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Dear Cr Carli

I acknowledge that councils play a critical role in Victoria's emergency management sector and are central to building resilience and supporting communities.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to support councils in delivering and building emergency management capacity and capability. I am pleased to advise that, as part of this commitment, funding for the Municipal Emergency Resourcing Program (MERP) is ongoing and funding agreements are being renewed.

MERP provides funding to councils to support their strategic emergency management work. MERP enables councils to plan, prepare and deliver activities that will assist their communities in an emergency. It supports councils to effectively deliver on emergency management responsibilities established in legislation, state plans and policies including the Emergency Management Manual of Victoria and the Vulnerable People in Emergencies Program.

Funding Agreements with councils will be renewed under current arrangements for the period 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2024. Funding allocations to councils will be maintained at existing levels. Your council will receive \$120,000 (shared with Wyndham City Council) in each of the next four financial years.

Should you have any queries or require further information on MERP, please contact Dan Harper, Senior Manager Capability and Resilience at Local Government Victoria on telephone 9948 8510 or by email dan.harper@delwp.vic.gov.au.

I look forward to your council's continued contribution to this vital area of service and support to Victoria's communities.

Yours sincerely

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