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Dear Mr Shannon

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2021. Your request for exemption under Section 27 of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*, relating to the preparation of a Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan, is approved.

The Department of Health, Regional Operations West and the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Brimbank Melton Area has reviewed the documentation supplied and sought information from Council officers on the Councils' planning process and practices for including public health and wellbeing matters in the Council Plan. This information has been considered against the requirements of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008* and the associated planning guides provided to councils.

The Department of Health is satisfied that the *Melton City Council, Council and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025 Draft* and the *City of Melton Health & Wellbeing Profile 2020*, and supporting documents, adequately address the matters specified in section 26(2) of the *Public Health and Wellbeing Act 2008*.

I commend the Council on pursuing the integration of public health and wellbeing goals across Council. The department is committed to supporting councils and other stakeholders to undertake high quality public health and wellbeing planning, implementation and evaluation.

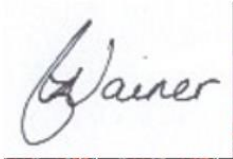
I look forward to receiving a final copy of the Council Plan once adopted by Council. I would also welcome hearing of your progress with implementation and impact on the health and wellbeing outcomes for the community. This knowledge will be important to state government in the development of the next Victorian Public Health and Wellbeing Plan due for release in 2023, as well as monitoring and reporting on our collective health and wellbeing efforts as part of the *Victorian public health and wellbeing outcomes framework*.

I encourage you to continue to work closely with our Regional Operations Team who continue to support local governments with this important work. Should you wish to discuss



this matter further, please contact Sue Daly, Acting Manager, Regional Operations West on Sue.Daly@health.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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