

# Municipal Association of Victoria

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# Cause and effect - impact of regulation



# MAV Environment/Water/Public Health Policy Activities

Projects overview	Impacted by
<p><b>Water</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Providing input to the SEPP (WoV) clauses relating to councils</li> <li>• On-site domestic wastewater regulation</li> <li>• Integrated Water Management Framework</li> <li>• Stormwater reform, including review of the institutional responsibilities between Melbourne Water and councils</li> <li>• Integrated Water Management Framework</li> <li>• Development of a Victorian rural drainage strategy</li> <li>• Liabilities of councils under the Water Act</li> </ul>	<p>SEPP (Waters of Victoria) review            Environment Protection Act review            Local Government Act Review            Victorian Floodplain Management Strategy implementation</p>
<p><b>Environment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landfill levy funding</li> <li>• Officers for the Protection of the Local Environment (OPLEs)</li> </ul>	<p>Environment Protection Act review</p>
<p><b>Public Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plans</li> <li>• Tobacco reforms – outdoor dining smoking bans, e-cigarettes</li> <li>• Food safety – red-tape reduction proposals</li> </ul>	<p>Tobacco Act changes on 1.8.17            Victorian Government’s “Making it easier to do business in Victoria” draft action statement</p>

# SEPP Review

## MAV activities

- Participating on Stakeholder Reference Committee
- Focussing on clauses relating to local government:
  - On-site domestic wastewater (Clauses 32 to 35)
  - Stormwater (Clause 46)

### State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria)

The State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria) sets the framework for government agencies, businesses and the community to work together to protect and rehabilitate Victoria's surface water environments

There are three main features of the policy and its schedules:

- beneficial uses
- environmental quality objectives
- attainment program

# Review of Melbourne Urban Stormwater Institutional Arrangements

DELWP review underway

31 May forum for local government

MAV will establish a working group over the next 18 months to continue to gain Council input into the process.

This is a joint collaboration between DELWP, MAV and Melbourne Water.



# Other Water Issues

- Integrated Water Management Framework
- Development of a Victorian rural drainage strategy
- Liabilities of councils under the Water Act
- Local Government Act review



# Environment Protection Act Review

- Bill introduced into Parliament 6 June 2017
- Local Government pilot project
- Officers for the Protection of the Local Environment (OPLEs)

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**Environment Protection Bill 2017**

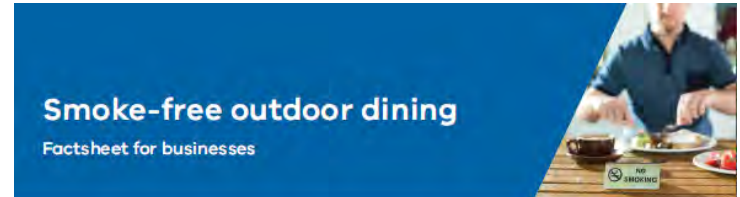
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# Public Health

- Tobacco
- Food safety – red-tape reduction



Under the *Tobacco Act 1987*, smoking is banned in outdoor dining areas from 1 August 2017.

This factsheet provides general guidance on the smoking ban in outdoor dining areas.

Further detailed information is available in the *Smoke-free outdoor dining guide* available from May 2017 on the tobacco reforms website <[www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms](http://www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms)>.

### Outdoor dining areas

An outdoor dining area is an outdoor area that a business owner or manager permits to be used for the consumption of food provided on a commercial basis.

This means during times food provided on a commercial basis is:

- actually being eaten, or
- available to be purchased and eaten in the area (regardless of whether anyone is actually eating).

Examples of outdoor dining areas include footpath dining, courtyards, balconies, and beer gardens that form part of, or are attached to, cafes, restaurants, take-away outlets, pubs, licensed premises and other similar businesses.

Outdoor dining areas also include outdoor food courts provided for customers of multiple take-away outlets.

### Snacks and drinks

For the purpose of the smoking ban, food does not include snacks and drinks.

A snack is a pre-packaged shelf-stable food that:

- is sealed in the container or package in which the manufacturer intended it to be sold, and
- does not require any preparation prior to serving.

Shelf-stable is generally taken to mean food that can be stored safely for long periods (months) at room temperature.

Examples of snacks include pre-packaged potato crisps, nuts and chocolate bars. Snacks also include uncut and unpeeled fruit.

Pre-packaged sandwiches and hot chips are **not** snacks.

Drinks include alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages such as coffee.

### Separating outdoor drinking areas from outdoor dining areas

To minimise diners' exposure to smoke-drift, an outdoor drinking area (where smoking is permitted under certain conditions) must be separated from an outdoor dining area by either:

- a 4-metre buffer zone, or
- a wall at least 2.1 metres high (which could be a plastic cafe blind).

The venue that operates the outdoor drinking area is responsible for the separation of the two areas.

This requirement applies to areas at the same venue, as well as to neighbouring venues (a different venue that is located next to your venue).

**If the separation requirement is not met, smoking is banned in the outdoor drinking area.**



# Further information

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