City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to State Government as a matter of urgency to repeal aspects of the current legislation, which limits the community's ability to contest a planning decision to Victorian Civil Administrative Tribunal (VCAT), to help secure the protection of agricultural land for food, fibre and viticultural production, as any significant change to our rural landscape and its productivity will have adverse impacts economically, socially and environmentally across the whole State.

Investing in local economies and community renewal

Submitting Council: Wyndham City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to commit to investing in initiatives that support local economic and community renewal opportunities, following the cessation of Suburban Revitalisation Boards and cuts to the Growing Suburbs Fund.

Outcomes from previous MAV Motions from State Council meetings within the 2020-2024 Council term

Submitting Council: Greater Bendigo City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV provide the outcomes from previous MAV Motions from State Council meetings within the 2020-2024 Council term, and the status of these motions.

Alignment of Victorian Government grant funding extensions with Federal Government Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Act 2022 and the intent of the Victorian Gender Equality Act 2020

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV urgently calls on the Victorian Government to align its recurrent financial grant program funding terms with Councils statutory obligations regarding the Fair Work Legislation Amendment (Secure Jobs, Better Pay) Act 2022 (Cwlth) and the Victorian Government's Gender Equality Act 2020 to ensure gender equality for all employees in grant funded roles.

Specifically, Councils seek ongoing undertakings regarding Victorian Government grant funding when:

1. grant funding is for longer than two (2) years, including extensions and renewals, or
2. grant funding has been extended or renewed more than once.

Councils also seek a minimum of six months for recurrent grant funding for the associated written notice of intention to cease or not extend funding to deal with transitional arrangements including termination of staff and cessation of agreements with suppliers.

Keeping our children safe

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to include all Domestic and Family Violence convictions to the list of Schedule 4 Working with Children Category B Offences in the Worker Screening Act 2020 (the Act).

Royal Commission Recommendations into the Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with a Disability

Submitting Council: Melton City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Write to the relevant Federal and State Leaders, Ministers, Members of Parliament and shadow counterparts, welcoming and supporting the findings and recommendations outlined in the Final Report of the Royal Commission into the Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of people with a Disability (Final Report).
2. Call on the State Government to accept the 85 of the joint State and Territory recommendation which have not been done to date.
3. Request from the Federal and State Governments how they will implement the Recommendations outlined in the Final Report.
4. Acknowledge all people who live with a Disability and have suffered from violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation, many of whom are still suffering within society.
5. Encourage continual advocacy for people with a disability to ensure that violence, abuse, neglect and exploitation is eliminated.

Opposition to the Demolition of Public Housing Towers

Submitting Council: Yarra City Council

Motion:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government, with respect to the proposed demolition of the public housing towers, which will displace 10,000 residents, impacting their well-being and stability, to:

1. Genuinely engage with the Local Government and residents on the project.
2. Provide data and evidence to justify the demolition, given it will only result in a 10% increase in social housing, which may not justify the significant disruption and displacement of current residents.
3. Explore alternative solutions such as renovation or adaptive reuse, as it is difficult to assess whether the demolition is based on sound reasoning or if alternative solutions were adequately considered.

Environmental Education on Crown Land Motion

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Motion:

That the MAV advocate to Federal and State Governments for the following:

1. Provide educational opportunities to highlight the significance of coastal wetlands and their importance to First Nations People.
2. Promote education about the impact of climate change on Victoria's Coastal wetlands
3. Provide promotional and developmental support of unique eco-tourism and nature-based recreational experiences such as the Wetlands Centre in metropolitan Melbourne and the Gleneld Estuary and Discovery Bay on Victoria's border with South Australia among many more.