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Timber Towns Victoria (TTV) is the local government voice on the impact of timber related issues on local communities and local government infrastructure.

KEY OBJECTIVES

- To provide leadership and advocacy for the interests of local government on the impact of timber related issues on local government and their communities, particularly roads infrastructure
- To provide a forum for local government to share information and to address timber related issues
- To be a credible and respected stakeholder on timber issues, representing local government in working with the community, all levels of governments and the timber industry
- To support and assist councils managing the impact of timber related issues
- To support sustainable communities and local government infrastructure.

KEY STRATEGIES

Government Relations:

1. Establish and maintain constructive relationships with the Victorian Government
2. Establish and maintain regular contacts with relevant ministers, shadow ministers and staff
3. Maintain a close working relationship with relevant government departments and agencies

Transport and Infrastructure:

4. Seek funding commitments from the Victorian Government to maintain and upgrade local roads and bridges
5. Facilitate information and advice to members on freight, road science and other transport related knowledge sectors, for sustainable road management and capital works planning
6. Work with Regional Development Victoria (RDV) and VicRoads on the need for local data to assist with their budget modelling.
7. Review outcomes achieved from Timber Industry Road Evaluation Study (TIRES)
8. Review outcomes achieved from TTV investment in the Green Triangle Freight Action Plan review.

Land Use Management:

1. Monitor timber related statutory obligations and government policies related to forestry on public and private land
2. Provide information and advice to members on planning requirements for plantation development and sustainable land use practices
3. Promote and encourage councils in the sharing of skills and knowledge on the implementation of the *Code of Practice* for Forestry on Private Land



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4. Provide timely and well-informed input into the development of government policies related to the forestry industry

TTV Development:

1. Seek increased media opportunities to raise the profile of TTV
2. Maintain TTV representation on appropriate external committees and groups

The Planning Scheme

1. Work with member councils, where required to assist in the adaptation of a planning schemes that reflects their desired relationship with the forestry industry.
2. Assist in the adoption of a Municipal Strategic Statement that identifies the importance of forestry to the local economy.

TTV Membership and Services:

1. Deliver forums and other events for all Victorian councils to increase their knowledge and understanding of freight, transport, infrastructure and the impact of the forestry sector
2. Encourage TTV members to remain active participants, and provide opportunities for them for relevant and timely information and to engage with state government and industry.
3. Encourage non-member councils to join TTV where the forest and wood products industry influences and impacts are significant to local government infrastructure, their community and local economy.
4. Develop a satisfaction survey for members