



MAV State Council

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Consolidated motions

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

C1: Economic Recovery from COVID-19

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to partner with local government to introduce a range of measures to further stimulate the economy and improve employment growth by establishing a dedicated and ongoing COVID-19 economic response package that:

1. Provides funding to councils to continue the success of the outdoor dining program to pay for infrastructure and to be able to continue to subsidise costs to businesses for another three years and transition the temporary arrangements into more permanent structures where this is appropriate.
2. Provides ongoing investment in programs that promote increased visitation and economic growth in activity centres.
3. Establishes a dedicated and ongoing COVID-19 economic response package for business that involves further payroll tax relief and additional business grants and development programs that support business recovery and growth.
4. Develops local job prospectuses to improve and attract employment diversification.
5. Improves access to technology to encourage business relocation.
6. Promotes '20-minute city thinking'.

Consolidated motions:

- Local Business Support - Brimbank City Council
- Economic Wellbeing (COVID-19 Recovery) - Maribyrnong City Council
- Support the continuation of outdoor dining - Melbourne City Council

C2: Mental Health and Wellbeing

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Premier and Ministers for Mental Health and Local Government to:

1. Acknowledge the Victorian Government's commitment to implementing all recommendations of the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System including the establishment of up to 60 new adult Mental Health services and 13 infant, child, and youth mental health services (delivered through partnerships) across the state.
2. Request the Victorian Government to formally engage with local government in the design and implementation of initiatives recommended by the RCMHS, particularly: 'Community Collectives' (Social Inclusion Action Groups).
 - a. the development of the Mental health and Wellbeing Plan with particular focus on services and opportunities for young people including employment pathways.
 - b. service developments drawing on councils' knowledge of local community needs and service gaps and opportunities through community and sporting groups.
 - c. exploration of partnership opportunities to ensure young people in isolated and public transport deprived areas and overseas students residing in Victoria have access to appropriate and relevant mental health services.

Consolidated motions:

- Mental Health Support for Young People - Bayside City Council
- Mental Health and Wellbeing - Brimbank City Council
- Practical Mental Health - Frankston City Council
- Mental Health – Jobs and Employment Pathways for Youth - Maribyrnong City Council
- Increased Mental Health Support - Nillumbik Shire Council

C3: Telecommunications Resilience

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victoria Government to:

1. strongly advocate on the expansion of the Federal Government's Mobile Black Spot Program, and fair and equitable access to the NBN across regional Victoria.
2. work together with all relevant bodies including emergency response agencies, relevant telecommunications authorities and at all levels of Government across Australia to come together and establish an effective system of backup telecommunications that can function during and after an emergency or on-going natural disaster situation.

Consolidated motions:

- Emergency Management - Telecommunications resilience - Mitchell Shire
- Connectivity Improvements - South Gippsland Shire

C4: Maternal and Child Health Service

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. review the outdated funding model for Maternal Child Health (MCH) Service and restore funding to 50-50 between councils and the Victorian Government.
2. review Key Age and Stage Framework including appointment times (increase appointment time) to cater for the cumulative increases in responsibilities added over the past decade by the end of 2023
3. review and update a MCH workforce strategy to maintain ongoing delivery of the MCH service.
4. Funding a new IT infrastructure system, to replace the outdated not fit for purpose Child Development Information System (CDIS) database by the end of 2024.

Consolidated motions:

- Reviewing the Maternal and Child Health Program - City of Whittlesea
- Maternal and Child Health Service - City of Boroondara
- Maternal and Child Health Programs - Nillumbik Shire Council

C5: 3-year-old kindergarten reform

Resolution

That the MAV calls for increased funding by the State Government to ensure the state funded kinder reform agenda is successfully implemented, including the increased demand for infrastructure provision to meet community needs.

Consolidated motions:

- Early Years Infrastructure - South Gippsland Shire
- 3-year-old kindergarten reforms - Nillumbik Shire Council

C6: Aged Care Services

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Commonwealth Government to

1. recognise the significant role Local Government has in the delivery of age care services in Victoria.
2. review the proposed future funding model of the new Support at Home Program.

