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Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning
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Re: Councils and Emergencies Direction Paper

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to Local Government Victoria's (LGV) *Councils and Emergencies Directions Paper*, it is pleasing to see the development of the paper and the review of current arrangements is welcomed.

The Shire was an active participant in the LGV and MAV consultation sessions held in March 2017 and supports the key position statements in the MAV draft submission to the Directions Paper, specifically that:

1. Council emergency management roles and responsibilities require further articulation; and
2. Council emergency management roles and responsibilities are most successfully and sustainably delivered if they align with council core business.

The MAV submission proposed a 'Maturity Model' to clarify the role statements within the Directions Paper. The model is supported as it provides clear and measurable role statements which enable local government to prioritise based on obligation, risk and resourcing.

The Shire welcomes the opportunity for further consultation on these issues. This consultation should focus on articulating the essential role statements to ensure that legislative roles and extent of council responsibilities within these roles is clearly articulated.

Should any further information be required, please do not hesitate to contact

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Yours faithfully

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