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23 August 2019

Notice of Motion No.97

Waste Management

I hereby give notice that it is my intention to move at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on 26 August 2019 the following motion.

That Council:

1. *Write to the Premier of Victoria, the Treasurer, the Minister for Local Government, the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, other relevant members of Parliament and the Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group, requesting the Government consider legislation to create a Waste Management Infrastructure Authority, similar to other delivery authorities established by the State Government such as the Level Crossing Removal Authority and the Victorian School Building Authority.*

2. *That the abovementioned letter note the following key matters:*

   - *Since its introduction in 2005, the landfill levy has collected over $1.7b in funds;*
   - *That the current balance of levy, now called the Sustainability Fund is in the order of $0.5b;*
   - *That the original intent of collecting the landfill levy was to boost recycling rates and support waste reduction measures;*
   - *Given that the waste sector is currently in a crisis, there should be a re-prioritisation of expenditure from the Sustainability Fund from its current broad use toward sustainability initiatives to one which gives immediate focus to expenditure which would enhance recycling measures within Victoria, support the creation of a circular economy and limit the amount of waste going to landfill.*
   - *That in establishing the Waste Management Infrastructure Authority, the State Government set a target for both waste reduction and waste recovery across a five year horizon, including a target reduction of municipal waste going to landfill.*
   - *That the proposed authority would lead and oversee the Waste and Recycling Sector, including policy and strategic direction, legislative powers and management of the development and delivery of required infrastructure to support waste services in Victoria.*

Cr Gill
Dinsdale Ward

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