

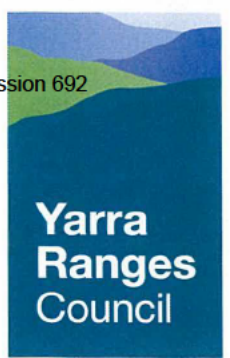
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Chair Environment and Planning Committee  
Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management  
Parliament of Victoria  
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Dear Chair

### **Submission of Yarra Ranges Council to Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management**

Yarra Ranges Council wishes to provide our direct support to the MAV Submission to the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management.

The MAV submission content has been considered by Council and covers aptly the many challenges and opportunities facing the industry and councils like ours in our management of waste.

Whilst individual councils can invest in their own policy settings, and chose collection, recovery and disposal options within the market, those options are limited and heavily dependent upon the collective strength of councils in partnership, or our ability to operate with State and Federal Government investment, policy and regulatory settings to provide certainty and effective servicing of the community.

As an example to our key point, Yarra Ranges Council has demonstrated its commitment to joint arrangements by publicly signing up as an early partner to join a collaborative procurement model with other Councils from the south east metropolitan Council group, for advanced waste processing solutions, to address the long term management of the municipality's waste stream.

Whilst supporting the detailed MAV Submission to the Inquiry that our council participated in, Council also offers itself to appear before the Inquiry as a direct provider of waste services to the community and to highlight the forecast impacts we expect to face should there not be effective intervention by government into the industry.

We are grateful that the Victorian Government sees the importance of this Inquiry, and we look forward to supporting its investigations and findings for solutions that provide positive outcomes and certainty to the sector.

For all further inquiries, please contact David Harper, Yarra Ranges Council's Manager Sustainable Environment and Facilities on 9294 6232.

Yours sincerely



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