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Dear Sir/Madam

**PROPOSED PLANNING PROVISIONS – STRATEGIC EXTRACTIVE RESOURCE AREA PILOT PROJECT
LITTLE RIVER, WYNDHAM**

In reference to the proposed SERA Planning Project, we are opposed to any State Resource overlays that may affect land in the Little River area.

Little River is in a green wedge area, and has historically been a country farming community.

We have been farming in Little River for six generations, mainly mixed farming, such as sheep, cattle, and growing crops. This proposal would be detrimental to carrying out farming practices, and have an adverse effect on our land and the environment.

As mentioned, the overlay proposal would environmentally damage the landscape of Little River. Other reasons are:-

- There is the only natural swamp paddock between Melbourne and Geelong situated in Edgars Road, Little River, now a Reserve. Many birds and wildlife habitat this area.

Students from the University of Melbourne in the past have studied frogs in the swamp paddock, and they have explained that their research is important in the ecology of the environment.

- The area involved is too close to the You Yangs, where native animals and fauna are protected.
- The dry stone walls in Little River are of historical significance in Little River, as they are the few oldest remaining in Victoria, and are protected by a Heritage Overlay.

Such a proposal may in the future damage these walls, which are an integral part of our history in Victoria.

- There are also significant historical sites in the Little River area that would be adversely affected by such a proposal.
- We also fear Little River would become the dumping ground of Victoria's industrial waste. There is also the worry of added noise and pollution this proposal would bring to Little River.

Little River has always been regarded as a small country town, and the proposal would have a devastating effect on the community. The change in the landscape, the impact on the environment, fauna and flora, as well as being so close to the You Yangs, is of serious concern.

Please be guided by our concerns, and thank you for your time in this matter.

Yours faithfully

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