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Ms Margaret O'Rourke  
Mayor, City of Greater Bendigo  
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Dear Mayor O'Rourke

**RE: UNESCO CITY OF GASTRONOMY APPLICATION**

The Central Goldfields Shire Council is pleased to support the application by the City of Greater Bendigo for UNESCO designation as a City of Gastronomy.

Bendigo's leadership within the Central Victorian Region is widely recognised, as is its emergence as an example of innovation and creativity as a vibrant regional city in the inland Australian context. Its arts and culture focus in recent years has assisted the entire region in developing an identity as a destination that showcases a rich goldfields heritage alongside contemporary cultural experiences, including regional food and wine, as well as visual and performing arts.

It is particularly pleasing to note the application's inclusion of a network of linked food precincts across the region and its partnership with the land's Traditional Owners, the Dja Dja Warrung. The focus on developing and sharing knowledge of sustainable indigenous food practices promises to enrich the cultural understanding of local residents as well as visitors to the region.

The Central Goldfields Shire Council wishes the City of Greater Bendigo every success with this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucy Roffey', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Lucy Roffey  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**