

MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION OF VICTORIA STATE COUNCIL 24 JUNE 2022

Motion Submission Form

Motions must be submitted by one council but may be supported by other councils. The council submitting the motion will need to supply written confirmation from any council(s) listed as supporting the motion.

The Motion should be no longer than 250 words (1700 characters) and rationale no longer than 350 words (2400 characters).

1. Name of Motion

Comprehensive Candidate Certification Program

2. Motion (max 1700 characters)

That the Municipal Association of Victoria work in partnership with the State Government to:

- 1) replace the candidate certification program used for the 2020 General Election with a mandatory comprehensive candidate training program for the 2024 general election cycle to ensure all prospective candidates have a deep and clear understanding of the role of a councillor and council to drive sector capability and good governance
- 2) develop and deliver a statewide councillor induction program for the 2024 general election cycle that is driven by Local Government Victoria, delivered on a regional basis and funded by the State to ensure all councillors receive the same induction training in a way that is efficient and helps build relationships and support networks across the state.

3. Submitted by (Council name)

Strathbogie Shire Council

4. Other supporting councils (please list councils that support this motion) (optional)

Nil

5. Please attach written confirmation from supporting councils.

6. Is this motion supported by resolution of council?

Yes

7. If yes, please insert date of resolution

Tuesday 17 May 2022

8. Does the subject matter of this motion have state-wide significance to local government?

Yes

9. Does this motion relate to the MAV Strategic Plan 2021-25?

Yes

10. If yes, please select the primary MAV Strategic Plan Priority to which the motion relates (choose one):

Sector capability and good governance.

11. Is this motion identical or substantially similar to a motion submitted by your Council to State Council in October 2018, May 2019, October 2019 or May 2021.

No

12. Rationale for Motion

Relevant background information in support of the motion should be included in the space provided for the rationale and not in attachments. The rationale should be no longer than 350 words (2400 characters).

We are seeking to further our call for a comprehensive mandatory candidate certification program and councillor induction program, first put to the State in our response to the Local Government Culture Project.

We believe a more comprehensive candidate certification program is required for the 2024 general election cycle given the ever-increasing complexity and demands on councillors and councils across the state. We want the State, and the MAV, to be proactive in developing a meaningful certification process so candidates are fully aware of the breadth and depth of their role, and the role of a council, to help address the situation where a significant number of newly elected councillors have little understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

We are also calling for a statewide councillor induction program so that all newly elected councillors are trained in a consistent, efficient and effective way to meet the induction requirements under the Local Government Act 2020. This program should be delivered on a regional basis to facilitate the development of relationships and collaboration between individual councillors and between councils to further the achievement of the principles of the Local Government Act 2020.