

29 July 2019

Hon Adem Somyurek
Minister for Local Government
Minister for Small Business
Level 16, 121 Exhibition Street
Melbourne, VIC 3001

Dear Minister Somyurek

LGPro Submission: Local Government Bill 2019

Please find attached LGPro's submission to the Local Government Bill 2019.

LGPro is the peak body and professional member association and leading voice for people working in Local Government in Victoria.

This submission has been developed through consultation with our Governance Special Interest Group, Board Members and Local Government Chief Executive Officers.

**Please read this in conjunction with our original submission to the Local Government Amendment Bill 2018 (copy attached).*

Whilst there are a range of views across the sector, on balance LGPro supports the Bill and supports the additional reforms. We have been most appreciative of Local Government Victoria's engagement with the sector and believe that this review will produce a more responsive, community focused, and positive legislative platform for Victorian Local Government.

There are a number of areas that we believe require further refinement and advice to the sector through the Regulations and Guidance/Practice notes and development of Governance Frameworks that will suit small, medium and large Councils, for example. In particular we believe that the opportunity to create consistency across the Sector rather than having 79 different interpretations of the Act/Regulations is one that ought to be seized upon and we offer our expertise in partnering with LGV to ensure this opportunity is captured.

Yours sincerely



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