



The Hon Lily D' Ambrosio MP
Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change
8 Nicholson Street
East Melbourne
Victoria 3002.

Reference MIN021230.

Dear Minister,

The Yarra Waterways Group would like to thank you for accommodating some of our communities concerns re the implementation of the Yellingbo Investigation Area. Whilst we would have preferred to have the Upper Yarra Area removed from the investigation area we are appreciative that you have limited the width of the revegetation proposals to a maximum width of 10 metres.

We are indeed grateful that the Andrews Government maintains its support for the principle that the protection and preservation of human life must prevail over environmental considerations, and your commitment that no property or human life will be put in danger by the extension of the Yellingbo Conservation Area.

Your consideration of the many property owners whose land abuts streams, who do not graze animals, but take great pride in the management of their stream reserves will also be appreciated, it will result in the continued maintenance of these areas at no cost to the Government. It also provides free, unhindered access to water for wildlife.

We also appreciate your changes to the membership of the Yellingbo conservation area coordinating committee, the inclusion of a CFA representative and a member of the farming community will certainly address some of our concerns with this committee.

Once again may I take this opportunity to thank you for meeting with our committee and for your personal involvement with our concerns about bushfire risk in our community.

Yours faithfully,

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