

# Victorian State Government e-Waste Consultation

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To the project leader,

The City of Casey share the concerns raised by the Municipal Association of Victoria in its' submission to the State Government consultation on the ban of e-waste to landfill. The MAV paper is comprehensive and well-articulated, and officers express unconditional support for that submission.

In particular, Council has previously lobbied state and federal governments for a more coordinated approach to waste policy across Australia including strengthening the national approach to product stewardship and Extended Producer Responsibility. We feel it is critical that industry is properly incentivised to ensure cradle to cradle responsibility for the products they make, and consumers are incentivised to ensure correct disposal of the products they use. To this end we look forward to the upcoming review of the *Product Stewardship Act 2011*.

In the meantime, we persist with end of pipe responses that place emphasis on councils having to manage complex and changing waste streams. The pending State Government ban on e-waste continues this trend and places significant logistical and financial responsibilities on councils without adequate resourcing or compensation.

While a Policy Impact Assessment has been completed, a comprehensive and adequate response to the issues therein is lacking.

Officers support the MAV recommendations to;

- delay entry into force of the ban until the \$15 million Sustainability Victoria infrastructure support program has been rolled out and all priority collection points have been upgraded to meet the relevant standards for safe handling and storage
- allocate funding from the Sustainability Fund to:
  - support councils to provide additional collection points that are safe and readily accessible to the Victorian community
  - compensate councils for any reasonable additional waste management costs borne by councils as a direct result of the ban for the first 24 months of the ban
- work with retailers to establish collection points at outlets that sell electronic goods
- increase the funding allocation for the education and information campaign for the ban to at least \$3 million over three years, as per the cost benefit analysis, to enable implementation of a clear, consistent and effective campaign across Victoria
- strengthen advocacy to the Australian government to expand existing product stewardship schemes and establish new schemes so that the costs associated with recycling e-waste are borne by those producing, selling and purchasing the products.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback and we look forward to the State Government response to the consultation process.

Yours sincerely

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