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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **MORGAN TO DONATE \$1 MILLION BACK TO COUNCIL FROM MAYORAL PERKS**

**Lord Mayoral Candidate, Gary Morgan declared he will slash unnecessary perks and waste for the Lord Mayor and Councillors, if he is elected at next month's Council Election.**

"If elected, I pledge to donate my salary of approximately of \$574,000 over 4 years back to the City to spend on the programs and activities which will help grow Melbourne's business, industry and tourism."

"I will also forgo the use of a mayoral car and chauffeur (which according to the previous four year's expenditure was worth \$432,000) and either walk, drive myself, catch public transport or use taxis." Mr Morgan said.

"This will mean the City of Melbourne will have \$1 million more to spend on necessary work rather than on the Mayor."

In these tough economic times, we can't afford to be splashing around ratepayers' money on self indulgent perks of office.

"Voters elect their Council to represent their interests, not for them to be continually on overseas junkets and wasting money on frivolous and unproductive activities", Mr Morgan said.

"There is much more to being on Council than enjoying the perks of office."

There are many issues that need to be addressed like reducing council rates, improving traffic congestion on our roads, protecting our local environment, attracting more business and investment, dealing with parking problems and of course attracting tourism to our vibrant City.

Fiscal responsibility is essential at this particular time and must apply to all of us, above all those elected to public office.

The expenditure of \$1 million on promoting the Lord Mayor alone is absolutely ridiculous and an area where significant savings can be made.

"It is nothing more than a Mayoral self-promotion slush fund."

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