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SHIRE COUNCIL
The Heart of Gippsland

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Angus Zilm
Chair
Latrobe Irrigators

By email: angus.zilm@outlook.com

Dear Mr Zilm

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR LATROBE IRRIGATORS

We wish to provide support from Wellington Shire Council for the Latrobe Irrigators and your advocacy efforts for farmers on the Latrobe River.

We support the Latrobe Irrigators' endeavors of striving to unlock potential of the Latrobe River irrigation Network and welcome the additional economic impact this will have on our local region. We appreciate that unlocking this additional irrigation, will result in water reliability and water security that will enable the producers to improve and/or implement their own on-farm irrigation, and ultimately increase productivity.

Increased production will result in more jobs for Gippslander's and contribute even greater economic output, which are both vitally important for the wellbeing and sustainability of our region. We know that agriculture production is extremely important for our region's economy and underpins the growth and security of our local community.

Council understands the value and importance of reliable water and the potential of efficient best practice irrigation through the recent modernisation of the Macalister Irrigation District. We trust the Latrobe Irrigators can achieve and create such potential by taking advantage of the water available in Bluerock Dam Reserve. We believe your proposed irrigation development and expansion has long term sustainable and economic value.

We fully support the efforts of Latrobe Irrigators to ensure its ongoing success.

Yours sincerely

CR ALAN HALL

Mayor

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