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Municipal Association of Victoria  
Level 12, 60 Collins Street  
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Attention – [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

**Support to LGV Councils and Emergencies Direction Paper – draft submission**

Council has determined to write to you in support of the MAV submission dated March 2017.

It is acknowledged that Local Government Victoria (LGV) in carrying out the 'Local Government in emergencies' three year project has attempted a thorough review of the role of municipal government in emergency management and LGV is to be commended for this. Council however agrees with the MAV that the process to date has significant shortcomings and these have been outlined in the MAV submission.

We agree that there is a need to further refine the 154 proposed responsibilities including ensuring that these are accurate in terms of legislative and policy requirements.

Council agrees with the MAV recommendations contained with the submission including the recognition that requirements be achievable across the sector, that responsibilities be reflected in legislation and policy and that the areas identified for resolution (such as maintenance of fire plugs and the issuing of permits to burn) be pursued.

In closing Council recognises the MAV as a lead agent for discussion and negotiation with LGV on this issue and supports the 'maturity model' as proposed.

For further information please contact [REDACTED] at email [\[REDACTED\]@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:[REDACTED]@wangaratta.vic.gov.au) or by phone [REDACTED] or mobile [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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