



MAV State Council

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Safety at Public Council Meetings

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to actively work with the local government sector and other relevant stakeholders to:

1. develop state-wide measures that support councils to manage and prevent disruptive and unsafe behaviour, particularly at Council meetings.
2. coordinate a response to the expanding and increasingly aggressive cohort in the community that have been targeting local councils in recent months.

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to actively work with the local government sector and other relevant stakeholders to support councils and their communities to hold inclusive activities and events that celebrate our collective diversity of gender identity, sex, sexual orientation, religion, colour, disability, cultural and language backgrounds, and all protected attributes. We stand firmly behind the principle of equality as protected by human rights frameworks.

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: Financial Sustainability

Resolution:

That the MAV take on a leading role in advocating for the financial sustainability of local government by:

1. Facilitating a comprehensive assessment of the impact of cost-shifting on Victoria's 79 councils
2. Exploring the suitability of the Consumer Price Index as the basis for the rate-cap, compared to other measures
3. Calling on the Victorian Government to:
 - a) Review the method for determining the rate cap in line with the costs facing local government,
 - b) Establish a review into the short, medium, and long-term financial sustainability of local government,
 - c) Commit to not placing additional responsibilities on local government without a sustainable revenue stream to support them, and to revisit recent decisions that have resulted in cost-shifting onto local government,
 - d) Distribute a one-off untied grant equivalent to 0.5% of each Council's general rates revenue to bridge the gap between the Essential Service's Commission's recommendation and the rate cap set for 2023/24.

Consolidated motions:

- Long-term sustainability of local government – Glen Eira City Council (Motion 1)
- Rate Capping – City of Melbourne Council (Motion 2)
- Also noting late motions: Rate Capping Process (Motion 93) and Cost Shifting to Local Government (Motion 96) – City of Stonnington.

C2: Windfall Gains Tax

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to amend the Windfall Gains Tax so that:

1. Local government is exempt from the Windfall Gains Tax
2. A proportion of Windfall Gains Tax collected in each municipality be hypothecated for projects within that municipality
3. When identifying projects to fund within a municipality, the Victorian Government partner with the relevant council to jointly determine and prioritise the infrastructure needs of the community.

Consolidated motions:

- Exemption of Local Government from Windfall Tax – Knox City Council (Motion 4)
- Impact of Windfall Gains Tax – Corangamite Shire (Motion 17)
- Also noting late motion – Windfall Gains Tax – Greater Dandenong City (Motion 83)

C3: Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machines

Resolution:

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to introduce regulatory reforms to prevent and reduce gambling harm, including:

1. A mandatory cashless pre-commitment scheme for all electronic gaming machines (EGMs) in Victoria, in line with the system being introduced in Tasmania. This should be a universal system with binding limits.
2. All Victorian gaming venues to be closed between 2am and 6am daily, with a phased reduction to be introduced over time.
3. Change the definition of what is classified as community benefit, under the Gambling Regulation Act 2003, to genuine philanthropic organisations or charities as defined by tax deductible status or grass roots activities.
4. Introduce a State Government fund to support gaming venues that wish to transition away from EGMs.

Consolidated motions:

- Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machines – Brimbank City Council (Motion 30)
- Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machines – Maribyrnong City Council (Motion 31)

C4: Funding for Kindergarten Infrastructure

This consolidated motion was considered as separated resolutions:

- Expanding Funding for Kindergarten Infrastructure – Nillumbik Shire Council (Motion 15)
- Fund and deliver Best Start, Best Life Infrastructure – Baw Baw Shire Council (Motion 16)

C5: Electric line clearance in low bushfire risk areas

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to review the Electricity Safety (Electric Line Clearance) Regulations 2020 to embed consideration of amenity, biodiversity, and urban heat island effect in low bushfire risk areas.

Consolidated motions:

- Electric Line Clearance Guidelines Review for Urban Trees – Brimbank City Council (Motion 51)
- Improved Electric Line Clearance Regulations – City of Port Phillip Council (Motion 52)

C6: Circular economy market development

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to:

1. significantly increase its investment in the Recycling Victoria: a new economy policy and action plan to boost processing capacity and markets for recycled materials.
2. set and report on state-wide targets for the use of recycled content in the construction of State-funded infrastructure.

