

# Voscur Policy on Endorsements

Voscur is sometimes asked by member organisations and others to write letters of support or give other endorsements to resource bids. As a general rule, Voscur will refuse such endorsements.

*We do this for two main reasons:*

1. Voscur staff and the Board of Directors do not have the resources and, in some cases, the skills to adequately evaluate projects. It would be easy but dishonest to endorse proposals without a proper evaluation.
2. Assuming that we could evaluate, Voscur would be placed in an invidious position of choosing to support some member organisations and refusing others.

*There are four exceptions to this rule. Voscur may endorse:*

1. Its own proposals and those made in partnership with others.
2. Projects where Voscur has not been a partner, but where Voscur staff and/or volunteers acting for Voscur have played a significant part in developing the proposals.
3. Projects where Voscur is asked to comment as a significant user of services, eg printing, premises, catering. Endorsements will be **limited to our experience of this aspect** of projects.
4. Members/organisations in a purely factual way.