Consolidated motions:

- Reversal of proposed funding cuts by the Australian Government to the aged care sector - Hobsons Bay City Council
- Delivery of aged care services - Nillumbik Shire Council

C7: Circular Economy Funding Support

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government for increased investment in the circular economy through dedicated funding streams to industry and local government to support local processing solutions, sector innovation and market development in the waste and recycling sectors.

Consolidated motions:

- Greater funding to support the transition to a circular economy - City of Yarra
- Circular economy - City of Stonnington

C8: Cost Shifting by Victorian Building Authority

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to abandon the transfer of responsibility of the combustible cladding audits, oversight of the Essential Safety Measures maintenance regime, and orphaned building permits from the Victorian Building Authority (VBA) to local government and, in relation to orphaned building permits, the VBA use its powers under existing legislation to appoint a Manager for any Private Building Surveyor (PBS) business, if the PBS's registration has been suspended or cancelled.

Consolidated motions:

- Combustible cladding rectification program - Hobsons Bay City Council
- Victorian Building Authority's commitments on orphaned permits - Hobsons Bay City Council
- Orphaned building permits - Yarra Ranges Council
- Cost shifting by VBA (combustible cladding, Essential Safety Measures, orphaned building permits) - City of Stonnington

C9: Woodfires in built up areas

Unconsolidated

Refer resolutions:

- Woodfires in built up areas - City of Yarra
- Woodfire heater smoke - Glen Eira City Council

C10: Coordinated and timely delivery of new infrastructure for growing communities

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government to:

1. prioritise the timely planning and consistent delivery of infrastructure and services that are the responsibility of its departments and agencies during the early phases of any new development
2. address the lack of investment in state infrastructure to support the increased urban development (including renewables, power, water, sewer, etc)
3. develop planning controls to manage the cumulative impacts of fast paced development to improve the liveability of the public realm and the sustainability of the community.

Consolidated motions:

- Lack of Planning Controls and Infrastructure Investment - Bayside City Council
- Growth Area – Integrated Planning Process - Mitchell Shire Council

C11: Maintenance of State Government transport assets

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government to provide:

1. increased funding for the Department of Transport (DoT) and VicTrack to facilitate appropriate ongoing maintenance of their assets (including weed and vegetation management, litter pickup and graffiti removal) along arterial roads and freeways and rail and tram corridors
2. the option for this maintenance work to be undertaken by councils, should they choose to do so on behalf of DoT, under an indexed full cost recovery model

Consolidated motions:

- Improvement to the freeway entrances to towns and suburbs - Hobsons Bay City Council
- Roadside mowing and vegetation maintenance - Wodonga City Council
- Department of Transport, VicRoads and VicTrack Road and Trackside Maintenance Funding Increase - Maroondah City Council
- Investment of additional resources for the maintenance of State Government transport assets - City of Port Phillip

C12: Weed and pest management

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. acknowledge and address the significant weed infestations on Crown land and land under the control of various Government agencies and Departments
2. increase funding support for enforcement of declared noxious weeds by Agriculture Victoria and for the delivery of Pest and Weed mitigation and management programs, including strategic research and programs that help farmers manage weeds and pests on their properties.

Consolidated motions:

- Enforcement of Declared Noxious Weeds by Agriculture Victoria - Mitchell Shire Council
- Weed and pest management - South Gippsland Shire Council

C13: Public Transport

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to improve public transport, including:

1. provision of better bus routes, cleaner and more frequent trains and trams, better integrated transport hubs, and improving connections to areas that are underserved
2. providing the option for people to travel on buses with bikes
3. investigating activating river transport as an option where it might be viable to do so.

Consolidated motions:

- Reshape the Melbourne metropolitan bus network - Hobsons Bay City Council
- Transport Connections - Maribyrnong City Council
- Public Transport - South Gippsland Shire

C14: Active Transport

Resolution

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to support active transport through:

1. Providing funding to councils to fund and deliver pedestrian and cycling improvement projects throughout all of Victoria
2. Provide funding to support a safer and accessible active transport network
3. Improve the connectivity of active transport routes on State Government land with local transport networks to create and extend active transport networks,
4. Including separated cycle ways and more bicycle storage at train stations and activity centres to encourage sustainable and integrated transport options
5. Ensure that active transport is included in Victoria's integrated transport plan as recommended by Infrastructure Victoria in the 'Victoria's Infrastructure Strategy 2021- 2051'.