Consolidated motions:

- Circular Economy – Mitchell Shire Council (Motion 18)
- Greater State investment in boosting recycling market capacity – Glen Eira City Council (Motion 19)

C7: Critical local government skill shortages

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian State Government to:

1. Establish funded student placement and career pathway programs within local government, with the support of tertiary institutions.
2. Tackle skills shortages of urban and regional town planners in particular and including:
 - a) Increase support and funding for university placements and introduction of traineeships and short course certificates for entry-level planners and/or candidates with existing tertiary qualifications to commence working in the sector.
 - b) Release qualified planners from State Government roles to enable recruitment of qualified planners into local government positions.
 - c) Finalise and release the various planning reforms currently being developed to improve the operational efficiency of the Local Government sector to deliver more efficient planning decisions in a timely manner
 - d) Review the statutory timeframes outlined in the Planning and Environment Act 1987 to better differentiate between simple, moderate and complex planning matters.
3. Coordinate a media and advocacy campaign to attract skilled resourcing to the local government sector.

Consolidated motions:

- Critical sector-wide skill shortage in Statutory and Strategic Town Planning specialists – Yarra Ranges Shire Council (Motion 21)
- Local Government Staff Attraction and Retention Issues – Maribyrnong City Council (Motion 22)
- Address skill shortages in Local Government – Maroondah City Council (Motion 23)

Motions

Long-term sustainability of local government

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C1: Financial Sustainability.

Rate Capping

Submitting Council: City of Melbourne Council

Consolidated

Refer to C1: Financial Sustainability.

Review of the VEC costs associated with the Electoral Structure Review Process

Submitting Council: Strathbogie Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV meets with the Minister for Local Government to urgently request a review of the VEC local government structural review to:

1. Reconsider the current fee structure for the 39 councils required to undergo the VEC electoral structural review forum and the financial burden that this represents for small rural shires; and
2. Strongly encourage the VEC panels to the minister to give strong consideration to the submission from even local government about the most appropriate council structure to best serve their communities.

Exemption of Local Government from Windfall Gains Tax

Submitting Council: Knox City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C2: Windfall Gains Tax

Review of Developer Contribution Schemes

Submitting Council: Baw Baw Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government for the Department of Transport and Planning to urgently review the developer contributions schemes in light of rising property and construction costs.

The MAV also advocates for a more efficient and clearer procedure in preparing developer contribution schemes and amendments to existing schemes that reduce the administrative burden, time and costs for councils.

Fines Victoria

Submitting Council: City of Melbourne Council

Resolution:

That the MAV State Council calls on the State Government to:

1. Note:
 - 1.1. That technical and system integration problems led to significant backlog and delay when Fines Victoria was charged with managing collections in 2017/18.
 - 1.2. The disbursements per fee are only now reaching similar levels of collections that existed pre-Fines Victoria.
 - 1.3. Significant collection issues in the early years has compounded and led to a significant increase in the provision for doubtful debts. This has also led to a greater number of fines being determined to be uncollectable bad debts.
2. Provide:
 - 2.1. 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.
 - 2.2. Changes to the methodology and agreed service performance levels that Fines Victoria operates within.

Regulation of Social Media Bullying towards Candidates and Councillors

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate on behalf of candidates and Councillors for additional resources for the eSafety commissioner, Local Government Inspectorate and other relevant bodies to address online bullying, harassment and trolling of candidates and Councillors on social media platforms, including but not limited to:

1. Expanding the authority of the eSafety Commissioner to remove online abuse on online service provider platforms which would either fall under the current threshold of content with the 'intent of causing serious harm' or under a new threshold of 'unintentionally causing serious harm';
2. Work with local governments to develop specific support and social media management programs available for candidates and Councillors through the eSafetywomen program in the lead up to the 2024 elections.

Reporting of Childcare Reimbursements

Submitting Council: Kingston City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Minister for Local Government to amend the Local Government (Planning and Reporting) Regulations to not require reimbursements of childcare costs or expenses incurred by a Councillor who is a carer in a carer relationship as a reported expense item in the Annual Report or elsewhere published.

Maternal and Child Health Program Model and Funding Review

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to undertake a review of the Maternal and Child Health Program Model and Funding with the intention to improve key quality components of the program including:

1. Key Ages and Stages model to address increased scope
1. Workforce attraction and retention to address workforce shortages
2. Database functionality
3. Program and capital funding provided by the State.
4. Review of enhanced MCH funding model to better support family violence and mental health across all LGA's.

