

May 2021-22 Rules Review

Yarriambiack Shire Council

*Principles that might guide revised Rules*

Council agrees with effective advocacy and influence in decision making being appropriate principles. In addition, having just completed consultation for the new strategy – it is sensible to focus on enabling its operational focus for delivery.

*Rules affecting the office of the MAV President*

It seems logical that the President – when elected- should be their Councils nominated representative to ensure credibility of their candidature. If they are unable to have the confidence of their Council group, it is unlikely they will have wider confidence. As such an endorsement locally should be required prior to endorsement for office of MAV President.

If the President term was four years, what provisions would exist for that term to be terminated should the President no longer have the confidence of the Board?

Council believes there should be a cap. If the term is 4 years, then one term should be the cap. If two years is the cap, then a cap of up to three terms either consecutively or in total should be in place.

If the President is from a non-participating Council, there would be credibility impacts for that role. If the President term is two years, perhaps a commitment for two years from Councils would overcome that potential disconnect occurring.

*Rules affecting the MAV Board*

Council considers that there may be a board that could be comprised of four regional and four metro at large board positions (with no more than one representative from a particular Council) and then two skills based board members – taking the Board total to ten.

As previously stated, two year terms to a maximum of six would be an appropriate tenure.

Council considers that a simple majority and checks & balances for the caretaker period.

A well governed Board should be undertaking regular reviews of their performance, in addition a Board member should be able to complete their term, if it is only one or two years, unless there has been a serious misconduct breach. If the term is four years, then there is a risk the member could be 'dis endorsed' by their council for a substantial length of time – again affecting credibility.

*Rules affecting the State Council*

Yes, the new rules should require the MAV Board to play a stronger and more focused role on matters coming before State Council and should ensure the State Council is modified to incorporate more strategic consultation mechanisms.

Motions should require a Council resolution and require conflict of interest provisions.

Member Councils should have to give notice to discontinue financial membership in time for the next financial years budget preparation or alternately- as stated above- should provide two years of commitment with a renewal 6 months before that two year period ends. Non participating Councils should not be able to access MAV services including Procurement as there needs to be a disincentive.