Consolidated motions:

- Improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure - Hobsons Bay City Council
- Cycling and Pedestrian Safety - Maribyrnong City Council

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- Active Transport - Wyndham City Council

C15: School crossing supervision

Resolution

That the MAV seeks a commitment from the State Government to fully fund school crossing supervision and not impose costs on ratepayers and residents for a service that is unrelated to core Local Government functions.

Failing this, call on State Government to provide fair share funding for the provision of the school crossing supervisor service.

Consolidated motions:

- School Crossing Supervision - Mitchell Shire Council
- School Crossings Supervision - Monash City Council
- School Crossing Service - Councils to receive fair share funding - City of Stonnington

C16: Local Government capacity to resource State Government services and tax collection

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government to provide Local Government Authorities the financial funding support required to continue providing the services to the community that the State Government has cost-shifted its responsibilities, in part or full, to Local Government over time including where local government collects levies for the State Government. These critical services are deemed integral to the health and wellbeing of the community as demonstrated consistently through a wide range of community engagement over a long period of time and should have remained either cost neutral to Local Government, or the greater cost burden remaining with State Government.

Consolidated motions:

- State Government Levies - Frankston City Council
- Local Government capacity to resource State Government services and tax collection - Maroondah City Council

Motions

Mental health support for young people

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C2: Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Rate capping

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution

That the MAV requests the Minister for Local Government takes into account the volatility in CPI when setting rates and seeks engagement with the sector prior to the next setting of the rate cap.

Mental health and wellbeing

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C2: Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Greater funding to support transition to a circular economy

Submitting Council: City of Yarra

Consolidated

Refer to C7: Circular Economy Funding Support.

Improvements to pedestrian and cycling infrastructure

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C14: Active Transport.

Practical Mental Health Support

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C2: Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Mental Health, Jobs, and Employment Pathways for Youth

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C2: Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Cycling and Pedestrian Safety

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C14: Active Transport.

Sex Work Decriminalisation Act – Implementation

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That MAV calls on the Victoria Government to:

1. undertake genuine collaboration with Local Government to implement the objectives and clarify compliance roles in the Sex Work Decriminalisation Act; and
2. provide appropriate levels of funding to assist Council in not only the implementation of the planning and regulatory framework, but also to provide appropriate training for staff.

Comprehensive Candidate Certification Program

Submitting Council: Strathbogie Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV work in partnership with the State Government to:

1. replace the candidate certification program used for the 2020 General Election with a mandatory comprehensive candidate training program for the 2024 general election cycle to ensure all prospective candidates have a deep and clear understanding of the role of a councillor and council to drive sector capability and good governance
2. develop and deliver a state-wide councillor induction program for the 2024 general election cycle that is driven by Local Government Victoria, delivered on a regional basis, and funded by the State to ensure all councillors receive the same induction training in a way that is efficient and helps build relationships and support networks across the state.

School Crossing Supervision

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C15: School crossing supervision.

Resourcing for Kerbside Reforms

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV call on the State Government to increase funding support to local government for the introduction of and ongoing implementation of kerbside reforms.

Reviewing the Maternal and Child Health Program

Submitting Council: City of Whittlesea

Consolidated

Refer to C4: Maternal and Child Health Service

Early Years Infrastructure

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C5: 3-year-old kindergarten reform.

Roads infrastructure funding

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. support the advocacy requests outlined in MAV's Transport Advocacy Strategy 2022 'Locals Know What Locals Need' Rural and Regional Overview:
 - a. Deliver \$20 million annually for a local road blackspot treatment and prevention program.
 - b. Expand the current Rural Roads Support package.
 - c. Deliver \$11 million over two years for a black hole funding program,
2. re-instate the Fixing Country Roads program to assist councils to improve the current state of their local roads to enhance the connectivity, reliability, and efficiency of regional communities.

