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VICTORIAN RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION Inc.

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Application For GROUP Membership

Eligibility: A Victorian community-based ratepayers or residents group which operates within its related local geographical area and whose philosophy, objectives and purposes are sympathetic and compatible with the Association's Purposes may apply to become a **Group** member of the Association.

Name of group: _____

If incorporated, registration number: _____

Local Government Area (City, Shire): _____

Officeholder of the Group making the application, and the Group's primary or preferred contact details:

Name: _____ Position/Office: _____

Phone Contact: _____

Email Address: _____

Postal Address: _____

Annual Group Membership Subscription Fee: \$40.00

Annual Subscription \$ _____

Donation (optional) \$ _____

Is a receipt required? Yes / No (Please circle)

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Declaration: (if you agree with **all** of the following, please sign and date)

1. The Group applying for membership:
 - a) wishes to become a Group member of the Victorian Ratepayers & Residents Association.
 - b) is eligible to apply for membership.
 - c) supports the Association's Purposes (see over).
 - d) agrees to comply with the Rules of the Association.
 - e) is not affiliated with and does not support a political party.
2. I am an officeholder of the Group applying for membership and am authorized to make this application.
3. A completed Association Delegate Form registering a Group Delegate, and a copy of the Group's purposes, are attached to this application (see requirements for Group members, over).

Signature _____ Date _____

Must be signed and dated by the officeholder of the Group applying for membership.

Optional: A Group's contact or registered Group or Substitute Delegate may request their personal phone and email details not be made available during other members' inspection of the Register of Members. Other circumstances may also require added restrictions. In either case, please contact the Secretary (secretary@vrra.com.au).

Requirements To Be Met For Group Membership

The Association's Rules require that:

1. A Group member must:
 - a) have a registered Group Delegate in order to exercise its rights to attend and vote at general meetings; and
 - b) delegate its attendance and voting rights to a registered Group Delegate using an Association Delegate Form which must be registered with the Association.
2. A registered Group Delegate (and Substitute Group Delegate, if any) must be over the age of 18, a financial member of the Group's committee and endorsed by that committee.
3. An application for Group membership must be accompanied by a copy of the Group's purposes.

VRRRA Group Membership Application Form & Delegate Form

These forms are available from the Secretary or from the Association's website (www.vrra.com.au). Please ensure you complete and forward a **Group Membership Application form**, a **Delegate Form**, and a **copy of your Group's purposes**, to the Secretary, Victorian Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc., by email to secretary@vrra.com.au or post to 96 Whites Road, WARRNAMBOOL, 3280.

Payment Of Membership Subscription Fee

Cheques: Please make payable to Victorian Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc.

EFT: Please transfer to:

Victorian Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc, Commonwealth Bank, BSB No. 063-533 Account No. 1094 2224
(please make sure you include your name with your payment).

The Association's financial year is 1st July to 30th June

Victorian Ratepayers & Residents Association Inc - Purposes

1. To provide a non-sectarian and non-party-political forum through which financial Association members, through the Association's elected Committee of Management, may advocate for and act to promote and safeguard the broad community interests of ratepayers in the state of Victoria.
2. To function as a State-level network co-ordinating and consolidating communications and representation for metropolitan, regional and rural Association members and broader ratepayer interests in Victoria.
3. To function as an educational body to disseminate and exchange with Association members and others information on issues, processes, policies, projects, performance and the like that relate to government operations affecting ratepayers in Victoria.
4. To advocate for and represent members' views and broader ratepayer interests at local, regional, state and federal government levels and with other relevant authorities.
5. To form and express views on matters related to and affecting Victorian ratepayers, including political and election issues, and in particular matters which may adversely impact Association members or the public interest more broadly.
6. To encourage and mentor the formation of localised community associations across Victoria who share the values and Purposes of the Association.
7. To promote the return of local government to local control.
8. To monitor and advocate for government and council decisions, actions, operations and performance to—
 - a) Adhere to the principles of democracy, natural justice and equity for ratepayers; and
 - b) Avoid self-interest; and
 - c) Conform to highest standards of accountability, transparency, governance and service delivery, fiscal responsibility and asset protection; and
 - d) Consistently prioritise ratepayer interests by minimising rate increases and applying best value principles to purchasing and budget spending; and
 - e) Prioritise inclusiveness in decision-making by ensuring public access to, participation in and consultation upon government-related matters, information and processes is maximised.
9. To associate, collaborate and form mutually beneficial alliances with those whose philosophy and objectives are sympathetic to and compatible with the Association's Purposes.

