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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It gives me great pleasure to give support to Yarra Ranges Shire Council for their Community Infrastructure Fund submission for the Belgrave Multi Purpose Health Hub.

We understand that Yarra Ranges Council has developed a collaborative partnership with Inspiro community health service to progress the development of a new facility in Belgrave. This facility will provide accessible community health services, in particular dental services for families, children and older residents. The service will provide support for a range of critical health issues such as chronic diseases, mental health and dental health. Knox City Council supports the proposed development as it will strengthen the provision of important community services within the wider eastern region with a particular focus on the very real needs of people living within the Belgrave and Upper Ferntree Gully area.

The provision of free or low cost community health services is vital as it supports community members including the most vulnerable to remain active and to stay living in their homes and their community.

Having a community health facility located on local transport networks, such as the metropolitan train and bus lines, will also support people to access timely community health services.

Knox City Council supports the funding submission of Yarra Ranges Shire Council.

Yours sincerely

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