Maternal & Child Health Service

Submitting Council: City of Boroondara

Consolidated

Refer to C4: Maternal and Child Health Service.

School Crossings Supervision

Submitting Council: Monash City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C15: School crossing supervision.

3-year-old kindergarten reforms

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Consolidated.

Refer to C5: 3-year-old kindergarten reform

Maternal and Child Health Programs

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C4: Maternal and Child Health Service.

Increased mental health support

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C2: Mental Health and Wellbeing.

Enhancing Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate for State and Federal funding agencies administering the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements to commit to adjusting the funding arrangements to allow for:

1. Greater flexibility to recovery funding support for medium and largescale disaster events, that allows for quicker tailored responses to local disaster impacts.
2. Funding flexibility that enables opportunities to address early establishment of recovery needs for impacted councils and their communities, in order to support a resilient and enhanced recovery effort.
3. Provide greater funding clarity that doesn't link funding to a budgetary cycle but instead links funding to the scale and type of disaster experienced.
4. Adopt a more streamlined and pragmatic approach to claims assessment and approval to allow funds to flow more quickly back to councils to reimburse response, relief, and recovery activities.

Local Government capacity to resource State Government services and tax collection

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government to provide Local Government Authorities the financial funding support required to continue providing the services to the community that the State Government has cost-shifted its responsibilities, in part or full, to Local Government over time. These critical services are deemed integral to the health and wellbeing of the community as demonstrated consistently through a wide range of Community engagement over a long period of time and should have remained either cost neutral to Local Government, or the greater cost burden remaining with State Government.

Active Transport

Submitting Council: Wyndham City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C14: Active Transport.

School Crossing Service - Councils to receive far share funding

Submitting Council: City of Stonnington

Consolidated

Refer to C15: School crossing supervision.

Circular Economy

Submitting Council: City of Stonnington

Consolidated

Refer to C7: Circular Economy Funding Support.

Uluru Statement from the Heart

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution

That the MAV call upon all Victorian local government authorities to consider supporting the Uluru Statement from the Heart which calls on the Australian people to walk with First Nations in a people's movement for Voice, Treaty and Truth, and encourage all Councils to write to their respective Federal Member of Parliament calling on the Australian Government to support Constitutional Recognition for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the key principles of the "Uluru Statement from the Heart".

Managing Noisy Miners (Birds)

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government as part of the review of the (Victorian) *Wildlife Act 1975*, to address the increasing issue of Noisy Miners and their negative impact on other native birds.

Pathways to Employment

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution

That the MAV write to the Victorian Government calling for the:

1. Establishment of a dedicated and ongoing Community Resilience and Fairness Response Package to ensure our most vulnerable community members are protected from the worst of the impacts of a prolonged pandemic, particularly the youth.
2. Increased funding for local learning and job preparation programs and initiatives designed to reduce unemployment.
3. Reinvigorate, invest in and grow local manufacturing.

Climate Emergency

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution

That the MAV ask the State Government to work closely with the new Federal Government to:

1. Establish a National Renewable Energy Target of 100% for 2030,
2. Declare a price on carbon pollution, preferably the Australian Carbon Dividend Plan, as soon as possible, and
3. Replicate the success of the 20 million Trees program to re-establish green corridors, urban forests and threatened ecological communities.

Local Business Support

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C1: Economic Recovery from COVID-19.

A fairer Environmental Effects Statement process

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government to implement reforms to make the Environmental Effects Statement (EES) process fairer and less costly for local government and the community whilst continuing to maintain the ability to fully participate.

Develop strategic partnerships – natural resource management

Submitting Council: East Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate for agency and stakeholder collaboration to support the management of natural resources in coastal and mountain areas across the State through developing and implementing a multi-disciplinary approach for natural resource management policy.

Reversal of proposed funding cuts by the Australian Government to the aged care sector

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C6: Aged Care Services.

Combustible Cladding Rectification Program

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C8: Cost Shifting by Victorian Building Authority.

Victorian Building Authority's commitments on orphaned permits

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C8: Cost Shifting by Victorian Building Authority.

