

Fact sheet

Advocacy: Budget submission



A critical part of RCV's role is to advocate on behalf of people who living in the municipalities it represents.

Recently, RCV made a submission to the Victorian Government regarding its 2018-19 Budget.

Key issues which RCV encouraged the Government to give its attention and funds to included:

Key issue	Key measures	Message to Government
The repair of ageing roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creation of a Rural Roads Support Fund \$200 million over four years VicRoads funding to key rural roads \$100 million over four years Implement a Liveable Rural Communities Fund \$100 million over four years 	Our roads are the links that keep rural Victoria's economy alive, but they're falling apart. State Government support will mean the difference between a dangerous and poorly maintained road network and a vibrant rural economy. Creating a Rural Roads Support Fund will assist rural councils to repair and improve the local roads that service major industries and communities. Increasing funding to VicRoads to improve key linking roads in rural Victoria will also allow the agency to close the maintenance gap between metro and rural roads in Victoria.
Smarter service delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State takeover of funding for rural crossing supervisors Moving fire prevention activities into the CFA's budget 	Rural Victorians have many traditions, but outdated funding models is one we could do without. As part of a broader discussion about how rural councils and the State Government share responsibilities for service provision, we've identified two areas for immediate action. Bringing school crossing supervisors and fire prevention activities under the umbrella of the state government reflects best practice and better meets the needs of rural workers and their communities.
A strong voice for rural Victorians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing funding for Rural Councils Victoria: \$3.5 million over four years A new Minister for Rural Communities 	The 750,000 Victorians who live in rural areas have unique needs – they need a voice that represents them. RCV performs vital work supporting rural communities across the state. Continuing to support this work will ensure no Victorian gets left behind, and everyone has a place at the table.
Financial sustainability for rural Victorians	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to set up collaborative procurement projects: \$5 million Funding to set up energy saving projects: \$5 million 	Delivering long-term savings sometimes requires a significant initial investment – that's where the Victorian Government can help. To squeeze the most we can out of every dollar we have, rural councils across Victoria are looking to set up shared services and collaborative procurement. Setting up a new grant program to help rural councils become more efficient would ease the burden of rate capping, and help councils deliver services to communities for generations.

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