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Dear John,

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RECYCLED WATER (PURPLE) PIPELINE ALONG THE PROPOSED MORDIALLOC BYPASS

Emily Boucher who represents the City of Kingston at the Dandenong Integrated Water Management (IWM) Forum Working Group shared plans for investigating the feasibility of a recycled water pipeline along the proposed Mordialloc Bypass.

As you are aware, Chapter 5 of Victorian Government's strategic water plan, *Water for Victoria*, released in 2016, sets clear objectives on the role of water for the creation of liveable cities and towns across the state. *Water for Victoria Actions 5.7 and 5.8* support representing community values and local opportunities in planning and putting IWM into practice in Victoria. The *Integrated Water Management Framework for Victoria*, released in September 2017, introduced IWM Forums to enable delivering on Actions 5.7 and 5.8.

The IWM Forums were designed to help local governments, water corporations, catchment management authorities, the Victorian Planning Authority (VPA) and Traditional Owners work together to ensure the water cycle effectively contributes to the liveability of a region. The Dandenong IWM Forum which is one of the five IWM Forums established in metropolitan Melbourne, was established in December 2017. Active participation of your organisation in the Dandenong IWM Forum is highly valued by the Minister for Water.

A key output of the Dandenong IWM Forum to date is Strategic Directions Statement (SDS), available at <https://www.water.vic.gov.au/liveable/resilient-and-liveable-cities-and-towns/iwm-framework>. The Dandenong Forum's SDS includes a shared vision for the planning and management of water in the Dandenong Forum Area and seven strategic outcome areas to achieve this vision, developed collaboratively by the members of the Dandenong IWM Forum. Further, it includes a portfolio of priority IWM opportunities for which the Dandenong IWM Forum's collaborative partners are committed to progress during July 2018 to December 2019.

Investigations into assessing the feasibility of a recycled water pipeline along the proposed Mordialloc Bypass is a priority IWM opportunity, listed in Dandenong IWM Forum's SDS. This feasibility study recently secured \$100,000 funding support from the Victorian Government through its IWM Program.

All partners of the Dandenong Forum, including the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) are supportive of progressing this feasibility study under the collaborative partnership of South East Water Corporation, City of Kingston, Melbourne Water, Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation and DELWP.

The Dandenong IWM Forum has an understanding that the proposed Mordialloc Bypass alignment offers a one-off opportunity to construct a recycled water pipeline to provide recycled water to several significant water users located near or around Dingley area which include golf courses, park lands and market gardens, as well as to the proposed infill developments in Clayton area as part of the Monash National Employment and Innovation Cluster (NEIC).

The Mordialloc Bypass Environment Effects Statement (EES) Inquiry process is still in progress. Any long-term decision making about the proposed recycled water pipeline along the proposed Mordialloc Bypass should be consistent with the outcomes of the Mordialloc Bypass EES process.

With this background and the potential of this project to provide a rainfall independent water source to improve liveability and support economic activities in Melbourne's south eastern suburbs, I am pleased to confirm that DELWP Water and Catchment Group is supportive of the proposed feasibility assessment of a recycled pipeline along the proposed Mordialloc Bypass.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb Brown', written in a cursive style.

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