Expanding Funding for Kindergarten Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate for expanded capital funding for kindergarten infrastructure to ensure that eligibility:

1. Recognises individual needs and usage patterns of funded kindergarten programs across different LGAs,
2. Considers the ability of non-growth areas to expand facilities with limited land availability,
3. Funding streams and associated agreements offered by the State can work in partnership with each other to enable larger projects to be co-funded, and
4. For the strategy applied for infrastructure planning for funded 3 year old kindergarten planning be reconsidered and a new approach be developed to plan for future infrastructure for expanded 4 year old kindergarten.

Fund and deliver Best Start, Best Life Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Baw Baw Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian Government on:

1. the significant impact of the Kindergarten – Best Start, Best Life reform has on councils and requests detail on how the Victorian Government plans to fund and deliver infrastructure for the reform.
2. establishing long-term funding streams for local government, which covers the full cost of expanding or building new kindergarten infrastructure to facilitate the Victorian Government’s Kindergarten Reform
3. that the Victorian Government take responsibility for the costs associated with implementing and the ongoing servicing of the Kindergarten – Best Start, Best Life reform and not increase the financial burden on councils.

Impact of Windfall Gains Tax

Submitting Council: Corangamite Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C2: Windfall Gains Tax

Circular Economy

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C6: Circular economy market development.

Greater State investment in boosting recycling market capacity

Submitting Council: Glen Eira City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C6: Circular economy market development.

Electrification of swimming pools and community facilities

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State and Federal Government to provide for an ongoing funding allocation to retrofit existing leisure centres and community facilities to be carbon neutral.

Critical sector-wide skill shortage in Statutory and Strategic Town Planning specialists

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Consolidated

Refer to C7: Critical local government skill shortages.

Local Government Staff Attraction and Retention Issues

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C7: Critical local government skill shortages.

Address skill shortages in Local Government

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C7: Critical local government skill shortages.

Empowering electoral representation advisory panels

Submitting Council: City of Yarra Council

Resolution:

That this State Council call on the Minister for Local Government to:

- a) recognise the expertise of its own appointed electoral representation advisory panels and their ability to recommend an appropriate constitution of a Council, guided by consultation with local communities; and
- b) publish a notice in the Government Gazette in accordance with section 13 of the Local Government Act 2020 enabling all Victorian Councils to be constituted in any one of the three permissible manners, which will have the effect of allowing the electoral representation advisory panels to consider all options.

Regional Library Corporation Transition

Submitting Council: Colac Otway Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Notes that regional library corporations are largely funded by their member Councils.
2. Notes that the Local Government Act 2020 requires existing regional library corporations to be wound up by 30 June 2031, which is 10 years after the commencement of section 110 of the Act.
3. Notes that the cost to transition to an alternate management model may be significant and will be borne by the regional library corporations and their member Councils.
4. Supports regional library corporations and their member Councils to advocate to the Victorian Government for resources, both financial and other support, to transition to an alternative model.

Disaster Recovery and Resilience Support for Local Government

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian and Australian Governments to:

1. Simplify the methodology and data inputs required in Victoria to prove Council's eligibility for Disaster Recovery Funding, bringing it in line with other States and ahead of any national unification of claims processes.
2. Financially support Local Government to ensure post-disaster funding programs enable betterment to improve assets beyond the 'previous condition' to provide resilience against future damage resulting from disaster events.
3. Financially support Local Government with an ongoing betterment program to upgrade existing public infrastructure in readiness for increased exposure to future disaster events.

Maintenance of Arterial Road Network

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to take back responsibility for the maintenance of their arterial roads and provide an appropriate maintenance response.

Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machines

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C3: Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machines.

Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machines in Victoria

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C3: Reducing Harm from Electronic Gaming Machines.

Addressing Underlying Causes of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Resolution:

The MAV calls for the Victorian Government to:

1. Adequately resource the Safer Communities Taskforce to enable proactive policing in local streets and neighbourhoods.
2. Provide funding for Homeless Outreach Psychiatric Services and Assertive Outreach Teams to attend incidents with Victoria Police where mental health, homelessness or alcohol and other drug (AOD) misuse is a driving factor.
3. Support local governments to adopt a localised approach to crime prevention by bringing together police, outreach support services, business and community groups to ensure a coordinated response that focuses on both safety and wellbeing.

Supporting building resilience to natural disasters

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the Federal and State Governments to increase funding available to local communities, local government, and individuals, and implement legislation, policy, and regulations to improve and support building resilience to natural disasters.

