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Mr Graeme Emonson
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via email: local.government@delwp.gov.au

Dear Graeme,

RE: MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION ACT 1907 – DISCUSSION PAPER

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the MAA discussion paper, and I make the following brief submission on behalf of the Pyrenees Shire Council.

Council appreciates and supports the need for a review to make the Act more contemporary. The reforms proposed in the discussion paper in general are considered appropriate.

As a small rural Council, it is essential that we have a strong peak body to advocate to government and represent the interests of the sector.

Council considers a priority of the review to be that the changes reaffirm the MAV to remain accountable to, and controlled by its members, and independent of government.

The MAV's role in coordinating the efforts of Councils to bring about reform and to assist councils to be efficient and effective is considered important.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Nolan'.

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