

Motion for submission to the MAV State Council 23 August 2024

Title
Assessing the impact of State Government decisions on local government and communities
Motion (<i>max 250</i>)
That the MAV call on the Victorian Government to require all new policies, initiatives and legislation affecting local government to have regulatory, financial and community impacts assessed and published.
Rationale for Motion
Why is this a state issue and why should this be endorsed by the MAV? (max 350)
<p>The best outcomes for people and places are achieved when all three tiers of government work together, in parallel.</p> <p>Community outcomes are negatively affected when other tiers of government make decisions that impact councils without consultation and without assessing regulatory, financial and community impacts.</p> <p>Examples include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• grants not being indexed to meet true costs• new responsibilities without receiving adequate resources• increased charges without consultation• revenue is restricted without consideration of cost increase impacts <p>Local Governments request that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• State government consults local government prior to developing and again before implementing new policy or legislative changes that will impact local government and their communities.• State Government uses a rigorous impact assessment mechanism for all policies and decisions affecting local government and their communities.• State Government publishes the results of its impact assessments.