

2017-18 Budget Estimates Hearing

2 June 2017



The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP
Minister for Local Government



Environment,
Land, Water
and Planning

Local Government in Victoria

79 municipalities



\$84 billion in community infrastructure and assets



Employs 43,978



637 democratically elected councillors



Budget

Each municipality manages significantly different

184 million



Average metro council

Average rural council

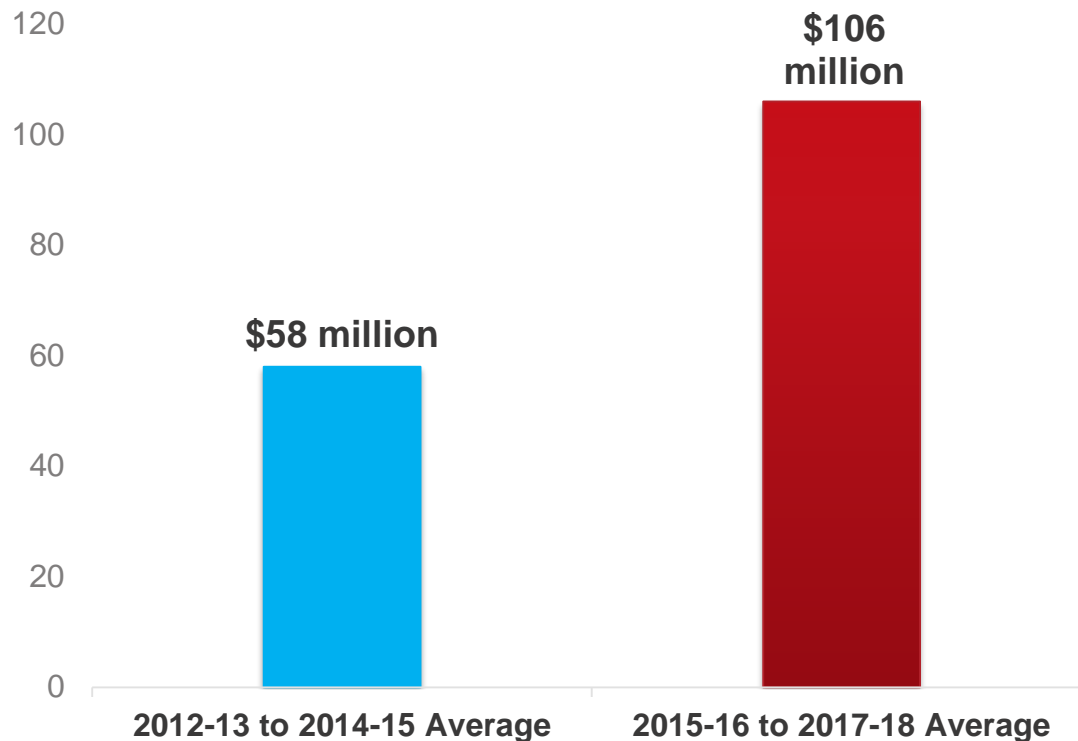
\$629 million

Highest approx.

\$11.4 million

Lowest approx.

Local Government output cost



The 2017-18 Budget builds on the already significant investment the Victorian Government has made in the Local Government portfolio since 2015-16.

Getting on with our reform agenda

Our **three pillars** of reform for local government in Victoria:

**Integrity and
good governance**

**Building capacity
and performance**

**Delivering for
communities**



Gender equity in local government

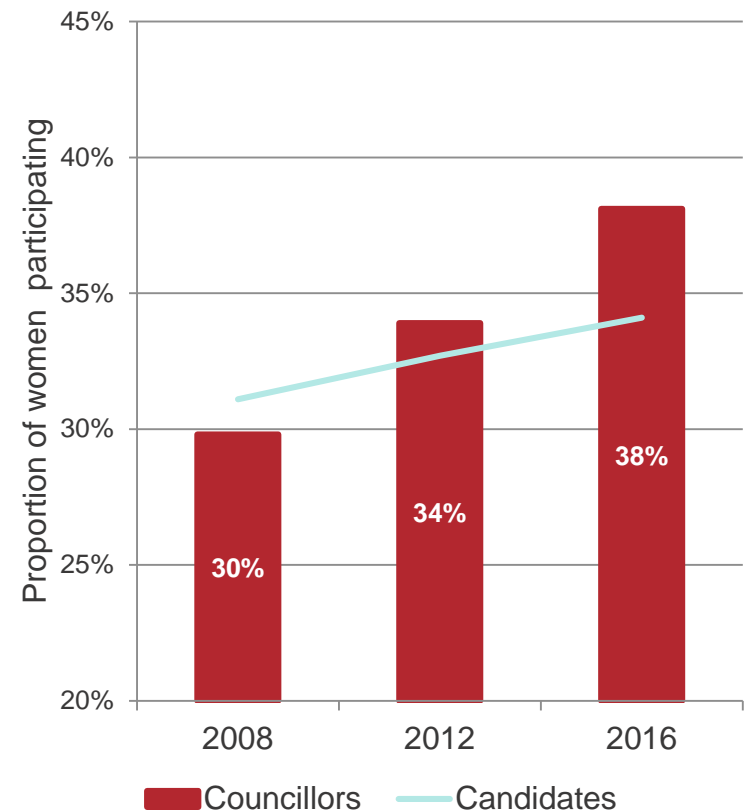


Participants of the 2017 ALGWA Women's Mayors Function at Parliament House

Women in the local government sector



Women in council elections



2017-18 Budget – Community infrastructure investment

The Growing Suburbs Fund:

- \$100 million investment by the Victorian Government
- \$135.5 million contribution by councils and other third parties
- Total investment of **\$235.5 million**
- 76 projects
- 2,700 local jobs



The 2017-18 Budget builds on this success by investing a further **\$50 million over two years.**



Bridgewater Family and Community Centre, City of Casey



Hadfield Park Play Space, Mitchell Shire Council

Rural and Regional Council Sustainability Program

- Provides \$1 million to collaboratively develop a Rural and Regional Council Sustainability Program.

Roadside Weeds and Pests

- Provides \$5.4 million over two years support rural and regional councils to clear weeds and pest animals from local roads.
- This program will allow for the continuation of funding to 56 rural councils.

Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence

- Development of a full business case for the Munarra Centre for Regional Excellence, conceptualised as a state of the art purpose-built educational, sporting, cultural and community centre
- The business case will seek:
 - redevelopment of Rumbalara Football Netball Club
 - relocation of the Academy of Sport, Health and Education
 - co-location of a 120 place Childcare Centre for community use