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# Local Government Portfolio

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee

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**The Hon Melissa Horne MP**

Minister for Local Government



# Continuing to support our local councils

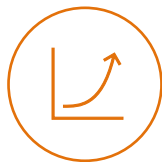
For 2023 -24 Victorian Government funding for local government has increased by \$158 million



Victorian Government grants and transfers budgeted to \$556 million (2022 -23) to **\$714 million (2023 -24)** increase from



Commonwealth Financial Assistance Grants budgeted to \$664 million (2022 -23) to **\$732 million (2023 -24)** increase from



Total grants and transfers to local government budgeted to \$1.220 billion to (2022 -23) to **\$1.446 billion (2023 -24)** increase from

# Doing what matters

## Budget initiatives

**\$12.1 million** to do what matters for local government workers



Creating a tailored Fair Jobs Code for local governments



Supporting traineeships and apprenticeships in the local government sector



Expand coverage of the Gender Equality Act 2020 to include library corporations



**\$400,000** to do what matters for local communities



# Continuing investment in what matters

Programs and projects focus on key issues



**\$53.735 million**  
to fund public libraries



**\$4.89 million**  
to the Municipal  
Emergency Resourcing  
Program



**\$2.8 million**  
to assist councils  
manage Roadside weeds  
and pests



**\$732 million**  
in Commonwealth  
Financial Assistance  
Grants

# Emergency Management Support

In partnership with the Victorian Government, councils have provided significant support to their communities following recent emergency events



## State Flood Impacts

63 of 79 councils impacted.



## Flood Support

**\$33 million** through the Council Flood Support Fund provided to 46 eligible councils.



## Rapid Antigen Test Program

**\$7.4 million** through the Rapid Antigen Test Program to distribute more than **2.3 million tests** to the community.



## Public Disturbances

Support councils to enable Councillors, staff, and the community to participate safely in council activities and operations.



# Good governance is key

In 2022-23 the Victorian Government took action to support good governance across the local government sector



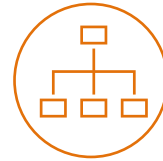
Seven Municipal Monitors appointed to support good governance



Commission of Inquiry and Dismissal of Moira Shire Council



Councillor Conduct Framework



Local Government Performance Reporting Framework



Mandatory councillor integrity requirements



Rating Reform

# A future focus for local government

Victorians deserve local governments that reflect economic, social, and cultural needs of their communities.

Looking to the local government October 2024 elections, the focus is on:



Governance and  
accountability



Representation and  
Inclusion



Efficiency and  
Transparency

