

Media Release

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Culture Review Commended

The VLGA welcomes the *Local Government Culture Project* as announced today by the Minister for Local Government, the Hon Shaun Leane MLC.

The VLGA and councils across Victoria look forward to engaging with the Price Waterhouse Coopers team, and their academic partners Professor Graham Sansom, Adjunct Professor at the University of Technology Sydney, and Professor Anona Armstrong AM, Emeritus Professor at the Victoria University College of Law and Justice.

As the local government peak body committed to supporting good governance in the sector, the VLGA recognises the value of a wide-ranging review into what influences culture and behaviour in Victorian councils. The business of local government is complex, and it is evident that the value delivered to and received by communities is inextricably linked to the culture of each council and in particular, the ability for the council and elected representatives to model and uphold the principles of good governance – having regard for respect, collaboration, accountability, transparency, strategic focus, and delivery of the best possible outcomes.

We commend the Minister for this initiative.

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Please attribute to VLGA President Cr Denise Massoud and VLGA Chief Executive Officer Kathryn Arndt

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