

MAV State Council Meeting – 18 May 2018

Recycling Industries in Victoria

Submitted by: Yarra City Council

MOTION:

That:

- a. restrictions in plastic waste exports together with population increases and projections of major increases in waste going to landfill, have created urgency in domestic recycling and resource recovery;
- b. in light of the above, MAV pursue with the State the application of the Sustainability Fund and other funding sources, the development of new recycling processes and industries in Victoria:
 - using waste plastics for reuse in products;
 - conversion of food and other organic waste for fertilisation;
 - recycling of tyres and glass for reuse in road surfaces and other products;
 - recycling of batteries and other waste products.

MAV Strategic Work Plan (SWP):

Indicate whether or not the subject matter of your motion is included in the MAV SWP 2017-19.

Is the subject matter of this motion included in the SWP?	Yes
If yes, identify the following:	
Objective No.	2
Priority No.	2c
Item No.	1

RATIONALE:

- (a) Victoria and Australia lag in recycling and re-use of waste through application of advanced technologies to convert waste from domestic, commercial and industrial waste streams, into new reusable products.
- (b) There is considerable scope to apply new technologies to improve waste resource recovery to create new industries, attract investment and grow jobs in Victoria.
- (c) Restrictions in export of waste to China has created urgency together with opportunities to apply new technologies to enable Victoria to be self sufficient in waste management and resource recovery in lieu of exporting waste or increasing waste going to landfill.
- (d) With projected population increased by 2051, an estimated extra one million tonnes of waster will go to landfull each year, requiring two large new landfills to be created, unless new solutions are introduced to deal with waste;
- (e) The Sustainability Fund generated from landfill levies since 2005 should be applied to promote new recycling and resource recovery industries in line with the objectives of the Fund.
- (f) Joint State and Municipal action on waste resource and recovery action is imperative with MAV being requested to take a stronger lead on behalf of the sector to work with the State to achieve residual waste processing solutions.

Note: 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. All relevant background information in support of the motion should be included in the space provided for the rationale and not in attachments. **The motion and rationale should be no longer than one page.***