

**Call for Submission of Motions**  
**Councils are invited to submit motions for debate**  
**be Included in the**  
**General Meeting Agenda papers**  
**Wednesday 25 July, 2018**

**Motions can:**

- address the objectives of the Association
- relate to matters of common concern to Councils
- recommend priorities to be followed by LGAT in pursuit of the State Agenda
- direct LGAT to undertake certain priorities
- refer to public policy generally.

*LGAT staff are happy to assist you in developing your motion. Please phone 03 6233 5964 in the first instance.*

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**Motion:** (should clearly articulate the action required of LGAT or the policy position for the sector)

That the *Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014* be reviewed and consideration be given to removing the requirement for Councils to advertise discretionary development applications in a hard copy newspaper.

**Background Comments:** (Detailed background comment is required to ensure a complete understanding of what is being sought)

The *Land Use Planning and Approvals Regulations 2014*, (see attached)

R9. Notice of application for permit, requires:

(1)...

(a) advertised in a daily newspaper circulating generally in the area relevant to the application; and

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(3) A notice under subregulation (1) is to –

(a) specify the content of the development proposal specified in the application and the location of the affected area; and

(b) advise that representations in relation to the application may be made in accordance with section 57(5) of the Act; and

(c) explain how those representations may be made.

(4) A notice under subregulation (1) may include any other details determined by the planning authority.

The cost of advertising in daily newspapers has increased, with readership of hard copy newspapers decreasing.

Council proposes that the need for advertising in the daily printed media as required by R9(1) could be reduced with the requirement of R9(3) being amended to allow for the provision of the location of the subject property only, along with advice that full detailed information is available to view online.

Alternatively, the requirement to advertise in daily printed media be removed entirely.

There is a risk that members of the population will be disadvantaged if advertising in daily printed media is no longer available at all.

An additional regulation could include the provision for online advertising.

**For Information Only:**

**Has a similar motion been considered by the General Meeting in the last 12 months?**

Yes/No

**Does the motion align with LGAT's strategic plan? Yes/No**

If Yes – which Strategic Priority Area?.....

**Must be received by no later than close of business, Tuesday 15 May, 2018**