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Q3 Maribyrnong City Council
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Page 4: Rules affecting the Office of the President

Q7 I do not support this option.

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. Please indicate:

Q8

Please include any comments about this option.

Council reaffirms its position that the MAV President nomination process should be open to anyone, to allow for a competitive and diverse candidate field.

An effective MAV representative might not necessarily make an effective President, as different skill sets are required to be a high performing MAV President.

Q9

I support this option.

The 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 installments. Please indicate:

Q10

Please include any comments about this option.

Council is supportive of two year Presidential terms continuing as:

- A four year term is a significant commitment and may create a disincentive for those considering nominating.
- A four year term is undesirable in the event of an ineffective President and may undermine the success of the MAV, to the detriment of its members.

There is no reason to believe that an effectively performing President on a two year term would not be re-elected.

Q11

I support this option.

The 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. Please indicate:

Q12

Please include any comments about this option.

Council is supportive of the preferred option of capping a Presidential term at four consecutive (two year) terms to allow for diversity, growth, renewal and regeneration at an MAV leadership level.

Q13

I only support option 2.

Electing a Board
Option 1. Maintain an equal number of regional groupings of rural and metropolitan Councils for the purpose of electing MAV representatives to the MAV Board.
Option 2. Maintain an equal number of Board members from rural and metropolitan members, and conduct "at large" elections, using a proportional representation electoral model in the metropolitan area and maintain regional groupings for regional and rural Victoria.
Please indicate:

Q14

Please include any comments about this option.

Council reaffirms its position that the Board constitution should be not be based on equal metropolitan / regional representation.

The current Board representative constitution of regional geographic groupings creates an obligation for Board members to represent the interests of their region at the MAV, rather than having a functional approach and considering the broader strategic priorities of the MAV.

However, if the representative Board model is to continue, Council supports Option 2 being implemented as it may enable and facilitate a more functional and representative Board for all Victorians.

Q15

I support this option.

Size of the Board
The preferred option is to reduce the number of elected Board members from 12 to 10 (not including the President). Please indicate:

Q16

Please include any comments about this option.

Council is supportive of the preferred option of reducing of the number of Board members to ten (plus President), which would reflect best practice Australian Board governance practice of smaller more effective Boards.

Q17

I am unsure about this option.

Term and tenure of Board members
The preferred option is Two 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. Please indicate:

Q18

Please include any comments about this option.

Council reaffirms its position of Board terms being extended from two years to four years, to create stability and continuity, and allowing time for the MAV to develop Board members, thereby enabling them to make a stronger contribution.

Council reaffirms its position of a maximum of two sequential (four year) terms, to allow for reinvigoration, regeneration, diversity and new skills and experience to be continually brought to the MAV Board.

Council supports the preferred option of Board members who are no longer their Council's MAV representative completing their term of office, to allow for continuity and stability.

Q19

I support this option.

Interim Board arrangements. The preferred option is: The concept of an Interim Board be abolished. The concept of a "significant decision", as defined in the current MAV Rules be abolished and such matters be resolved by a simple majority vote. In the event that the Immediate Past President is no longer a Councillor, the MAV President, for the period between local government General Elections being declared and the MAV Presidential elections should be the Immediate Past Deputy President from the same general grouping of the Immediate Past President (Metropolitan or Rural) and if that Immediate Past Deputy President was no longer a Councillor, the other Immediate Past Deputy President would be appointed as President. If both Immediate Past Deputy Presidents were no longer a Councillor, the Board would elect a President from the remaining members of the Board. MAV Rules be amended to make suitable provisions for securing a Board quorum in the event that fewer than a quorum of members of the Board, who were in office immediately prior to the Council General Elections, have been re-elected as Councillors or have not resigned their positions as MAV President or Board members.

Q20

Please include any comments about this option.

Council is supportive of the range of preferred options in relation to Interim Board arrangements. This would ensure ongoing governance arrangements in a simplified manner between Council Elections and the MAV President and Board elections.

Page 6: Rules affecting State Council

Q21

I support this option.

State Council making PolicyThe preferred option is to make changes to MAV Rules which:Empower the MAV Board to ensure that member proposals for State Council: Are of state-wide significance to local government. Respond to important emerging issues which require the MAV to have clearly adopted positions. 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 60 days before the meeting. Require the MAV to provide member Councils with the agenda for State Council meetings not less than 30 days before the meeting.

Q22

Please include any comments about this option.

Council is supportive of the range of preferred options relating to State Council reforms, which would enable and facilitate State Council focusing on strategic and emerging issues of significance, inclusive of stronger and more effective policy development and advocacy setting at a national and state level.

Q23

I support this option.

Empower the MAV Board to place Board motions on the agenda of State Council meetings.

Q24

Respondent skipped this question

Please include any comments about this option.

Q25

I do not support this option.

Plural or weighted voting.The preferred option is to abolish plural voting.

Q26

Please include any comments about this option.

Upon considering the Directions Paper, Council does not support the preferred option to abolish plural voting. Plural voting addresses the large variations in Council populations across Victoria. Without plural voting, the voting strength would very much be with smaller rural councils. Plural voting is necessary to ensure that MAV policy and strategy focus on both metropolitan and regional Victoria, rather than a stronger focus on regional Victoria.

Q27

I support this option.

High standards of ethical behaviourThe 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.

Q28

Please include any comments about this option.

Council supports the preferred options of introducing Conflicts of Interests for State Council members and the establishment of a MAV Audit and Risk Committee, considered best practice governance and integrity, and aligned with the principles of the Local Government Act 2020.

Q29

I support this option.

Councils discontinuing their MAV financial membershipThe preferred option in relation to Councils who wish to discontinue their financial membership of the MAV is: 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.

Q30

Please include any comments about this option.

Council reaffirms its support for the preferred options of requiring six months' notice to resign from membership of the MAV and retaining rules that exclude a non-participating Council member from the services or functions of the MAV, to ensure the ongoing financial sustainability of the MAV.