Affordable Housing

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to create an integrated planning framework across State and Local Government Departments for delivery of sufficient affordable housing that achieves best practice urban design whilst protecting existing neighbourhood character and heritage values.

Safe active transport

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the State Government to plan and fund safer pedestrian and cycling access along the arterial road network within activity centres to reduce incidents involving collisions between cyclists/pedestrians and motorists.

Review of gas, water, and electricity service providers

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the State Government to:

1. Undertake a review of the requirements of gas, water and electricity service providers with respect to the placement of infrastructure within front setbacks of new developments to ensure that objectives in relation to access and safety are balanced with impacts on neighbourhood character and streetscape.
2. Require that the current and future requirements of gas, water and electricity service providers with respect to the placement of infrastructure within front setbacks of new developments are published and made available to enable for the orderly planning of new developments and an integrated approach to landscaping and the placement of service infrastructure.
3. Recognise that progressing the State Government's ESD Roadmap Project can eliminate the need for gas servicing which will directly contribute to the outcomes sought in point 1 above.

Renewable Energy Transmission Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Moyne Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Minister for Climate Action, Energy & Resources and State Electricity Commission that infrastructure to support energy transmission across Victoria be developed using existing easements, be located where practicable underground and require co-location of connecting lines to reduce the impact on agriculture, the visual landscape, recognise risks of bushfire and protect amenity, and that extensive consultation be conducted before any further advancement of energy transmission lines is undertaken.

Social and Affordable Housing

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution:

The MAV calls on the Victorian Government to:

1. establish regional targets for the supply of social housing to better match the number of vulnerable households;
2. expand the Big Housing Build to further increase the supply of social and affordable housing;
3. conduct an audit of state government land for social housing development opportunities;
4. review the private rental assistance programs as they are not currently supporting people to maintain tenancies;
5. undertake immediate legislative reform to strengthen minimum standards for rooming houses;
6. recognise that private market mechanisms are not fit-for-purpose for many people experiencing homelessness to secure long-term private rental housing, and explore innovative models to support people from rough sleeping into social and affordable housing; and
7. improve the homelessness service system to prevent people from experiencing acute homelessness by rolling out the Zero model across the state, supported by state government funding.

Create environmentally sustainable forms of transport.

Submitting Council: City of Yarra Council

Resolution:

That the MAV requests the State Government:

1. commit to creating a State that is climate-safe, equitable and liveable for all residents and visitors through ensuring an accessible and reliable public transport network.
2. commit to the permanency of the Strategic Cycling Corridors pop-up bike lanes and that these will remain a priority for the State Government.

Flood Recovery

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV work with the State Government to release a flood recovery roadmap outlining next steps, future engagement and potential policy changes in relation to flood recovery.

Active Transport

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the State Government to invest in improving the safety of active transport infrastructure. This includes:

1. Implementation of the strategic cycling corridors.
2. Separate trucks, pedestrians and bicycle riders.
3. Greater provision of separated and safe bicycle infrastructure.
4. Improvement of walking networks and intersection level of service for pedestrians

Public Transport Improvements

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the State Government to invest greater public transport services including:

1. Increasing non-peak train frequencies.
2. Implementing bus reform that provides high-capacity, high frequency and direct routes, across metropolitan Melbourne.

Critical Community Infrastructure

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the State Government to implement an ongoing funding stream and prioritisation framework to support the delivery of critical higher order community infrastructure for local government such as public libraries, cultural and community centres, aquatic centres, bicycle infrastructure, and significant recreation facilities to ensure that collectively we can support Victoria's growing population and ensure every Victorian has equitable access to services.

Municipal Building Surveyor legislative reform

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Notes with concern the potential impacts of the recent Supreme Court decision in the case of Shout Rock Cafes Pty Ltd v City of Port Phillip & Anor [2022] VSC 615 on the ability of Municipal Building Surveyors to remedy illegal building works or dangerous and non-compliant buildings and land, and
2. Advocates to the State Government to enact legislative reform to confirm the power of Municipal Building Surveyors to issue a building order, including a building order for minor work, to ensure that Councils and the MBS can require remediation in instances of illegal building work or dangerous buildings or land, beyond the limited type of work prescribed in the Building Regulations 2018.

Reform the funding models for social and affordable housing and the planning system to ensure it consistently facilitates new social and affordable housing development.

