

27 June 2017

Re: Municipal Association Act Review

Banyule Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 26 June, 2017, gave consideration to the MA Act Review Consultation Paper released last month by DELWP, and resolved that Council:

- generally supports the objectives of the proposed reforms as set out in the consultation paper;
- considers that the reforms clarify the role of the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) and establishes principles and practices which are consistent with good governance;
- is supportive of the obligation being conferred on MAV to increase its accountability and reporting to member councils;
- agrees that MAV should continue to be allowed to provide insurance and procurement services for its member councils, and should be allowed to borrow and make investments;
- suggests proposed Reform 9 - Provide that the rules for management of MAV may be amended or removed or remade if 60 per cent of the representatives vote in favour of the change - be clarified and made fairer for metropolitan councils given that the great percentage of Victoria's population resides in 31 of the 79 potential member councils; and
- recommends inclusion of a reform that ensures MAV is transparent and acts with integrity in its Board nomination process, not just for positions on MAV board but for any other Board or Committee positions which MAV may be requested to put forward a representative/s. Such positions should be opened up to all member councils.

Council appreciates having been given the opportunity to provide its feedback on this important reform.

Yours sincerely

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