

Motion

That Council adopt the 2018 Victorian election Call To Parties as set out at the attachment to the notice, and requests that the Lord Mayor write to the leaders of the Australian Labor Party, Liberal Party of Australia and Australian Greens Victoria in the Victorian Parliament, and that she and CEO facilitate the communication and publication of responses as implied in the introduction.

Background

The Call To Parties was developed collectively by Melbourne City Councillors, taking into account existing City of Melbourne policies and strategies.

Moved: Lord Mayor Cr Sally Capp

Seconded: Cr Rohan Leppert

CITY OF MELBOURNE CALL TO PARTIES FOR 2018 STATE ELECTION

Introduction

Melbourne is Australia's fastest growing city, and urban renewal and densification in central Melbourne is catering for a significant proportion of this growth. Average daily visitors and commuters to Melbourne's CBD are soon expected to exceed 1 million. State and Local Governments share responsibilities for planning for this growth, and managing the intensification of development, employment, economic opportunities and regulatory challenges.

In the interests of joining up government to plan Melbourne efficiently, this document sets out the City of Melbourne's priorities for State and Council cooperation, and for State reform to improve the most significant challenges facing the municipality.

Melbourne City Council asks the following 17 questions of the Government, Opposition and crossbench parties in the Victorian Parliament, seeking responses in advance of the 2018 Victorian general election (by 30 October, the date the electoral writ is to be issued). Letters to party leaders will also be copied to local members and candidates for the State districts of Melbourne, Albert Park, Brunswick and Prahran for their information. Responses from parties will be posted on the City of Melbourne website without editorial comment as they are received.

Call To Parties

- Will you work with the City of Melbourne to secure new public open space in central Melbourne? Projects we seek your views on include:
 - a) the linking of parks along the Flinders St to Southern Cross stations viaduct;
 - b) securing significant new public open space, and establishing a meaningful open space contributions regime, in the Arden precinct ahead of development;
 - c) securing a permanent park on Franklin Street between Swanston and Victoria Streets as a legacy of the Metro Rail project; and
 - d) vesting the triangular site on the Victoria and Exhibition Streets with Council.
- What are your targets and funding commitments for the 2018-22 term for climate adaptation and mitigation in greater Melbourne, including large scale renewable energy investment and stronger Environmentally Sustainable Design requirements in the Victoria Planning Provisions?
- Will you assist the urban renewal of Fishermans Bend and inner city environmental management by transferring Committee of Management status for Westgate Park to the City of Melbourne?
- Will you commit to planning and building new local solutions to the recycling crisis, including the mass diversion of recyclables to waste, and waste to landfill, working with local governments?
- Will you commit to a canopy cover target on all State Government managed land in greater Melbourne to contribute to help create a metropolitan Urban Forest?
- What are your plans to tackle homelessness including with housing-first models where real social and health support is wrapped around stable medium-term housing solutions?
- Where will you fund and build safe bicycle commuter routes of state significance into the central city, and will you complete a bike share policy including the regulation of dockless shared bikes trading on public space, noting that Local Government lacks legal authority to regulate?
- Will you seek a clear mandate to commence Metro Rail 2 on an identified route, and complete designs, planning and tenders by 2022?
- By when will you complete and publish an integrated transport strategy for Victoria as required under the *Transport Integration Act 2010*?

- Will you commit to a new Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate State, Local and community strategic planning- and governance-framework setting, to ensure the efficient planning of declared urban renewal areas in the municipality?
- Will you review Part 3 of the *Planning and Environment Act 1987* ('amendment of planning schemes') to improve the efficiency and coordination of amendments and reduce the increasingly litigious nature of panels, working with the City of Melbourne and stakeholders?
- What are your concrete plans to progress State housing affordability policy, particularly with regards to using underutilised State Government land for new public housing, and in rolling out inclusionary zoning on a large scale?
- Will you remove the 25,000 sqm gross floor area threshold where the Minister for Planning becomes the Responsible Authority for planning applications, returning responsible authority status to the City of Melbourne, in the interests of removal of duplication between State and Local Government? Or at least increase the threshold to 50,000 sqm?
- Will you comprehensively and urgently review (with genuine City of Melbourne and public input) planning, building and owners corporation laws with a view to significantly clarifying categories of accommodation and tenancy types and ensure a fairer system for all high density residents?
- Will you announce your plans for the future use of the Melbourne Youth Justice Centre and precinct in Parkville, and will you work with the City of Melbourne to ensure a clear plan for Parkville Gardens generally, so as to reduce the incidence of ad hoc planning rule changes site by site?
- Will you set out a funding and delivery timeline for delivery of the Harbour Esplanade masterplan, fully integrated with the Stadium precinct and a renewed whole-of-Docklands Community and Place Plan?
- Will you work with the City of Melbourne and other effected Councils to introduce new student accommodation design standards, similar to the Better Apartment Design Standards?