

# Call for Bendigo Council to buy more local goods and services

**A Bendigo Council candidate has called for a greater percentage of the council's goods and services to be purchased locally.**

Dave Fagg, who is running in the Whipstick Ward, released figures supplied to him by the council's director of corporate performance, Andrew Cooney.

"The City of Greater Bendigo spent about \$108m on external goods and services in the year 2019-2020. Of that, about \$53m was not spent in Bendigo or in the Loddon-Mallee region."

Mr Fagg said there was scope to increase the amount of money spent in the city and the region, especially given the need for the local economy to recover from the effects of Covid-19.

"The City's own procurement policy states that **'all other factors being equal, the City must give preference to regional economic benefit when sourcing products'**.

Mr Fagg said: "The City has launched the 'Love Your Local' campaign to encourage us to buy local, and so we should. But it's time for the council to practice what it preaches."

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Mr Fagg is available for media interviews and photo opportunities upon request. Photos are also available on David Fagg's website at <https://davefagg.com.au/media/>.

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