

VLGA - LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILLOR ADVISORY NETWORK (LG-CAN)

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Purpose

The Local Government Councillor Advisory Network (LG-CAN) is established by the Victorian Local Governance Association (VLGA) to seek councillor input into

1. local government policy development and implementation;
2. sector advocacy;
3. support and networking opportunities for councillors.

Membership

- LG-CAN is open to all councillors from VLGA member councils.
- There is no cost to member councillors to join the Network.
- Members are expected to cover their own out-of-pocket costs associated with Network meetings and events.
- Members of the Network may invite councillor from member and non-member councils to participate in meetings with the approval of the Network members.
- Members can resign from the Network at any time by providing due notice.
- Membership of the Network will cease once the councillor's tenure ceases.

Meetings and Events

- The Network will be facilitated by a nominee from the VLGA. The convenor is responsible for the setting of meeting agenda items in consultation with the membership and the VLGA.
- Network meetings and events will take place every 3-4 months, or as determined by the Network membership.
- The meeting and events schedule and venue may be adjusted by the convenor as necessary.
- The convenor may invite guest speaker/subject matter experts to selected meetings, including council officers.
- The VLGA will support the Network through provision of meeting facilities and associated administrative support.
- Network meetings and events are informal in nature and are designed as forums for exchange of information.
- Members of the Network are expected to adhere to confidentiality on relevant matters discussed during meetings and events.
- Member of the Network are expected to consider issues and proposals on a sector wide basis (i.e. their impact on local government as a whole) rather than on an individual council basis.