

Recycling and Waste Management

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the Victorian and federal governments to provide leadership and investment for the waste and resource recovery system by:

- Committing to each of the actions in the MAV's 'Rescue Our Recycling' action plan
- Initiating whole-of-government commitments to work towards a circular economy in partnership with all stakeholders
- Investing accumulated and future Sustainability Fund monies into our resource recovery system, including by urgently providing greater funding for sorting and processing infrastructure, community education and market development
- Providing financial assistance to those councils affected by the recent SKM facility closures (if SKM does not provide compensation)
- Implementing a Victorian Container Deposit Scheme in consultation with local government and industry
- Developing contingencies to address potential environmental, economic, and reputational harm which may result from disruptions to recycling services
- Providing financial assistance to councils and the MAV to develop and deliver local government-led solutions including collaborative procurement, community education and improvements to council-owned waste infrastructure

Affordable Housing

Motion:

That the MAV:

1. Advocates to the State and Federal Government to provide significant, consistent and ongoing funding for social and affordable housing, which includes targeted support to address the needs of older women at risk of homelessness as well as other at risk groups such as young people
2. Advocates to the State Government to provide significant, consistent and ongoing funding for homelessness services and access points, to include assertive outreach and brokerage for safe emergency accommodation.
3. Calls on the State Government to provide additional stimulus funding to registered housing services to work in partnership with Councils to support vulnerable residents.
4. Calls on the State Government to reassess their tax relief policy to ensure that incentives are benefiting those with greatest need.

Tree Protection

Resolution:

That the MAV advocate to the Victorian Government that appropriate penalties apply to discourage the removal of trees protected by local laws or planning schemes.

Rate Capping

Resolution:

That the MAV advocates to the State Government on behalf of all Councils that:

- Consideration is given to sector-wide issues that are impacting the costs of all Councils, such as recycling, when the annual rate cap is being set rather than just setting the rate cap at CPI; and
- The funding provided to Councils to deliver services or undertake functions on behalf of the State Government is increased in line with real cost to Council of those services or functions.

Aged Care Services

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Coordinates a campaign and advocates to maintain block funding for the delivery of the Commonwealth Home Support Program beyond June 2020,
2. Advocates for the Victorian State Government to grant an exemption to local government providing home care services from the National Competition Policy.

Nursing and Medication Management Subsidy for Home Care Packages

Resolution:

That the MAV calls on the Federal Government to introduce two new Home Care subsidies to medication management, and nursing services. This will allow Home Care Packages recipients to receive these two crucial services and maintain care in the community.

Compulsory Inclusionary Zoning in Planning Schemes for Public, Social and Affordable Housing

Resolution:

That the MAV:

1. Advocate for a coordinated, national response to housing issues, incorporating all levels of government.
2. Advocate for mandatory controls in planning schemes, in the form of inclusionary zoning, to require affordable housing contributions as part of private development.
3. The MAV seeks State Government funding for a housing officer to support councils to implement State Government housing policy.

Awareness Campaign

Resolution:

That the MAV develops and implements a strategic communications campaign to raise the level of awareness and understanding of the work Councils do in regional and metropolitan Victoria and rebuilds the trust in local government as an institution.