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To whom it may concern

Bega Valley Data Collective – Letter of Support

The Bega Valley Data Collective has been working within the Bega Valley to build data indicators that help tell the story of the Bega Valley and to communicate to decision makers with evidence, the needs of our community.

Their latest ambitious but important project is “Living Well in the Bega Valley”.

We know at a Commonwealth level we are moving towards more holistic wellbeing indicators to track progress towards a more healthy, secure, sustainable, cohesive and prosperous Australia and this was at the forefront of Australia’s first national wellbeing framework - Measuring what Matters.

This project complements the national framework while being designed from the ground up and being community led. A community-led wellbeing framework empowers residents to shape their own future. The aim being to create a more resilient, inclusive, and prosperous community in the Bega Valley.

I am fully supportive of this community-based approach led by the Bega Valley Data Collective. Stage two of this project is focussed on Community consultation throughout the region to define the wellbeing framework components, and then to analyse and publish the findings of that community consultation. This will require resources to build a team to conduct the research, consultation, and analysis.

It has been a pretty tough few years in our community on the back of drought, the Black Summer Bushfires, Covid and the cost-of-living crisis and this project, I believe, would provide the data that all levels of Government need to support and improve the wellbeing of residents in the Bega Valley.

I look forward to a positive outcome for this project.

Regards

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