Reshape the Melbourne metropolitan bus network

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C13: Public Transport.

Improvement to the freeway entrances to towns and suburbs

Submitting Council: Hobsons Bay City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C11: Maintenance of State Government transport assets.

Lack of Planning Controls and Infrastructure Investment

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C10: Coordinated and timely delivery of new infrastructure for growing communities.

Economic Wellbeing (COVID-19 recovery)

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C1: Economic Recovery from COVID-19.

Housing Affordability

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to support Big Housing Build Projects that:

1. Provide social, public, and affordable housing for low-income workers such as creative industries and hospitality.
2. Promote the development of social, public, and affordable housing growth along transport corridors.
3. Use State Government owned land for new social, public, and affordable housing projects.

Transport Connections

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C13: Public Transport.

Removal of Rubbish Bins from National Parks

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV call on the State Government to increase resourcing for compliance and education to ensure that visitors take their rubbish home and dispose of it lawfully when visiting National and State Parks.

Growth Area – Integrated Planning Process

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C10: Coordinated and timely delivery of new infrastructure for growing communities.

Enforcement of Declared Noxious Weeds by Agriculture Victoria

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C12: Weed and pest management.

Emergency Management – Telecommunications resilience

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C3: Telecommunications Resilience.

Supporting Australian manufactured products

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV call on the State Government to explore the various ways it could support Australian manufactured products through its tender process. As part of this process, seek guidance from both State and Federal Governments and appropriate Local Government authorities on ways in which this can be achieved.

Windfall Gains Tax

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV call on the State Government to ensure that funding made available through Windfall Gains Tax is distributed to LGAs where the tax has been generated to assist Councils with funding local community infrastructure projects.

Affordable Housing Incentive

Submitting Council: Wodonga Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Federal and Victorian governments to address the critical shortage of affordable housing in Victoria through regulatory reform that incentivises provision of affordable homes within new developments at all scales.

Roadside mowing and vegetation maintenance

Submitting Council: Wodonga Council

Consolidated

Refer to C11: Maintenance of State Government transport assets.

Underutilised Public Land

Submitting Council: Wodonga Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to facilitate economic growth by reviewing and unlocking underutilised government land parcels for development for a range of economic and community processes.

Infrastructure funding to mitigate against climate change

Submitting Council: Surf Coast Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocates to the State Government to establish a funding stream for local governments to improve the climate resilience of ageing infrastructure that will be impacted by future extreme weather events due to climate change.

Officers for the Protection of the Local Environment Program

Submitting Council: City of Whittlesea

Resolution

That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government for the Environment Protection Agency to appoint an Officer for the Protection of the Local Environment (OPLE) to each local council in Victoria to ensure a consistent coordinated approach to education and enforcement of State and Local Government environment protection matters.

Public Transport

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C13: Public Transport.

State owned assets and land

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate for responsive maintenance and management for state owned and/or managed assets on crown land (such as reserves, halls, boat ramps, etc.), so that they are suitably maintained for the community's use.

Pest and weed management

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C12: Weed and pest management.

Connectivity Improvements

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C3: Telecommunications Resilience.

Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance)

Submitting Council: City of Boroondara

Resolution

That the MAV:

1. Advocate to the State Government for a moratorium on the issuing of infringement notices to councils for failing to maintain the minimum clearance distances between vegetation and powerlines as prescribed by the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020.
2. Write to the Victorian State Government seeking the inclusion of mandatory aerial bundled cabling as an industry standard for powerline network upgrade works in Victoria within the Electricity Distribution Code of Practice as required under the *Essential Services Commission Act 2021*.

Inclusionary Zoning

Submitting Council: Greater Bendigo City Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate for the introduction of State-wide mandatory inclusionary zoning provisions into planning schemes, where appropriate.

Federal Assistance Grants

Submitting Council: Mildura Rural City Council

Resolution

That MAV call on the Federal Government to commit to sustainability of councils through the restoration of Federal Assistance Grants Programme at 1% of Commonwealth taxation revenue.

Support for the continuation of outdoor dining

Submitting Council: City of Melbourne

Consolidated

Refer to C1: Economic Recovery from COVID-19.

