

VISION

Connecting Councils to facilitate smarter public lighting

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As a network of Victorian local governments we aim to collectively share our knowledge, experience and resources to achieve community benefit from a sustainable public lighting system.

GOALS

1. Collaboration, Capability and Advocacy

Use our collective voice effectively to -

- a. Advocate best value customer service and pricing, prior to the next Electricity Distribution Pricing Review period of 2021 to 2025
- b. Host regular Customer Forums between Councils and DNSPs
- c. Deliver regional public lighting projects that eliminate duplication and capture economies of scale
- d. Undertake targeted advocacy on behalf of Members and the sector
- e. Engage with stakeholders and strategic partners in a coordinated and collaborative manner
- f. Build the capability and capacity of Members through knowledge sharing, professional development, strategic planning and action

2. Strategic Asset Management

Support Member Councils to strategically manage and operate public lighting assets by –

- a. Develop regional strategic responses to shared opportunities and challenges eg policy templates, regional projects, advocacy
- b. Sharing best practice in operations and asset management so as to identify and implement pathways to improve practice
- c. Measure community value of public lighting

3. Support Active Participation

Encourage and support active participation in the Public Lighting Group by –

- a. Supporting projects that enable collaboration, achieve economies of scale, and increase capability and capacity across Member Councils
- b. Identifying new ways to collaborate and share information that do not rely on Members being face-to-face eg using web conferencing or teleconferencing tools that enable Members to attend meetings without spending time travelling to a venue
- c. Convening PLG Forums and Webinars on a regular basis

4. Governance

Establish a sustainable governance foundation for the Public Lighting Group by –

- a. Developing a Community Value Statement and 5 Year Work Plan
- b. Ensuring sustainable income and resourcing by gaining commitment to Membership fees for a three plus two year period, sufficient to appoint a part-time Executive Officer

EVIDENCE THAT WE ARE ACHIEVING OUR GOALS

1. A Community Value Statement and 5 Year Work Plan to guide decision making and effective, coordinated action
2. Delivery of regional public lighting projects that eliminate duplication and capture economies of scale
3. Effective and productive Strategic Alliances
4. Targeted advocacy
5. Active participation of Member Councils in teleconferences, projects and face-to-face forums
6. Successful funding applications and project contributions from Member Councils
7. Overall improvement in DNSP relations when compared with business-as-usual, for example –
 - i. Lower DNSP charges eg OMR, DUOS, NUOS, Write Down Values, etc
 - ii. Faster approval times and unified standardisation of new lights across DNSPs
 - iii. Earlier adoption of world's best practice in public lighting
 - iv. Faster DNSP customer service response times, timely feedback, and improved systems
 - v. Improved distributor asset management tools eg GIS information, inventories etc