Submitting Council: City of Whittlesea Council

Resolution:

That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government to:

1. Implement mandatory contributions via the planning system that require the provision of land and/or dwellings for social and affordable housing as part of new residential development, and
2. Provide permanent and ongoing funding to address the critical shortage of social and affordable housing.

Major Infrastructure Funding

Submitting Council: Mitchell Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the Federal and State Governments to develop, prioritise and appropriately fund major infrastructure for communities in Australia's rapidly growing urban fringe including road, transport, and social infrastructure.

Guidelines outlining minimum consultation requirements for Major Projects

Submitting Council: South Gippsland Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the Commonwealth Government to develop in partnership with state and territory governments, a community engagement framework which includes local government authorities and minimum consultation requirements to be imposed on proponents of projects that achieve 'Major Project' status.

Circular Economy (Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2021) – Proposal to amend Kerbside Glass Collection Methodology

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Advocate to the State Government to collaborate with other local government agencies to investigate options to provide alternatives to the 4th Glass Bin Collection Service.
2. Advocate to the State Government to review and comment upon the NSW business case to expand the CDS service rather than provide a 4th bin to the kerbside service.
3. Advocate to the State Government to ensure that the Container Deposit Scheme equipment and locations allow for future expansion.

State management of Flood Overlays

Submitting Council: Baw Baw Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government to take on the planning, designing and delivery of flood overlays across Victoria.

Electric Line Clearance Guidelines Review for Urban Trees

Submitting Council: Brimbank City Council

Consolidated

Refer to C5: Electric line clearance in low bushfire risk areas.

Improved Electric Line Clearance Regulations

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip Council

Consolidated

Refer to C5: Electric line clearance in low bushfire risk areas.

Action on Air Pollution

Submitting Council: Maribyrnong City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the State Government to work with local government to support the transition of industry and freight to low or no emission methods of operation. This includes:

1. Implementing low emission zones in freight and industry heavy areas, near residential and other sensitive uses.
2. Providing grant programs and funding to support business transition to zero emission methods of operation.
3. Undertaking initiatives to greater separate trucks from where people live and learn.
4. Initiating a heavy vehicle buy-back scheme to incentivise more fuel efficient heavy vehicles.
5. Greater investment in air quality monitoring stations.
6. Greater investment in active and public transport projects.

Planning reform: Sustainable rooftop infrastructure

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government for:

1. Stronger planning controls for new development to maximise the use of rooftop spaces (including podium roofs) for infrastructure that enhances the environmental performance of the building;
2. For such infrastructure to include, but not be limited to, solar panels, green roofs and walls, stormwater capture and retention, urban ecology, food organic gardens, and organics recycling; and
3. The development to be designed so that landscaped roofs are accessible to building residents and/or tenants as communal open space to provide health and wellbeing benefits.

Tree canopy mapping across Victoria

Submitting Council: Knox City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government (via DEECA) for a State Government sponsored tree canopy aerial mapping service to provide communities across Victoria with consistent, comparable, long term tree canopy measurement data to facilitate understanding and reporting of movements in tree canopy to support aligned local and State Government vegetation and climate change policies.

Seeking a variation to landfill levy – Community clean days.

Submitting Council: City of Whittlesea Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to provide a mechanism for councils to seek dispensation for payment of the landfill levy where this dispensation advances the strategic aim of the landfill levy.

Seeking a variation to landfill levy – Water sensitive urban design clean outs.

Submitting Council: City of Whittlesea Council

Resolution:

That the State Government creates a mechanism to allow for dispensation of the landfill levy for the disposal of contaminated sediments from urban wetlands and Water Sensitive Design Urban (WSUD) assets.

Support for the Public and Environmental Health sector

Submitting Council: Yarra Ranges Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to:

1. Provide support and funding to Councils to ensure that changes to legislation and regulation can be adequately implemented, as well as funding administrative overheads incurred in the management of State Government systems.
2. Subsidise the cost to implement and administer state-wide technology platforms including FoodTrader.
3. Engage with and provide training to Local Government prior to the implementation of amendments or new legislation impacting the Environmental Health sector.
4. Commit to an education recruitment program and supporting universities to undertake Industry Based Learning (IBL) to attract further education seekers to the fields of Health Sciences and Environmental Health.
5. Encourage and support universities to implement IBL and workforce placements with Council to combat the current skills shortage.