Prohibition of gaming premises in close proximity to supermarkets under the Victorian planning provisions

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate for changes to the Victorian Planning Provisions that would prohibit the use of land for a Supermarket under the Commercial 2 Zone in situations it is seeking to establish in close proximity to an established Gaming premises.

Delivery of age care services

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C6: Aged Care Services.

Orphaned Building Permits

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Council

Consolidated

Refer to C8: Cost Shifting by Victorian Building Authority.

Department of Transport, VicRoads and VicTrack Road and Trackside Maintenance Funding Increase

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C11: Maintenance of State Government transport assets.

Extension of Powers for Council Authorised Officers under the Environment Protection Act

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government to amend the *Environment Protection Act 2017* to allow Council Authorised Officers to have extended powers to instigate proceedings against offenders under s286 & s287 of the Act, in particular for non-compliance with Improvement and Prohibition Notices issued for:

1. unreasonable noise from residential construction sites, and
2. potential impact to human health and the environment from onsite wastewater systems.

Integrated Transport Planning

Submitting Council: Wyndham City

Resolution

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to fully implement the recommendations of the Victorian Auditor General's report Integrated Transport Planning (4 August 2021) and to:

1. take steps to meet their obligations under the *Transport Integration Act 2010* to ensure the integrated planning and management of the State's transport system,
2. ensure the Department of Transport (DOT) improves the transparency of current and future transport plans including better engagement with councils and community,
3. work to ensure individual State transport projects are fully integrated into the local transport network, environment, and place to optimise and capture community benefits.
4. provide an update on how the new DOT structure will ensure a regional view and approach to transport planning.

Support for critical social planning and infrastructure

Submitting Council: Wyndham City

Resolution

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to provide greater support for councils in their planning and forward budgeting of critical social infrastructure projects (including libraries and aquatic centres - that our communities need) through an ongoing social infrastructure funding stream and establishment of funding agreements that:

1. enable councils to plan and deliver a pipeline of critical social infrastructure projects their community needs, when they need it; and
2. deliver long-term funding certainty and provide flexible funding arrangements for councils.

Council Price Index

Submitting Council: City of Stonnington

Resolution

The MAV calls on the State Government to develop and implement a price that reflects the cost pressures faced by local government (including infrastructure, materials costs, service contracts and wage costs) and is used to inform the annual rate cap decision by the Minister for Local Government.

Cost shifting by VBA (combustible cladding, Essential Safety Measures, orphaned building permits)

Submitting Council: City of Stonnington

Consolidated

Refer to C8: Cost Shifting by Victorian Building Authority.

Powerful Owl Protection - Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs)

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government to recognise the harmful impacts of second-generation rodenticides and prohibits their use in Victoria and establish a taskforce to investigate and promote alternative methods of rodent management.

Barbed Wire

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on metropolitan municipalities to consider adopting a policy to manage the use of barbed wire or eliminate where possible the use of barbed wire on Council owned land to reduce impacts to native wildlife.

Wildlife Friendly Lighting Policy

Submitting Council: Bayside City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on all Victorian councils to consider developing a wildlife friendly lighting policy.

Woodfires in built up areas

Submitting Council: City of Yarra

Resolution

That the MAV advocate to the State Government for stronger guidelines around the installation of new wood heaters in built up metropolitan areas through the planning process including the ability to not allow them.

Removal of Redundant Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) Cabling

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

That MAV advocates to NBN Co., Optus and the Australian Government seeking a commitment to fully fund and remove decommissioned and redundant overhead Hybrid Fibre Coaxial (HFC) cabling located on residential, business, and industrial precinct streets following the successful rollout of the national broadband network.

Hoarding and Squalor Taskforce

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

That the MAV:

1. Notes that in 2020, hoarding was a possible contributing factor in 28% of preventable fatal fire incidents in Victoria.
2. Notes hoarding is a highly complex condition requiring professionals from different sectors to work together; and
3. Advocates to State Government to re-establish the Hoarding and Squalor Taskforce previously, coordinated by Department of Health, to ensure professional guidance in the effective treatment and risk reduction of hoarding.

