

Natural Disaster Funding Arrangement Productivity Commission Locked Bag 2 Collins Street East Melbourne Vic 8003

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Dear Sir/Madam.

Submission to Productivity Commission Inquiry into Natural Disaster Funding Arrangements – Moorabool Shire Council

Moorabool Shire Council is concerned with a number of the recommendations which will add a significant burden to Council's finances.

Councils have limited capacity to further contribute to natural disaster funding and increasing the thresholds will further limit Council's and the community's capacity to recover.

As Community Resilience is rolled out through Emergency Management Victoria to a pilot group of communities over the next few years emphasis on insurance and other resilience measures should be incorporated into these programs so that communities are better informed as the Commission rolls out these reforms over coming years.

Moorabool Shire Council would like to strongly support the submission provided by the Municipal Association of Victoria.

If you would like to discuss this further please contact Cherie Graham, Municipal Emergency Manager on 5366 7100.

Yours sincerely,

Rob Croxford
Chief Executive Officer