Development of a state-wide illegal dumping campaign including specific materials for CALD communities

Submitting Council: City of Whittlesea Council

Resolution:

That the MAV State Council advocates to the State Government to develop a state-wide communications campaign materials relating to the issue of illegal dumping, including development of specific material for culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Disaster Recovery and Resilience Support for the establishment of new fit for purpose relief centres and an upgrade of current relief centre assets

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV urgently advocates to State Government and Federal governments for need to allocate funding for fit for purpose relief centres and the ability to scale up of ERC's regionally to support campaign style emergency events.

Disaster Recovery and Resilience Support for the establishment of new system that enables the response agency to have a standardised and uniform approach to evacuations.

Submitting Council: Campaspe Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV urgently advocates to State Government for the need, should an evacuation order is given, that there is an ability for the response agency to be adaptive and provide warning systems are considered and progressive for individual events.

Reinstate 'Know Your Council' Website

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to reinstate recurrent funding for the Know Your Council website

Benchmarking Cyber Security Incidents and Actions

Submitting Council: Maroondah City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Victorian Government to lead a project to undertake ongoing benchmarking of cyber security incidents and mitigation activities at a local government level and provide Council's access to these reports.

Regulation on short-stay accommodation

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate for more effective and uniform State Government legislation in relation to short-stay accommodation, including AirBnB, to alleviate amenity impacts, and to consider limiting the amount of time in a given year whereby dwellings can be rented out on a short-stay basis in areas where housing availability has been identified as a particular issue.

Increase Growing Suburbs Fund

Submitting Council: Baw Baw Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government for increased funding of Councils by doubling the Growing Suburbs Fund to \$100 million commencing from the 2024/25 Budget.

Investing in Telecommunications & Digital Connectivity in Regional and Rural Communities

Submitting Council: City of Greater Bendigo Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on Government to provide greater investment in telecommunications and digital connectivity in regional and rural communities to support increasing populations and industries, growth in jobs and investment, and remove the technological divide.

Urban Food Strategy

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Advocates to the State Government the need to prioritise the conclusion of the Green Wedge and Agricultural Land review in a manner consistent with the vision and goals of a food-secure Melbourne.
2. Call on the State Government to take all appropriate measures in a timely manner to ensure long-term protection of Melbourne's Green Wedge areas as Melbourne's food bowl, with an accompanying commitment to develop a state-wide Food System and Food Security Strategy and Action Plan as called for in the Consensus Statement; and
3. Advocate and support for the protection and enhancement of Melbourne's food bowl, to guard against future shocks associated with climate change and emergencies such as pandemics, and to future proof a resilient, sustainable local food system for Melbourne's population.

Improved financial vulnerability and wellbeing funding for our communities.

Submitting Council: Cardinia Shire Council

Resolution:

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

Mental Health and Wellbeing

Submitting Council: Nillumbik Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV seek funding to improve mental health services by increasing support for the delivery of flexible and dynamic youth outreach and support services with an increased focus on mental health prevention.

Private Health Insurance Lifetime Health Cover (LHC)

Submitting Council: Frankston City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV call upon the State Government to advocate for the removal of the Australian Government, Private Health Lifetime Insurance levy to allow more people access to private health insurance and improve the waiting period for public medical treatments and Local Government in home supports.

Police resourcing and support

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government for additional resources for Victoria Police and related government agencies to support councils addressing anti-social, illegal and challenging behaviour by individuals in public spaces.

Management of Crown Land Recreation Facilities

Submitting Council: Baw Baw Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government for the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action to proactively manage community facilities located on Crown Land including regular maintenance and upgrades.

Protection & enhancement of biodiversity

Submitting Council: Banyule City Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to provide support to the local government sector to achieve 'No Local Species Extinction' which will support the national response to ongoing biodiversity decline.

Promotion of environmental sustainability

Submitting Council: Bass Coast Shire Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the office of the Prime Minister to write to the governing authority of the Nobel Prize in Sweden to include a new category "Sustainability of the Planet".

Local Government Divestment from Investment in Fossil Fuel Financing Institutions

Submitting Council: City of Greater Bendigo Council

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the State Government to promote and incentivise local governments to redirect funds over and above operational cash towards Authorised Deposit-taking Institutions (ADIs) that do not invest in fossil fuel industries, eventually moving towards 100% divestment.

Hoon Driving Regulation

Submitting Council: City of Port Phillip Council

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the State Government to develop effective regulation to stop hoon driving, because of the impact of anti-social hoon driving on communities.