Mandatory Dementia Training

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

That the MAV:

1. Seeks confirmation of Federal Government's commitment to ensuring dementia training is deemed mandatory as an appropriate regulatory lever to build capability for both New and Existing Aged Care Workers.
2. Seeks clarity of funding arrangements for mandatory training requirements.
3. Notes the Aged Care sector's capacity to respond to older people's dementia can be significantly improved through funded mandatory training which may include:
 - a. provision of 'Support to People Living with Dementia' module as a Core part of the Course for new Aged Care Workers.
 - b. provision of opportunities for dementia training for existing Aged Care Workers similar to the module 'Provide Support to People Living with Dementia' and including regular refresher training as part of organisational compliance; and
 - c. advocates to State Government for the development of a guide for families supporting a family member with dementia in their home environment.

State Government Levies

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C16: Local Government capacity to resource State Government services and tax collection.

Banning of Motorised Bikes (Monkey Bikes)

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution

That the MAV works with and advocates to the Victorian Government and Victoria Police:

1. To ban motorised bikes like (illegal) monkey bikes and dirt bikes in public open spaces and reserves, except where such bikes are specifically allowed, and effectively enforce any such ban.
2. To run an education campaign to remind that only lawfully registered motorised bikes may be ridden on public roads.

Air Pollution in Melbourne's Inner West

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to continue the implementation of the recommendations of the "Air Pollution in Melbourne's Inner West; taking direct action to reduce our community's exposure" Report by the Inner West Air Quality Community Reference Group.

Integrated Bin Day App

Submitting Council: City of Whittlesea

Resolution

That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government for the delivery of an integrated Bin Day App that:

1. Allows all residents of Victoria equal access to accurate information about bin collection days; and
2. Supports the standardisation of kerbside bin contents, through consistent and timely messaging, eliminating confusion and ensuring quality product to recyclers; and
3. Integrates into the Service Victoria App.

Office of Victorian Government Architect funding reduction

Submitting Council: City of Boroondara

Resolution

That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to:

1. Immediately reinstate the full \$1.3 million funding to the Office of the Victorian Government Architect (OVGA).
2. Continue to fully fund the role of the OVGA to provide independent expert architectural advice to improve the outcome for State Government and State Significant projects.
3. Make publicly available the advice of the OVGA where they have reviewed State Government and State Significant projects.

Environmental, economic, and social responsibility

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV expands and places measurable weighting on environmental, economic and social responsibility parameters as part of the criteria in awarding public tenders.

Extension for existing use rights

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Council

Resolution

That the MAV advocate to the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to make an amendment to Clause 63.06 of the Planning Scheme that exempts businesses from the current expiry timeframe to exclude the period where the State of Emergency for the coronavirus pandemic was in place from the calculated 15-year period.

Planning for future school provision

Submitting Council: Wyndham City

Resolution

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government and the State Opposition to ensure that Victoria has the government schools that families will need to meet their educational needs as our State continues to grow, by committing to:

1. a sustained program of building of new schools and upgrades to existing schools beyond 2026.
2. a target for new schools to be built by 2031.

Woodfire Heater Smoke

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

Resolution

That the MAV:

1. coordinates a formal offer for councils to work with the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to enable Council land and assets to be used for air monitoring; and
2. advocates to the State Government for the following measure and regulatory change relating to woodfire heating:
 - a. the expansion of the EPA Ambient Air Network (including sensors to provide more localised data for each Local Government area) which will enable greater, fine-grained coverage.
3. support for households with no other main form of heating to promptly switch to electric heating options through the introduction of a bulk-buy, subsidy or other incentive scheme.

Late Motions

Renewable energy - High voltage transmission line technology

Submitting Council: Moorabool Shire Council

Resolution

That the MAV calls on the State Government to deliver better, more sustainable outcomes for the transition to renewable energy by introducing a policy that all future high-voltage transmission projects will be required to investigate the lowest social, environmental, and economic impact technologies and design options available.

