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### About Wyndham

Wyndham City welcomes the opportunity to present to the Victorian Government our priorities for consideration in the 2025-26 Budget.

Not only is Wyndham City one of the largest local government areas by population in Victoria, it is also one of Australia's fastest growing municipalities. Wyndham's population is set to grow to close to 500,000 people by 2040. Wyndham is a young and diverse community.

The 2021 Census found that 21 percent of the population aged 11 years or younger, 48 percent of the population was born overseas, and 49.8 percent speak a language other than English as their first language.

#### About the Division of Laverton

The Division of Laverton includes the rapidly growing suburbs of Williams Landing and Truganina. The area is popular with young families and access to quality education, community services and transport remain a concern for many residents.

Council, on behalf of its community, appreciates the contribution to the new Truganina Community Centre and extended bus services to Williams Landing Railway Station. In addition the announcement of funding for the design of Truganina Railway Station is also welcomed and Council looks forward to a future commitment to the construction of this much needed station.

#### **Council's Advocacy Priorities**

Council is committed to working closely with all levels of government to deliver on projects that support local jobs, build better transport connections and deliver vital infrastructure for our growing community. Council's advocacy priorities are aligned to the State Government's including:

- Infrastructure investment and job creation,
- Enhancing employment opportunities,
- Achieving the education state;
- Provision of essential and health services; and
- Building community resilience.

In particular, Council would like to see investment in:

- Better access to buses especially in new estates
- Major road upgrades,
- The Western Freight intermodal Terminal,
- East Werribee Employment Precinct.

#### 2025/26 Budget Submission

Council welcomes the opportunity to put forward the following projects for investment consideration for the 2025/26 budget submission process.

Project	Request	Benefits
Open space, sports and recreation		
Greening the Pipeline – Zone 5 East Playground	\$500,000	Funding will go towards facilitating a new playground for the Williams Landing/Truganina community (Waterways Estate) that do not have access to one. Works will be delivered via the Greening the Pipeline partnership and in parallel with the Melbourne Water Sponge Garden
Clearwood Drive Reserve (Truganina Rabbitohs Rugby League Club)	Lighting Pitch 1 & 2 (transition to LED) - \$225,000	Upgrade infrastructure including LED fittings, cross-arms and wiring. Lighting upgrade to reduce energy costs, expand hours of usage and support expansion.
Williams Landing Reserve (Williams Landing Tennis Club)	New lighting on Courts 5 & 6 - \$125,000	Installation of poles, fittings, wiring. Create additional capacity and opportunities for people to play after dark.
Transport	<u> </u>	
Traffic signal improvements at Leakes Rd/Clearwood Drive/Alcock Rd through	Installation of Pedestrian Detectors (Puffin) and fully controlled right turns - \$100,000	Improved pedestrian safety, particularly at school times as pedestrian green time insufficient and filtered right turn vehicles are failing to give way to pedestrians.
Forsyth Rd and Elmhurst Rd electronic give way signs	electronic give way to pedestrian flashing signs - \$45,000	Improved pedestrian safety, as right turn vehicles are failing to give way to pedestrians.
Provision of wombat crossings around schools -	Stony Brook Way - \$30,000	Improved pedestrian safety, particularly at school times.

Council thanks the State Government's investment in the municipality and value our ongoing collaboration to ensure we are working to provide the Wyndham community with access to the infrastructure they need.



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