



MAV 2021-22 Rules Review

City of Casey Response to Directions Paper

May 2022

This submission by the City of Casey is responding to the MAV 2021-22 Rules Directions Paper. It is also supported by the Panel of Administrators.

Survey Response

AREA OF RULES	MAV OPTIONS AND DIRECTIONS	COUNCIL'S RESPONSE
Nominating for President	The preferred option is to retain current arrangements and require councillors nominating for the office of MAV President to be the nominated MAV representative of their Council.	In Support
President's term in office	The preferred option is to continue two-year presidential terms in office but to change the MAV Rules to require member Councils to commit to two year memberships, payable in two annual instalments.	In Support Clarification is required around the penalties that a Council may incur if they elect to withdraw its membership throughout the presidential term in office.
President's tenure	The preferred option is to change MAV Rules to cap the tenure of a MAV President at four consecutive two-year terms.	In Support
Electing a Board	<p>Option 1: Is to maintain an equal number of regional groupings of rural and metropolitan Councils for the purpose of electing MAV representatives to the MAV Board.</p> <p>Option 2: Is to maintain an equal number of Board members from rural and metropolitan members, but to conduct "at large" elections, using a proportional representation electoral model in the metropolitan area whilst maintaining regional groupings amongst regional and rural Councils.</p>	In support of Option 2

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Skill based Board Members	The preferred option is to maintain current arrangements whereby members of the MAV Board are all elected members.	Not In Support. Skill based members, in addition to Councillor representation would not only enhance the Board's commercial capabilities, it would ensure the Board is a high-performing body and it would guide the transition from a representative to a functional Board.
Size of Board	The preferred option is to reduce the number of elected Board members from twelve to ten (not including the President).	In Support
Term and tenure of Board Members	The option is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) preferred year Board terms, capped at four (4) consecutive terms. • Board members who are no longer their Council's MAV Representative may complete their term of office. • Councils be encouraged to reappoint their MAV representative when that representative has been elected to the Board 	In Support However, if the president must be the MAV delegate, then so should a board member. This will need to be taken into consideration.
Interim Board Arrangements	The preferred options are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To abolish the concept of an Interim Board, 	In Support

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To abolish the notion of significant decisions and allow the Board to make all decisions on a simple majority vote, and • To provide new Rules for that period after the local government General Elections and before the MAV elections for President and Board which will clarify who would be the President during this period and what would occur in the event that a Board quorum didn't result from the council elections process. 	
Board performance and accountability	The preferred option is that MAV Rules be changed to require the Board to annually undertake a review of Board performance and to include the results of such reviews in the MAV's Annual Report.	In Support
State Council making Policy	<p>The preferred option is to make changes to MAV Rules which:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Empower the MAV Board to ensure that member proposals for State Council: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are of state-wide significance to local government. • Respond to important emerging issues which require the MAV to have clearly adopted positions. 	<p>In Support</p> <p>Provided that there is agility for key sector wide issues to be responded quickly with proactive advocacy through other appropriate pathways.</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have a significant and clear connection with the adopted MAV Strategy. • Are reviewed by the MAV Board and consolidated, amended or modified when broadly dealing with similar subject matter to other member proposals. • Require member Councils to provide notice of member proposals not less than sixty days before the meeting. • Require the MAV to provide member Councils with the agenda for State Council meetings not less than thirty days before the meeting. <p>2. Empower the MAV Board to place Board motions on the agenda of State Council meetings.</p>	
Plural or weighted voting	The preferred option is to abolish plural voting.	<p>Not In Support</p> <p>It is less relevant should the State Council have clarity of purpose at the forum. However, the objective of voting must be to ensure that the decision made is representative of the majority of the membership and represents the interests of the majority of Victorians. It is our view that a plural voting model should be retained.</p>

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Matters for consideration at State Council	The preferred option is to require member Councils to submit matters for consideration at meetings of State Council and to do so by Council resolution.	<p>In Support</p> <p>A resolution of the Council ensures that the motion has been considered by the Council as a matter of MAV significance and relevance.</p>
High standards of ethical behaviour	The preferred option is for MAV Rules changes to prescribe how members of State Council will declare and manage conflicts of interest and to require the establishment and operation of a MAV Audit and Risk Committee.	<p>In Support</p> <p>This is a standard practice in all government and board positions.</p>
Discontinuing MAV financial membership	<p>The preferred option in relation to Councils who wish to discontinue their financial membership of the MAV is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To require six months' notice of that decision to be provided, and • To retain MAV Rules that exclude a non-participating Council member from the services or functions of the MAV except where the MAV CEO has agreed to provide selected services under special fee-for-service arrangements. 	<p>In Support</p> <p>That is reasonable, however, this seems inconsistent with the two-year membership requirement.</p>