High voltage transmission - community engagement policy

Submitting Council: Moorabool Shire Council

Resolution

The MAV calls on the State Government to deliver better, more sustainable outcomes for the environment and local communities being affected by the delivery of new renewable energy infrastructure, by developing a state policy for conducting and integrating community engagement findings when planning for and delivering renewable energy high voltage transmission infrastructure projects.

Provision of open spaces for government schools

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip

Resolution

That the MAV advocate to the State Government that they provide adequate open space for Government schools, or work with councils to ensure an agreement is in place regarding the use of council-managed public open space prior to the delivery of Government schools.

Investment of additional resources for the maintenance of State Government transport assets

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip

Consolidated

Refer to C11: Maintenance of State Government transport assets.

Afghanistan Advocacy

Submitting Council: Greater Dandenong Council

Resolution

That the MAV call upon the Federal Government to:

1. Increase Australia's capacity and speed to evacuate as many people at risk within Afghanistan. This includes those who have worked for, or assisted, the Australian Government and Australian organisations, as well as, human rights defenders and women and girls who are now threatened;
2. Urge neighbouring governments in the region to keep their borders open for those fleeing Afghanistan;

3. Increase our resettlement places for Afghan refugees by 20,000 additional places per year for the next four years;
4. Immediately increase Australian aid to the region to support organisations within Afghanistan and in neighbouring countries assisting those who have fled;
5. Ensure that people whose asylum claims in Australia have been previously rejected be supported to submit new claims in the light of the changed circumstances in Afghanistan;
6. Given the situation in Afghanistan will remain volatile for years to come, the Federal Government needs to provide much needed certainty to 4,300 Afghans currently on temporary protection visas by granting them permanent protections;
7. Assist Afghan Australians, including people with temporary and permanent visas, with urgent family reunion applications for relatives who are at particular risk. There is considerable national interest and support for Australia to take a leading role in responding to the crisis.

MAV Rules Review 2021-22 - proposed changes to the MAV Rules

Those who may submit matters for consideration at State Council

Resolution

That MAV Rules require member councils to submit matters for consideration at meetings of State Council and to do so by Council resolution.

Two-year MAV memberships

Resolution

That MAV Rules require Councils to commit to two-year memberships of the MAV, payable by two annual instalments and to require a Council which intends to withdraw from financial membership of the MAV to provide notice of such intention no later than 31 December in the year prior to membership renewal.

Those who may nominate for the office of the MAV President

Resolution

That MAV Rules require councillors nominating for the office of MAV President to be the nominated MAV representative of their council.

Presidential term and Board term

Resolution

That the MAV Rules provide for elections:

1. for the office of President every two years
2. of MAV Board members every two years.

The size of the Board

Resolution

That the MAV Rules provide for a Board with a President and ten Board members with five Board members elected from rural and regional Councils and five Board members elected from metropolitan Councils.

Regional groupings of Councils

Resolution

That the MAV Rules maintain an equal number of regional groupings of rural and metropolitan councils for the purpose of electing Board members to the MAV Board.

Tenure of President & Board members

Resolution

That the MAV Rules provide for a cap on:

1. Presidential service of four consecutive terms.
2. Board service of four consecutive terms.

By elections

Resolution

That the MAV Rules provide:

1. A casual vacancy in the office of President occurring after 31 August in the year immediately preceding the election for the MAV President is to be filled by the Deputy President from the same general grouping of the Immediate Past President (Metropolitan or Rural) and if that Deputy President is no longer a member of the Board the other Deputy President would fill the vacancy. If neither Deputy President were a member of the Board, the Board would elect a Board member as President.
2. A casual vacancy of a Board member occurring after 31 August in the year immediately preceding elections for the MAV Board will not be filled until the scheduled elections are held.

Plural voting

Resolution

That plural voting be abolished, and all voting be on the basis of one vote per member.

State Council

Resolution

That:

- State Council continue to meet at least twice each year
- the MAV Board be empowered to determine the strategic relevance of member proposed motions to be considered at State Council
- member councils provide the MAV with a minimum of 60 days' notice of proposed motions
- the MAV provide member Councils with a minimum of 30 days' notice of the State Council meeting agenda
- the MAV Board be empowered to put Board proposals before State Council.