



## Rural Advisory Committee productivity and achievements 2019-2023

Issue	Details	Actions
<b>Biosecurity</b>	Advocacy specific to biosecurity threats	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2021 &amp; 2023, advocacy and support of funding for Queensland Fruit Fly co-ordinator at Agribusiness Yarra Valley.</li> <li>• Information provision of specific pests/diseases impacting the sector.</li> </ul>
<b>Council strategy and plans</b>	Feedback and submissions on draft council strategies and plans.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019, Yarra Ranges Climate Plan.</li> <li>• 2019, Integrated Transport Strategy.</li> <li>• 2019, Local Laws review.</li> <li>• 2019, Foodprint Melbourne.</li> <li>• 2022, Economic Development Strategy.</li> <li>• 2022, Biodiversity Plan</li> <li>• 2022, Municipal Recovery Plan.</li> </ul>
<b>Sustainability</b>	Business Energy Saver Kits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2022, Feedback on creation of Energy Saver Kits tailored to business</li> </ul>
<b>Advocacy</b>	Advocacy correspondence and activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019, Submission to the Yarra Strategic Plan.</li> <li>• 2019, Correspondence that Council writes to the State Government calling for the immediate release the Timber Release Plan.</li> <li>• 2019, Correspondence to DELWP not endorsing the Green Wedge Mapping Project.</li> <li>• 2019, Correspondence to Animal Welfare Victoria recommending changes to the Draft Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.</li> </ul>



- 2021, Correspondence of support for Council's telecommunication advocacy.
- 2021, Minister for Agriculture and Minister for Plannings for urgent changes to the Green Wedge Zone of the Yarra Ranges Planning Scheme.
- 2022, Roads for Agri-business advocacy campaign.
- 2023, Council to develop awareness campaign for road maintenance resulting in a "how to report a road" campaign to be released shortly.

#### Seasonal workforce

Advocacy specific to seasonal workforce

- 2018, Creation of the Seasonal Workers sub-committee.
- 2018, Advocacy for an extension to the length of stay permitted for the Pacific Islander Seasonal workforce.
- 2019 and 2022, Advocacy for YRC postcodes to be included in Federal Government's Working Holiday Maker Program.
- Consultation with DELWP on planning for rural workers' accommodation