

**MAV State Council Meeting – 13 May 2016**

**MOTION  
STATE GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR SERVICES**

**Submitted by:** Surf Coast Shire

**MOTION:**

That the MAV continue to advocate to the State Government to appropriately fund services that are state government responsibility that are delivered by local government.

**RATIONALE:**

The State Government introduced the Fair Go Rates system which included a rate cap increase at 2.5% late in 2015. Like councils around the state, Surf Coast Shire Council is preparing to meet the financial future the rate cap imposes.

For many years and in the lead up to introduction of the Fair Go Rates System, an increasing range of services that are State Government responsibilities have been provided by councils under shared funding agreements with the State. Research indicates that the State's contribution has reduced, stopped completely or not kept pace with costs. Examples of these services include school crossing supervisors, library services and the State Emergency Service.

More clarity is needed about which services are State Government responsibility and to what level they are being funded. It is timely that the local government sector engages with the State Government and gain a stronger commitment to appropriately share these costs.

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**MOTION  
REFORM PROGRAM WITH THE STATE GOVERNMENT**

**Submitted by:** Surf Coast Shire

**MOTION:**

That the MAV seek a commitment from the State Government to work in partnership with the sector on a reform program in response to the challenges and opportunities presented by the Fair Go Rates system including initiatives in digital transformation and shared services.

**RATIONALE:**

It is timely for local government to closely analyse how it delivers services under the Fair Go Rates system. MAV can play a pivotal role in gaining a commitment from the State Government to partner with the sector in developing a reform program to meet challenges and realise opportunities the Fair Go Rates system brings.

There is no doubt local government needs to harness the digital future to deliver more efficient services that better meet the needs of customers. Shared services between councils, other levels of government and other organisations can also be considered a way of improving the way governments at all levels delivers services.

With the Fair Go System in place, local government needs to work in partnership with the State Government to deliver this reform.

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