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Municipal Association of Victoria
Attn: John Nevins
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Dear John Nevins,

At its 22 November 2022 meeting Yarra Ranges Council endorsed the below statement in response to the MAV Board Regional Grouping of Councils Review:

Yarra Ranges Council (Council) supports Metropolitan Option 2 grouping as outlined in the Options Paper for the MAV Board Regional Grouping of Councils Review.

This endorsement has been made with consideration of the principles outlined in the Options Paper. It is Council's view that Option 2 provides for Metropolitan North East councils to:

- Strengthen existing advocacy relationships in relation to economic development, with the Bayswater Business Precinct and BBP Connect being a key partnership between Yarra Ranges, Maroondah and Knox.
- Collaborate on issues of shared importance across this geographic area, such as emergency management and environmental sustainability with the Yarra River being a key waterway running through four of the six LGAs.
- Continue to represent ongoing challenges of interfacing Councils such as Nillumbik and Yarra Ranges, which are metropolitan by classification but are strategically retaining their regional characteristics ('peri-regional'), in ways that differ to other interfacing (growth) Councils.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

Yours sincerely,

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